

Trip Report: Brazil

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Atlantic Rainforest and Pantanal

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Intro

Brazil is a huge country with over 1600+ species of birds. There are several different habitats with entirely different wildlife. For this trip, we chose the Atlantic Rainforest and the Pantanal. For a few, the Jaguar was the number one target, as we succeeded and got excellent, prolonged looks of a female loafing on the banks of the Cuiaba River. We also found Giant Otter, Brazilian Tapir, Capybara, 2 species of Tegu, Yellow Anaconda and 425 species of birds.

Food and lodging were all good. It was a memorable trip!

Highs, lows, notes

- Highs:
 - Seeing a Jaguar from up close. Our experience following a family of Giant Otters in the rain for several minutes
 - Hyacinth Macaws! We got up great photo ops one day along the Transpantaneira. Toucans and Aricaris are guaranteed to bring a smile on everybody's face!
 - Fancy tanagers like Brassy-breasted and Green-headed, woodpeckers like Pale-billed, Blond-crested and Yellow-tufted, fancy antbirds like. My personal favorite was the Black-cheeked Gnateater. The display of a pair of Streamer-tailed Tyrants right in front of us was also memorable. Bare-faced Curassow, Jabiru, Red-legged Seriema, Red-billed Scythebill and Scarlet-headed Blackbird were also among the contenders for the coolest bird.
- Lows:
 - We struggled on and off with gastro-internal issues, often limiting us to eating cooked foods. The worst outbreak was probably at REGUA, where one day most of us were affected.
 - We missed seeing the Giant Anteater.
- Notes:
 - The lodges were all very nice, especially REGUA, Mato Grosso Lodge and Pousa Alegre. Porto Jofre



- Lodge was mainly catering to fishermen, so it was probably the least nice place.
- Food was typically buffet-style and often similar, but always good quality. There was a decent variety to also satisfy the vegetarian and vegan in our group. A few times we ate in Brazilian grills. In Cuiaba, they brought out 10 different kinds of meats on skewers to the tables and shave off slices if you ask them to. The meats were overall pretty fabulous, but in the end it may have been too much. :-)
 - We encountered rain in both areas. In the Atlantic Rainforest this is not abnormal, yet in the Pantanal it was. At REGUA we were out in jackets in a high of upper 60s on a couple of days.
 - Mosquitos were light, but small ticks were encountered in most places. They are almost invisible, carry no known diseases and are easy to remove. Still, a little bit of a pain in the back side. Chiggers were in grassy wet areas. The gnats and no-see-ums in the Cerrado were a major nuisance.



Daily Itinerary

Aug 15: Arrival in Rio and an afternoon at Copacabana Beach

Pickup at Rio airport worked smoothly and our shuttle driver was waiting for us. Soon after we checked into our hotel and went out for a stroll, first sampling some Acai, then checking out the east end of the beach. It was cloudy and windy, so there were many Brown Boobys close to the beach. Many Magnificent Frigatebirds provided aerial coverage. Near the fishing pier we ran into our first bird flock with thrushes, Masked Water Tyrant, Channel-billed Toucan and Cattle Tyrant. In the water off the pier were 2 Olive Ridley Sea Turtles.



After dinner at a Brazilian/Portuguese restaurant on the beach, we crashed and got some well-deserved sleep. Overnight at Hotel Acapulco Copacabana.

Aug 16: Rio and the transfer to REGUA

Eugenio, our city guide, picked us up at 8:30am after a royal breakfast. We first went to the botanical gardens. A Dusky-legged Guan and a pair of Slaty-breasted Wood-rails were enjoyed by all. Shortly after we wrestled with a tanager flock and finally identified Flame-crested, Rufous-headed and Green-headed Tanager, before we had to leave for the Christ The Redeemer statue. We took the funicular up to the top and enjoyed the spectacular views. Lunch was at Kilogram, an inexpensive, fast and good buffet restaurant. After lunch we stopped at Ipanema beach and then took the main road along the beach to Copacabana beach. Then it was already time to say goodbye to Rio when we were picked up by Alcenir, our friendly driver from REGUA. Common Waxbill, Southern Caracara and White-cheeked Pintail were seen along the road as there was pretty heavy traffic. We got there just before dinner, just in time to see a Brazilian Tapir at the feeder and the mandatory caipirinhas. Dinner was fabulous with lots of veggies and a delicious flan.



Aug 17: The Yellow Trail, Waldenoor



Our first full day of birding at REGUA!! Adilai, our guide, took us out on the Yellow Trail in the morning. We finished with 90+ species in 4.5 hours! The rarest bird was probably a pair of Black-legged Dacnis which weren't supposed to be in the area right now as they are normally only here in summer. Nice!! Fun birds to get were Black-capped



Donacobius, Rufescent Tiger-heron, Rufous-sided Crake, Blackish Rail, a day-roosting Pauraque, Green-headed Tanager (already at the lodge) and Blue-naped Chlorophonia, and the slew of waterbirds including 3 kingfisher species and several herons did not disappoint. A Gray-headed Kite perched up in the distance was great as well. Two out of three sloths were showing well, the last one almost flushed. :-)

After a fabulous lunch the lodge we headed back out again to Waldenoor in the afternoon. Cliff Flycatcher, White-tailed Trogon, Spot-billed Toucanet and Blue Manakin were all excellent, but a roosting Long-tailed Potoo stole the show. It got dark quickly, and chilly, so we were back at the lodge before 6pm.

A spot in the open fields near the lodge yielded Rufous Hornero, Chalk-browed Mockingbird, Red-cowled Cardinal

and Hooded Siskin.

One thing we found out that you have to look for ticks anywhere off trail. They are very small and lightly colored, so can really only be found by running your hand over your skin. They will attach in areas our ticks may not.

Overnight at REGUA for the next 6 nights.

Aug 18: The Green Trail, Great Snipe hunt

We walked up the Green Trail to the waterfall today. The strenuous 5.2km trail proved to be too taxing for some of us. There were a lot of really cool birds however and the falls were spectacular. Highlights included Black-cheeked Gnateater, Scaly Antbird, Suruaca Trogon, Pin-tailed (or Blue) Manakin, Antpipit, Black-capped and



White-eared Foliage-cleaner. Fawn-breasted Tanager and Yellowish Pipit were seen on the way.

In the afternoon a smaller contingency checked out the Campo in the area and found White-browed Blackbird, a mess of the cool-looking Guira Cuckoo, our first White Woodpeckers and Peach-fronted Parakeet. Just after sunset we were in a wet field looking for Giant Snipe. We found one bird, both calling and roosting in the spotlight, and heard it display overhead. Wow, what a huge bird that is! A gorgeous Tawny-browed Owl came into the tree next to us and both Pauraque and Spot-tailed Nightmare were calling.

Aug 19: Sumidouro

Today we went on a long day trip to Sumidouro near the town of Carmo. Our first stop was near a defunct toll booth the route. What originally was supposed to be only a 10min stop turned into 70min of birding craziness! We tallied 52 species during this stop, just landbirds. It was amazing! Orange-headed Tanager, Chestnut-backed and the sculking Tufted Antshrike, Green-winged Beard, Swallow Tanager and many more were observed during this stop.



Enjoy route to Carnival, Alcení spotted a White-eared Puffbird on the wire and the bird was enjoyed by all.

On a 2hr hike in the mostly open country uphill from Carmo we immediately found the locally pretty common Three-toed Jacamar. In the forest portion of the walk most of us got on another Antpipit, Serra Antwren, White-throated Foliage-gleaner and Pileated Finch.

A nice dirt road downhill yielded several more highly prized targets: Red-legged Seriema, Streamer-tailed Tyrant and Firewood Gatherer. Black-necked Aricari and Crested Oropendola in good afternoon light ended a wonderful

excursion in almost Minas Gerais, the next state up. It took another 3 hours to get back home to the lodge.

Aug 20: The Brown Trail, more Campo

With the forecast predicting a rainy day we opted to stay local. After donning our rain gear we set off on the Brown Trail. It only rained for about 45min and after that the birds started to come out again. Plain-winged Woodcreeper, Red-winged and Streak-capped Antwren and Eared Pygmy-Tyrant were showing relatively well and we got glimpses of Blond-crested Woodpecker. We worked hard on a White-bibbed Antbird and eventually everybody got a look. Our first Hooded Tanager was seen on the way back. The photo-ops for sloth were fabulous, as were the ones of the loafing Capybaras around the wetland.



In the afternoon we worked a differ area of the Campo again. A group of Curl-crested Jays seemed to be coming from afar in response to the tape. We were also able to witness Adilei's first Fork-tailed Flycatcher of the year, newly arrived from their wintering grounds further north. A flock of Yellow-rumped Marshbirds also came in nicely. While the Ash-throated Crakes were talkative in the marshes, they would not come out for us.

Aug 21: Macae de Cima

With more rain in the forecast, we took a gamble with mid-elevation birding today. Macae de Cima is located just outside Nova Friburgo at an elevation of about 800m. Other than an hour of light rain early we had a great day with a completely

new set of birds. First off, there were many Brassy-breasted Tanagers, easily making up for missing Red-necked Tanager on the trip. This bird is a stunner! Green-crowned Plovercrest was one of our early birds and seen very well. Pallid and Red-capped Spinetail, Bertoni's and Dusky-tailed Antbird, Serro do Mar Tyrant-Manakin (yeah, that's a mouthful!), Cinnamon Tanager and the enormous Black-and-gold Cotinga were among the highlights, but we missed the Giant Antshrike. Oh well...

We stayed pretty much the whole day and had a lot of fun in this beautiful area. The 2hr drive back had us return to the lodge just before dinner and just in time for the Caipirinhas.

It was our last day at REGUA and we were sad that we had to leave this great place. The only downside was that several of us had GI issues on the last couple of days.

Aug 22: Transfer to Cuiaba

We only had about an hour of birding time in the morning, so almost everybody opted out and it was only the tireless Jenny and me. We got glimpses of Blond-crested Woodpecker, but only I got to see a Ruff-necked Fruitcrow at the blind. Hate when that happens. Everyone got to see a male Brazilian Tanager near the feeder though.

Traffic in Rio was bad, also since we were flying out of the domestic airport, not the international one. Amazingly, we were able to pull out a South American Tern along the causeway while stopped in traffic. Check-in was a mess and we almost missed our flight at Linhas Gol folks were simply incompetent. We were picked up by Braulio, our Pantanal guide, who escorted us to the hotel across the street. For dinner we walked to a Brazilian grill where different meats were continuously brought out to us. Surprisingly, it wasn't expensive at all.



Overnight at Slaviero Slim at Cuiaba airport.

Aug 23: First day in the Pantanal

After a 90 min drive to Pocone, we switched to an open safari style vehicle with a luggage trailer and were en route to the Mato Grosso Lodge at about km post 65. The birding was on steroids and our heads hurt from seeing so many new birds. Major targets like Black-collared Hawk, Rhea, Jabiru,

Blue-fronted Parrot, Yellow-chevrons Parakeet, Hyacinth Macaw, Greater Thornbird, Chotoy Spinetail and 4 species of Ibis were very visible and easy to see.

The feeders at the lodge had Bare-faced Curassow and Chestnut-eared Aracari.

After lunch and a brief siesta we set out on a boat trip along the Pixaim River. Five species of kingfisher included Rufous-and-green and American Pygmy were continuously dashing back and forth across the river. An Amazon Kingfisher even landed on our boat but we believe he had been fed. Buff-breasted Wrens came out briefly. In quick succession



we saw incredible sought-after birds like Sunbittern, Sungebe, Again Heron and even a pair of Zigzag Herons. The Zigzags call a few times when they come in to roost, and we were fortunate to get crippling looks in the spotlight. Band-tailed Nighthawks were cruising along the river after sunset.

Overnight at Mato Grosso Lodge for 2 nights.

Aug 24: Around Mato Grosso Lodge, the nearby forest and an afternoon drive



We were woken up this morning by the loud calls of a roosting Buff-necked Ibis right outside. Before breakfast we walked the lodge grounds and had nice looks at Gray-crested Cachalote, Crested Cardinal and Narrow-billed Woodcreeper. A Greater Ani was picking ticks off a Capybara. A young Crab-eating Fox was still hanging around before retiring for the night.

After breakfast we hit the forest. We finally got nice looks at a Rufous-tailed

Jacamar. Among the plenty of new birds were Perly-vented and Stripe-necked Tody-Tyrant, Flavescent Warbler, Rusty-fronted Tody-Flycatcher, Large-billed Wren, Helmeted Manakin (young male only), Mato Grosso Antbird and cute White-wedged Piculet. A Silver-beaked Tanager did an odd display for us in the woods.



After a long lunch break we headed out for an afternoon drive along a private road. With the sun in our back we had nice looks at several good birds like Great Rufous Woodcreeper, Cinereous-breasted Spinetail, Hooded Tanager, Little Woodpecker and the wondrous Red-billed Scythebill. Some Ash-throated Crakes did not want to come out, as usual. Spotlighting after sunset yielded several Pauraque, a Great Horned Owl, several Boat-billed Herons, Brown Backet and a Brazilian Tapir.

Aug 25: Jaguar Day

We had 86km to go in the morning to Porto Jofre to set ourselves up for an afternoon jaguar boat ride. We made only a few stops, but got an excellent photo op of Hyacinth Macaw at our restroom stop. The huge Southern Screamer was new as well. A Masked Yellowthroat briefly popped up for us a little further down the road. This was also where we saw a species of Doradito that is new to science! Braulio explained that the birds we saw had different songs (and bill color) compared to the Tropical Doradito in eBird and on the checklist. Wow!

After lunch at our lodge (which was mainly a fishing lodge and not quite as nice as the other accommodations), we set out on our jaguar adventure. Our 2 boats were the least powerful ones on the river. A Jaguar was quickly radio-ed in and we got



excellent looks at the beast roosting on a bare area. We were probably too close, but the cat was very mellow and did not mind. There were over 30 boats with 120+ people, so it was kind of a circus. On the way back we saw another jaguar, this time with only 5 boats. It was a much better experience than before, even though the looks were not as good. Also along the river on the way back were Yellow-billed and Large-billed Tern, Pied Lapwing and several Black Skimmers. A Crane Hawk was nice too.



By the time we got back, the resident Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl was already hammering away and we headed for dinner.

Overnight at Porto Jofre Pantanal Lodge for 2 nights

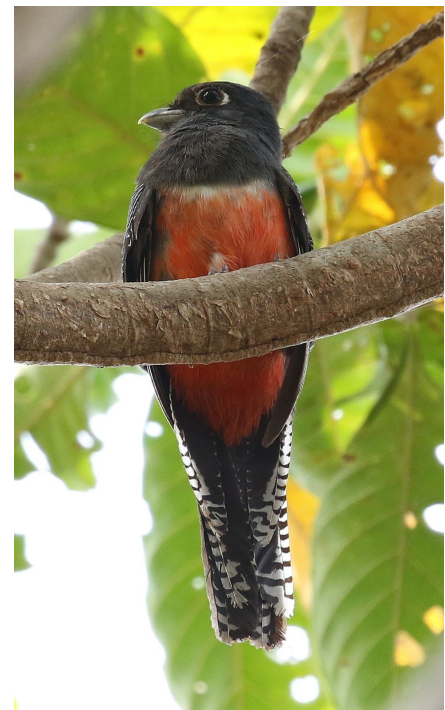
Aug 26: Giant Otters in the rain, more jags or land birding

It was time for another boat trip, this time for Giant Otter. Braulio knew where the den was, so we hung out there for a

while. We added Fawn-breasted Wren and Great Antshrike when it started raining. Most of us were unprepared as it rained for almost two hours. The otters were unphased and performed nicely for us in the rain. And yes, rain in the Pantanal this time of the year is unusual.

We returned to the lodge early to dry up. A Sunbittern behind the lodge stayed out in the open for everybody to enjoy and a Blue-crowned Trogon performed for half the group over lunch.

The diesel smell of the small boat had gotten to Jenny and me, so while the rest went on another boat ride in the afternoon, us two birded the area for a few hours and saw Variable Oriole, Amazonian Motmot and many other birds. Toco Toucan and a flock of Giant Cowbirds came into the feeders at the lodge Ray had been staying at for one night (it had been difficult to find rooms for Porto Jofre).



The others had a great afternoon enjoying another Jaguar, a Yellow Anaconda, Red-throated Piping Guan and a cute Common Tody-Flycatcher. A lot of work had to be put in to see Collared Plover, but a bird was finally found.

Aug 27: Transfer to Pousa Alegre

It had rained most of the night, so we knew the 120km drive up the Transpantaneira in our open vehicle wasn't going to be fun. What we didn't know was in what bad shape the road was going to be. The muck was ankle deep in most places in the southern part and we were skidding around like crazy in it. How Jo, our driver, made it through this mess without getting stuck was a miracle! He was simply really good at what he was doing! We barely stopped and birding was minimal, but some got glimpses of Red Pileated Finch, White-bellied Seedeater and

White-banded Mockingbird.



After lunch at Mato Grosso Lodge it had stopped raining and the road was much better going north, so the drive up to Pousa Alegre was easy. Our afternoon walk there targeted Great Potoo and we found the beast after a little bit of searching. Nice! We also saw Rufous Casiornis, Straight and Narrow-billed Woodcreeper, Lesser Seed-finch, Pale-billed Woodpecker, a Sunbittern in flight and many aracarís

coming in to roost.

Nacunda Nighthawks were going over the lodge right after sunset. The lodge was fabulous and the food excellent. This was the lodge we liked most.

Overnight at Pousa Alegre.

Aug 28: Around Pousa Alegre and transfer to Chapada do Guimarães

An early morning outing at sunrise near the lodge was spent finding Spotted Rails. 2 birds came out briefly and called well. Ash-throated Crakes stayed inside the marsh, as usual. Green-barred and Little Woodpecker were also around, as was Scaly-headed Parrot. The feeders had many Yellow-billed Cardinals, Chopi Blackbirds, Toco Toucan (Ray was in heaven!) and Chestnut-eared Aracari.



Unfortunately, Judy was still sick and had to rest in the lodge.

After breakfast we spent the rest of the morning on an about 2km loop trail in the forest. There were many good birds, including Red Pileated Finch, Mouse-colored Tyrannulet, Pale-crested and Cream-colored Woodpecker, Planalto Slaty Antshrike, Band-tailed Antbird, White-eyed Attila and “Garrett’s Manakin” (which was a Band-tailed which Garrett found and refound a few more times for us) and Black-tailed Tityra.

After lunch at Pousa Alegre we drove back to Pocone, switched vehicles and headed for Chapada to experience the Cerrado.

Overnight at the quaint Quinta do Quintais.

Aug 29: Cerrado and forest near Chapada do Guimarães

In the open and hot country of the Cerrado you have to start early, so we started with breakfast at 5am and were birding before sunrise. There is a sharp drop-off in activity after 8am. There were many new birds like Shrike-like and White-rumped Tanager, Suiriri and Chapada Flycatcher, Red-and-green Macaw, and - drum roll - the Collared Crescentchest. We also worked very hard for Spot-backed or “Jenny’s” Puffbird and saw just as we were going to give up.



Jenny found the bird originally and refound it later on.

After a quick pit stop at the lodge we headed to the forest for the warmer part of the morning. It started slow, but soon picked up. We added the stunning Yellow-tufted Woodpecker, Sibilant Syrestes, Crested Beard and others. A Pheasant Cuckoo was calling but would not come close. On the way out we had several species come to a pygmy-owl call, including Blue-tufted Starthroat, Gray-fronted Spinetail and a bunch of elaenias plus Large.

Then we went for lunch in town and had a nice nap. At 3:30pm we headed out to the Cerrado one more time. One issue with the Cerrado is the abundance of small annoying no-see-ums that go absolutely everywhere including your eyeballs. We found Rusty-winged Antshrike, 3 elaenia species and a boatload of Sayaca Tanagers, but failed to find the elusive Coal-crested Finch.



Aug 30: Morning in the Cerrado, transfer to Cuiaba and flight home

One more shot at Cerrado birds for about 3.5hrs! The Jenny's and I went all in while everybody else was resting up. We went to the clay lick in the national park waiting for macaws to come in. After a while, 5 Blue-winged Macaws came in and we got fantastic looks. A little further uphill we tried for Brown Jacamar which eventually came in. Also responding to our pygmy-owl

were several Red-legged Honeycreepers, Guira and Swallow Tanager, Masked Tityra, Channel-billed Toucan and Variegated Flycatcher. 2 Red-winged Macaws were perched up along the road and a White-throated Kingbird was also new for the trip. It had been a most productive little stop!



A final shot at Cerrado species only yielded Pale-breasted Spinetail. That

concluded the birding part of the trip! We were tired as we went all out.

All packed up we made a quick stop at the main waterfall (Veu de Noiva), then drove back to Cuiaba, had a final common lunch at meat place and started our uneventful journey back home. What a trip it has been!

Bird species list (425 total):

P-Pantanal, R-Regua, S-Sumidouro, M-Macae de Cima, C-Chapada de Guimarões

Endemics are marked with an asterisk * (at least 37)

Greater Rhea (several at P, easy near Pousa Alegre)

Undulated Tinamou (heard at Porto Jofre and C, seen by some at Porto Jofre)

Southern Screamer (several at P)

White-faced Whistling-Duck (one flock of several birds at P)

Black-bellied Whistling Duck (2 while driving in the mud/rain - P)

Muscovy Duck (P, R)

Brazilian Teal (P, R)

White-cheeked Pintail (several near the Rio airport)

Chaco Chachalaca

Rusty-margined Guan (R)

Dusky-legged Guan (Botanical Gardens in Rio and M)

*Chestnut-bellied Guan (many at P)

Blue-throated Piping-Guan (P)

Red-throated Piping-Guan (P)

Bare-faced Curassow (several at P)

Least Grebe (R)

Rock Pigeon

Pale-vented Pigeon (M and P)

Scaled Pigeon (2 at C)

Picazuro Pigeon

Ruddy Ground Dove

Scaled Dove (several at P)

Picui Ground Dove (seen by few at P)

Long-tailed Ground Dove (3 at P)

White-tipped Dove

Guira Cuckoo (R, P)

Greater Ani (R, P, including one picking ticks off a Capybara)

Smooth-billed Ani

Striped Cuckoo (1 at S, 1 near Mato Grosso Lodge - P)

Little Cuckoo (1 along Transpantaneira - P)
Squirrel Cuckoo (most places, including one at the city square in Carmo - S)
Nacunda Nighthawk (several going over Pousa Alegre - P)
Band-tailed Nighthawk (Pixaim and Cuiaba River - P)
Common Pauraque
Little Nightjar (1 seen near Quinta do Quintais - C)
Great Potoo (1 near Pousa Alegre Lodge - P)
Long-tailed Potoo (1 at Waldenoor - R)
White-collared Swift (several at R)
Biscutate Swift (3 at P)
Gray-rumped Swift (Waterfall Trail at R)
Scale-throated Hermit (1 at M)
White-vented Violetear (1 at C)
*Brazilian Ruby (2 at M)
Blue-tufted Starthroat (2 at C)
Glittering-bellied Emerald (P)
*Green-crowned Plovercrest (3 at M)
Swallow-tailed Hummingbird (R, P)
Fork-tailed Woodnymph (P)
Violet-capped Woodnymph (R, also at feeders)
White-throated Hummingbird (S, M)
Glittering-throated Emerald (R, C)
Sapphire-spangled Emerald (S)
White-chinned Sapphire (R, also at feeders)
Gilded Hummingbird (or Sapphire; 1 at C)
Spotted Rail (2 at Pousa Alegre - P)
Blackish Rail (2 at R)
Gray-cowled Wood-Rail (P)
Slaty-breasted Wood-Rail (2 at Rio Botanical Gardens)
Common Gallinule (R)
Purple Gallinule (R, 2 at P)
Rufous-sided Crake (3 at R)
Sungrebe (2 at P)
Limpkin (R, P)
Pied Lapwing (Porto Jofre - P)
Southern Lapwing
Collared Plover (Porto Jofre - P)
Wattled Jacana
Giant Snipe (2 birds at R, one seen in the spotlight)

Solitary Sandpiper (2 at P)
Lesser Yellowlegs (1 at P)
Kelp Gull (Rio)
Yellow-billed Tern (several at Porto Jofre - P)
Large-billed Tern (several at P)
South American Tern (several around Rio)
Black Skimmer (several at Porto Jofre - P)
Sunbittern (5 at P)
Jabiru (daily at P)
Wood Stork (P)
Magnificent Frigatebird (Rio)
Brown Booby (Rio)
Anhinga (R, P)
Neotropic Cormorant
Zigzag Heron (2 at sunset near Mato Grosso Lodge - P)
Rufescent Tiger-Heron (R, P)
Cocoi Heron (R, P)
Great Egret
Snowy Egret
Little Blue Heron (P)
Cattle Egret
Striated Heron (R, P)
Agami Heron (1 near Mato Grosso Lodge - P)
Whistling Heron (R, P)
Capped Heron (R, P)
Black-crowned Night-Heron (P)
Boat-billed Heron (several at night at P)
Green Ibis (several at P)
Bare-faced Ibis (a few at P)
Plumbeous Ibis (several at P)
Buff-necked Ibis (several at P; they seem to like the lodges)
Roseate Spoonbill (P)
Black Vulture
Turkey Vulture (R, a few of the jota spp at P)
Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture (P)
Gray-headed Kite (1 at R)
Swallow-tailed Kite (a few at C)
Black-collared Hawk (many at P)
Snail Kite (P)

Plumbeous Kite (2 at C)
Crane Hawk (3 at P)
Savanna Hawk (R, P)
Great Black Hawk (R, P)
Roadside Hawk (R, P)
White-tailed Hawk (en route to Regua, 1 at C)
Tropical Screech-Owl (2 at R)
Tawny-browed Owl (1 at R at Giant Snipe spot)
Great Horned Owl (1 at P near Mato Grosso Lodge)
Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl (daily, everywhere)
Burrowing Owl (R, C)
Green-backed Trogon (White-tailed; rare; 1 at Yellow Trail at R)
Blue-crowned Trogon (1 at Porto Jofre, 1 at Pousa Alegre - P)
Surucua Trogon (2 at R)
Amazonian Motmot (1 at Porto Jofre, 1 at Pousa Alegre - P)
Rufous-capped Motmot (only glimpses at Waldenoor - R)
Ringed Kingfisher (R, P)
Amazon Kingfisher (R, P)
American Pygmy Kingfisher (2 at P)
Green Kingfisher (R, P)
Green-and-rufous Kingfisher (1 near Mato Grosso Lodge - P)
White-eared Puffbird (S, C)
*Spot-backed Puffbird (Caatinga; 1 at C)
*Crescent-chested Puffbird (1 at R, 1 at M)
Black-fronted Nunbird (P)
Brown Jacamar (1 at C)
*Three-toed Jacamar (several uphill of Carmo - S)
Rufous-tailed Jacamar (missed at R, P only)
Black-necked Aracari (S)
Chestnut-eared Aracari (many at P)
Spot-billed Toucanet (a few at R)
Toco Toucan (R, P)
Channel-billed Toucan (Rio, P)
White-barred Piculet (2 at R)
White-wedged Piculet (3 at P)
White Woodpecker (P, R)
Yellow-tufted Woodpecker (1 at C)
Yellow-fronted Woodpecker (a few at R)
Little Woodpecker (2 at P)

*Yellow-eared Woodpecker (1 at R)
Crimson-crested Woodpecker (2 at P)
Lineated Woodpecker (1 at P)
Cream-colored Woodpecker (2 at P, including Pousa Alegre)
Pale-crested Woodpecker (2 at P, including Pousa Alegre)
Blond-crested Woodpecker (1 at R)
Green-barred Woodpecker (1 at Pousa Alegre - P)
Campo Flicker (R, P)
Red-legged Seriema (4 at S, 1 heard at C)
Southern Caracara
Yellow-headed Caracara (absent from the P)
Laughing Falcon (3 at P)
American Kestrel (R, C)
Monk Parakeet (P)
Plain Parakeet (1 at S)
Yellow-chevroned Parakeet (P)
Scaly-headed Parrot (1 at S, 1 at Pousa Alegre - P)
Turquoise-fronted Parrot (P)
Blue-winged Parrotlet (several at S)
Maroon-bellied Parakeet (R, several at M)
Hyacinth Macaw (several of these large stunners at P)
Peach-fronted Parakeet (R, P)
Nanday Parakeet (4 near Mato Grosso Lodge - P)
Blue-winged Macaw (5 at C)
Red-and-green Macaw (several flybys at C)
Red-shouldered Macaw (2 at C)
White-eyed Parakeet (R, C)
Tufted Antshrike (2 at toll booth stop - S)
Great Antshrike (2 at P)
Barred Antshrike (P)
Rufous-capped Antshrike (1 at S)
Rufous-winged Antshrike (2 at C)
Chestnut-backed Antshrike (several at R)
*Planalto Slaty-Antshrike (1 near Pousa Alegre - P)
*Sooretama Slaty-Antshrike (2 at R)
Variable Antshrike (S, M)
*Star-throated Antwren (3 near waterfall - R)
Plain Antwren (2 at R, 1 at P)
White-flanked Antwren (R)

*Unicolored Antwren (2 along the Brown Trail - R)
Large-billed Antwren (3 at P)
Rufous-winged Antwren (1 along the Brown Trail - P)
*Serra Antwren (2 uphill from Carmo - S)
Rusty-backed Antwren (several at P)
Bertoni's Antbird (3 at M)
Dusky-tailed Antbird (1 at M)
*Scaled Antbird (2 on Green Trail - R)
Streak-capped Antwren (1 at R)
Mato Grosso Antbird (2 near Mato Grosso Lodge - P)
*Band-tailed Antbird (1 near Mato Grosso Lodge, 2 near Pousa Alegre Lodge - both P)
*White-bibbed Antbird (1 along Brown Trail - R)
Collared Crescentchest (1 at C)
*Black-cheeked Gnateater (2 along Green Trail - R)
Rufous Gnateater (1 at toll booth stop - S)
Rufous-breasted Leaftosser (1 at R, 1 at M seen well)
Olivaceous Woodcreeper (R, P)
Plain-winged Woodcreeper (Thrush-like; 1 along the Brown Trail - R)
White-throated Woodcreeper (1 along the Brown Trail)
Great Rufous Woodcreeper (3 at P)
Lesser Woodcreeper (several at R)
Buff-throated Woodcreeper (a few at P)
Straight-billed Woodcreeper (2 near Pousa Alegre - P)
Red-billed Scythebill (2-3 at P near Mato Grosso Lodge)
Narrow-billed Woodcreeper (P)
*Scaled Woodcreeper (1 at M)
Streaked Xenops (2 at R)
*Wing-banded Hornero (Band-tailed; 2 at R)
Pale-legged Hornero (2 at P)
Rufous Hornero (everywhere)
Sharp-tailed Streamcreeper (1 at M)
*White-collared Foliage-gleaner (1 along the Green Trail - R)
Sharp-billed Treehunter (1 at M)
Black-capped Foliage-gleaner (1 along the Green Trail - R)
Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner (1 at S uphill from Carmo)
White-eyed Foliage-gleaner (1 at S uphill from Carmo)
Rufous-fronted Thornbird (R, P)
Greater Thornbird (a few at P)
*Orange-eyed Thornbird (1 at toll station stop at S)

Orange-breasted Thornbird (1 at M)
Firewood-gatherer (2 at S)
Rusty-backed Spinetail (2 at Mato Grosso Lodge boat trip - P)
*Pallid Spinetail (2 at M)
Rufous Cacholote (a few at P, including around Mato Grosso Lodge)
Yellow-chinned Spinetail (several at R, P)
Chotoy Spinetail (3 at P)
White-lored Spinetail (several at P)
Rufous-capped Spinetail (1 at M)
Cinereous-breasted Spinetail (2 near Mato Grosso Lodge along private rd - P)
Spix's Spinetail (2 at toll booth area - S)
Pale-breasted Spinetail (1 at C on last morning)
Sooty-fronted Spinetail (1 at C on last evening)
*Serra do Mar Tyrant-Manakin (1 at M)
Helmeted Manakin (2 young males at P)
Swallow-tailed Manakin (Blue; a few at Waldenoor and along the Green Trail)
*Pin-tailed Manakin (1 along the Brown Trail - R)
White-bearded Manakin (several at R)
Band-tailed Manakin (1 near Pousa Alegre - R)
*Black-and-gold Cotinga (2 at M)
Bare-throated Bellbird (many heard along the Green Trail and M, 1 seen)
Black-tailed Tityra (2 at C)
Masked Tityra (2 at C on last morning)
Green-backed Becard (2 at toll booth stop - S, 1 at C on last morning)
Chestnut-crowned Becard (2 at R)
White-winged Becard (1 at Port Jofre - P)
Black-capped Becard (1 along Brown Trail at R)
Crested Becard (1 at C)
Whiskered Flycatcher (1 at waterfall of Green Trail -R)
Gray-hooded Flycatcher (1 along Green Trail - R, 1 at M)
Sepia-capped Flycatcher (R, P)
Mottle-cheeked Tyrannulet (1 at M)
Southern Antpipit (1 along Green Trail at R, 1 at S)
Eared Pygmy-Tyrant (2 along the Brown Trail - R)
Drab-breasted Bamboo-Tyrant (1 at M)
*Eye-ringed Tody-Tyrant (1 along the Brown Trail - R)
Stripe-necked Tody-Tyrant (2 near Mato Grosso Lodge - P)
*Hangnest Tody-Tyrant (1 uphill from Carmo - S)
Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant (2 near Mato Grosso Lodge - P)

Ochre-faced Tody-Flycatcher (2 of these cuties at M)
Rusty-fronted Tody-Flycatcher (1 near Mato Grosso Lodge - P)
*Gray-headed Tody-Flycatcher (split from Yellow-lored; several at R)
Common Tody-Flycatcher (1 at Porto Jofre - P)
Yellow-olive Flycatcher (1 at R, 1 at P)
Yellow-breasted Flycatcher (1 at R)
Cliff Flycatcher (1 at Waldenoor - R, several at C)
Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet (glimpses at R, 1 at C)
*Suiriri Flycatcher (2 at C)
*Chapada Flycatcher (2 at C)
Mouse-colored Tyrannulet (1 at Pousa Alegre - P)
Yellow Tyrannulet (1 along Yellow Trail - R)
Subtropical Doradito (actually a species unknown to science; along Transpantaneira in P)
Forest Elaenia (a few at P)
Greenish Elaenia (2 at C)
Plain-crested Elaenia (a few at C)
Yellow-bellied Elaenia (R, 2 at C)
Small-billed Elaenia (1 near Port Jofre - P)
Large Elaenia (1 at C)
Lesser Elaenia (1 at C)
White-crested Tyrannulet (1 at M)
Planalto Tyrannulet (fairly common at R)
*Gray-capped Tyrannulet (1 at M)
Tawny-crowned Pygmy-Tyrant (2 at C near Spot-backed Puffbird)
Plain Tyrannulet (or Inezia; a few at P including Mato Grosso Lodge)
Bran-colored Flycatcher (1 at toll booth stop - S, 1 at C)
Euler's Flycatcher (1 at R)
Fuscous Flycatcher (R, P)
Vermilion Flycatcher (or now called Scarlet Flycatcher; P)
Crested Black-Tyrant (1 at toll booth stop - S)
Blue-billed Black-Tyrant (1 at M)
Yellow-browed Tyrant (1 at R, 1 at toll booth stop - S)
Gray Monjita (2 at C)
White-rumped Monjita (2 at S)
Streamer-tailed Tyrant (1 at R, 2 at S)
Shear-tailed Gray Tyrant (1 at M)
Black-backed Water-Tyrant (many at P)
Masked Water-Tyrant (many at R, Rio)
White-headed Marsh Tyrant (R, 1 at P)

Long-tailed Tyrant (2 at S)
Dull-capped Attila (or White-eyed; 1 near Pousa Alegre Lodge - P)
Sibilant Sirystes (1 at C)
Grayish Mourner (3 along Green Trail - R)
Short-crested Flycatcher (R, P)
Brown-crested Flycatcher (1 at R, 1 at P)
Cattle Tyrant (R, P, 1 at Copacabana Beach in Rio)
Lesser Kiskadee (3 at P)
Great Kiskadee
Boat-billed Flycatcher (R, P)
Rusty-margined Flycatcher (P only)
Social Flycatcher (R only)
Variegated Flycatcher (1 at C on last morning)
White-throated Kingbird (1 at C on last morning)
Tropical Kingbird
Fork-tailed Flycatcher (migrants; 1 at R, 7 at P)
Rufous-browed Peppershrike (R, P)
Rufous-crowned Greenlet (1 at M)
Ashy-headed Greenlet (a few at P)
Lemon-chested Greenlet (1 along Green Trail - R)
Chivi Vireo (1 at R, 1 at C)
Purplish Jay (daily at P)
Curl-crested Jay (5 at R, 4 at C)
Black-capped Donacobius (1 at R, many at P)
Blue-and-white Swallow (R, only waterfall in C)
White-thighed Swallow (several at waterfall along Green Trail - R)
Southern Rough-winged Swallow
Gray-breasted Martin (R, P)
Brown-chested Martin (P)
White-winged Swallow (P)
White-rumped Swallow (Campo at R)
Masked Gnatcatcher (several in P)
House Wren (Southern; R, P)
Thrush-like Wren (several at P)
Moustached Wren (R, P)
Buff-breasted Wren (2 in northern P)
Long-billed Wren (2 on Brown Trail - R)
Fawn-breasted Wren (may be a new species to science; 4 in southern P)
Chalk-browed Mockingbird (R, P)

Pale-breasted Thrush (R, Pocone - P)
Yellow-legged Thrush (1 at Brown Trail - R)
White-necked Thrush (1 at Brown Trail - R, 2 at C)
Rufous-bellied Thrush
Creamy-bellied Thrush
Common Waxbill (R only)
House Sparrow
Yellowish Pipit (2 in Campo at R, 1 heard in P)
Blue-naped Chlorophonia (1 along Brown Trail - R)
Purple-throated Euphonia (1 at R, 1 heard at Pousa Alegre - P)
Violetaceous Euphonia (many at R)
Chestnut-bellied Euphonia (2 at R)
Grassland Sparrow (1 at R, 1 at C)
*Half-collared Sparrow (2 at toll booth stop - S)
Rufous-collared Sparrow (Rio, M, C)
White-browed Meadowlark (3 in Campo at R)
Crested Oropendola (S, M, P)
Solitary Black Cacique (P, including Mato Grosso Lodge feeder)
Yellow-rumped Cacique (several at P)
Red-rumped Cacique (several at R)
Variable Oriole (3 at P)
Orange-backed Troupial (a few at P)
Shiny Cowbird
Giant Cowbird (P)
Scarlet-headed Blackbird (4 at P along the Transpantaneira)
Chopi Blackbird (R, P)
Grayish Baywing (P)
Unicolored Blackbird (a few at P)
Chestnut-capped Blackbird (a few at R)
Yellow-rumped Marshbird (a flock in campo at R)
Masked Yellowthroat (1 near Giant Snipe spot; 1 at P)
Golden-crowned Warbler (a few at S, M)
Flavescent Warbler (3 at P)
White-browed Warbler (2 at M)
Red-crowned Ant-Tanager (2 along Green Trail - R)
Yellow-green Grosbeak (1 along Green Trail - R)
Red-crested Cardinal (3 at Mato Grosso Lodge - P)
*Red-cowled Cardinal (a few in Campo at R)
Yellow-billed Cardinal (at all lodges in P)

Cinnamon Tanager (1 at M, 1 at C)
White-banded Tanager (Shrike-like; a few at C)
Hooded Tanager (1 at R, 1 at P near Mato Grosso Lodge)
Orange-headed Tanager (2 at toll booth stop - R)
Chestnut-headed Tanager (1 at M)
Black-goggled Tanager (R)
Gray-headed Tanager (P)
Flame-crested Tanager (Rio and R)
Ruby-crowned Tanager (R)
White-lined Tanager (P)
Brazilian Tanager (3 at R)
Silver-beaked Tanager (common at P)
Fawn-breasted Tanager (R lowlands, M)
Sayaca Tanager
*Azure-shouldered Tanager (3 at M)
*Golden-chevroned Tanager (R)
Palm Tanager
Burnished-buff Tanager (R, C)
Green-headed Tanager (R)
*Brassy-breasted Tanager (M)
Swallow Tanager (2 at toll booth stop - R, C)
*Black-legged Dacnis (2 at R)
Blue Dacnis (everywhere but P)
Red-legged Honeycreeper (several at C)
Guira Tanager (2 at C)
*Rufous-headed Tanager (1 in Rio, 1 at M)
Yellow-backed Tanager (R)
Chestnut-vented Conebill (R, P)
White-rumped Tanager (C)
Saffron Finch (R, P)
Wedge-tailed Grass-Finch (1 in Campo at R)
Blue-black Grassquit (R, P)
Chestnut-bellied Seed-Finch (Lesser; 1 at Pousa Alegre - P)
Double-collared Seedeater (R, P, C)
White-bellied Seedeater (1 at P)
Plumbeous Seedeater (1 at C)
Rusty-collared Seedeater (several at P)
Pileated Finch (1 at C above Carmo)
Red-crested Finch (Red Pileated Finch; a few at P including near Pousa Alegre Lodge)

Bananaquit

Sooty Grassquit (1 in Campo at R)

Black-throated Saltator (northern P and C)

Buff-throated Saltator (4 at C)

Grayish Saltator (daily at P)

Green-winged Saltator (R, M)

List of birds heard only OR not seen by 1 leader & 1 participant:

Barred Forest Falcon (heard only at M)

Red-winged Tinamou (heard only at C)

Ash-throated Crake (heard only at R, P)

Gray-bellied Spinetail (heard only at R; skulker)

Pheasant Cuckoo (heard only at C)

*Rio de Janeiro Antbird (1 heard only calling like a Red-breasted Nuthatch about Carmo - S)

Eared Dove (seen only by Stefan)

White-banded Mockingbird (seen only by Jenny and Virginia)

Red-ruffed Fruitcrow (seen only by Stefan)



Other critters:

Brasilian Tapir (R, P)
Brown Brocket (P)
Marsh Deer (P)
Azara's Agouti (P)
Capybara (R, P)
Black-and-gold Howler Monkey (P)
Hooded Capuchin Monkey (P)
Tufted Capuchin Monkey (R)
Common Marmoset (R, Rio)
Black-tailed Marmoset (P)
Collared Peccary (P)
Crab-eating Fox (P)
South American Coati (P)
Jaguar (3 at Porto Jofre, P)
Giant Otter (family at Porto Jofre, P)
Sloth (not sure of species, REGUA)

Yellow Anaconda (Port Jofre, R)
Yacare Caiman
Golden Tego (P)
Black-and-white Tegu (R, P)
Collared Lizard (P)
Amazonian Whiptail
Tropical House Gecko
Rococo Toad
Olive Ridley Sea Turtle (Rio off Copacabana Beach)

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