BRAZIL **CERRADO; BRASILIA, GOIAS, MINAS GERAIS** JANUARY 10TH - FEBRUARY 17TH 2019

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In early 2019 I spent a very enjoyable six weeks working as a field assistant to Lia Kajiki, a PhD student at the University of Brasilia studying Helmeted Manakins (more information can be found here: https://openexplorer.nationalgeographic.com/expedition/helmeted manakin/). Although fieldwork took a large portion of our time, we also enjoyed some excellent birding in the field site and around the wider Brasilia area. Compared to other South American environments the Cerrado grassland found here is not as often visited by foreign birders but it has a wide range of excellent species, many of which are restricted to this type of wooded savanna. The fieldwork we undertook involved nest searching in the gallery forests for nests, and setting up mist nets in an attempt to capture Helmeted Manakin individuals.

LOGISTICS

Flights

I flew with TAP Portugal from Manchester to Brasilia via Lisbon. Brasilia has only four international departure gates, with all the other flights I looked at going via another Brazilian city. The return flights cost £750, which included one piece of 20kg luggage. The only downside to these flights was a 13 hour wait in Lisbon on my outbound flight.

Travelling around

Lia was waiting for me in the airport, and from there we travelled to the field school in the Fazeda Agua Limpa Protected Area which would be our accommodation for the next six weeks. We used Lia's car, a Peugeot 206 with a 08 registration, for all our transport needs, and it managed almost all the roads we attempted during our trip; offering an indication that the vast majority of roads are passable if care is taken.

Boa Constrictor Boa constrictor Fazenda Agua Limpa



Living costs

Living expenses in Brazil are extremely low. Food costs were generally low, either grocery shopping to do our own cooking at the field centre or going out for meals at small local restaurants. Petrol was not particularly expensive compared to the UK, and on the occasions where we did use hotels we also found them to be cheap for what was included.

Literature

The main field guide we used was the 'Wildlife Conservation Society Birds of Brazil: The Pantanal and Cerrado of Central Brazil' (**ISBN-13**: 978-0801476464) and this was our main source of literature for this area. It is a very good field guide, with plates that accurately demonstrate the key features used to identify most species. The only issue I found using this book was that the distribution maps are occasionally a little outdated. Ebird data was also useful for finding where to see species.

Playback was an extremely useful tool throughout the trip, and many species we only saw because we utilized playback. Birds respond quickly to Tropical Pygmy Owl call, often drawing in large mixed flocks of birds. Top left: **Red-legged Seriema** *Cariama cristata* Fazenda Agua Limpa. Top right: **Gray-fronted Dove** *Leptotila rufaxilla* Fazenda Agua Limpa. Middle left: **Gray-hooded Flycatcher** *Mionectes rufiventris* Fazenda Agua Limpa. Middle right: **Helmeted Manakin** *Antilophia galeata* Fazenda Agua Limpa. Bottom left: **Sharp-tailed Streamcreeper** *Lochmias nematura* Fazenda Agua Limpa. Bottom right: **Rufous-capped Motmot** *Baryphthengus ruficapillus* Fazenda Agua Limpa





Capybara Hydrochoerus hydrochaeris Fazenda Agua Limpa

Most of the birding we did around Brasilia was at the same location that we were staying, the Fazenda Agua Limpa Protected Area. However, we did visit other sites to target species more local to this region and these sites are more likely to be useful to visiting birders

SITE LIST

Fazenda Agua Limpa

-15.942655, -47.940047

The majority of our time was spent here; either doing fieldwork or birding casually once our day's fieldwork was completed. Unfortunately for any visiting birders access to the park and farm is restricted. However, the majority of birds listed here may be found in the Botanical Garden of Brasilia, which shares the same vegetation.

The park itself is an area of open Cerrado, with strips of Gallery forest following small woodland streams (-15.952300, -47.948158). On the northern edge of the park there is also a small dam which is home to a group of Capybaras. Around the park are tracks which are suitable for almost any vehicle. Footpaths can be found around the Cerrado and Gallery Forest but many are small and easily missed. Most of the species we observed could be seen following main footpaths of following the forest streams. It is easy to explore the woodland and Cerrado away from the tracks, but be aware that there are large numbers rattlesnakes in the park. Because we spent so much time in the park, we did encounter a lot of species, but a number of highlights include; **Sharp-tailed Streamcreeper, Streaked Xenops, Russet-mantled Foliage-Gleaner** and **Yellow-faced Amazon Parrot**. All the ringing that we undertook as part of the fieldwork was done within the parks gallery forests. A couple of night drives were undertaken through the Cerrado with reasonable success, seeing **Paraque, Little Nightjar** and **Scissortailed Nightjar**.

The farm is a mixture of arable and livestock, meaning a wide variety of habitats for different species (-15.949020, -47.932556). Between the fields and buildings are small patches of Cerrado which can be good for a number of birds; **Red-crested Finch** and **Rusty-backed Antwren**. The farm work meant that there were often a number of small patches of surface water; either puddles or flowing water. The soil turnover from the farm work also contributed to the wide range of species that could be found here, with species hunting around the fields looking for insects; **Chopi Blackbird, White-rumped Monjita** and **Pearl Kite**. Any small patches of grassland and forest around the fringes of the farm were the perfect habitat to find the **Brasilia Tapaculo** (*-15.945989, -47.937898*), an endangered species found only in this region.

Species List:

Faza de Agua Limpa: Undulated Tinamou, Brazilian Teal, Rusty-margined Guan, Blackcrowned Night-Heron, Cattle Egret, Great White Egret, Whistling Heron, Capped Heron, Green Ibis, Buff-necked Ibis, Turkey Vulture, Black Vulture, King Vulture, Gray-headed Kite, Pearl Kite, White-tailed Kite, Plumbeous Kite, Bicolored Hawk, Roadside Hawk, White-tailed Hawk, Short-tailed Hawk, Southern Caracara, Yellow-headed Caracara, Collared Forest-Falcon, American Kestrel, Aplomado Falcon, Gray-necked Wood-Rail, Red-legged Seriema, Southern Lapwing, Ruddy Ground-Dove, Scaled Dove, Blue Ground-Dove, Rock Dove, Picazuro Pigeon, Pale-vented Pigeon, Eared Dove, Gray-fronted Dove, Blue-and-yellow Macaw, White-eyed Parakeet, Peach-fronted Parakeet, Blue-winged Parrotlet, Yellowchevroned Parakeet, Yellow-faced Amazon Parrot, Turquoise-fronted Amazon Parrot, Squirrel Cuckoo, Smooth-billed Ani, Guira Cuckoo, Barn Owl, Tropical Screech-Owl, Burrowing Owl, Common Potoo, Pauraque, Little Nightjar, Scissor-tailed Nightjar, Sick's Swift, Fork-tailed Palm-Swift, Swallow-tailed Hummingbird, White-vented Violet-ear, Forktailed Woodnymph, Glittering-throated Emerald, Amethyst Woodstar, Ringed Kingfisher, Rufous-capped Motmot, Rufoustailed Jacamar, Spot-backed Puffbird, Toco Toucan, Channel-billed Toucan, Chestnut-



Gray-headed Kite Leptodon cayanensis Fazenda Agua Limpa

eared Aracari, White-wedged Piculet, Little Woodpecker, Campo Flicker, Crimson-crested Woodpecker, Barred Antshrike, Rufouswinged Antshrike, Variable Antshrike, Plain Antvireo, Black-capped Antwren, Rufous Gnateater, Brasilia Tapaculo, Olivaceous Woodcreeper, Narrow-billed Woodcreeper, Rufous Hornero, Sooty-fronted Spinetail, Palebreasted Spinetail, Ochre-cheeked Spinetail, Russet-mantled Foliage-gleaner, Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner, Sharp-tailed Streamcreeper, Streaked Xenops, Gray-hooded Flycatcher, Sepia-capped Flycatcher, Southern Antpipit, Common Tody-Flycatcher, Planalto Tyrannulet, Olivaceous Elaenia, Plain-crested Elaenia, Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet, Yellow-olive Flycatcher, White-throated Spadebill, Bran-colored Flycatcher, Euler's Flycatcher, Tropical Peewee, Gray Monjita, White-rumped Monjita, Long-tailed Tyrant, Cattle Tyrant, Piratic Flycatcher, Rustymargined Flycatcher, Great Kiskadee, Lesser Kiskadee, Streaked Flycatcher, Boat-billed Flycatcher, Variegated Flycatcher, Crowned Slaty Flycatcher, White-throated Kingbird, Tropical Kingbird, Rufous Casiornis, Shortcrested Flycatcher, Pale-bellied Tyrant-Manakin, Helmeted Manakin, Greenish Schiffornis, White-winged Becard, Rufousbrowed Peppershrike, Chivi Vireo, Curlcrested Jay, Blue-and-white Swallow, Greybreasted Martin, Southern House-Wren, Grass Wren, Buff-breasted Wren, Masked Gnatcatcher, Veery, Rufous-bellied Thrush, Pale-breasted Thrush, Creamy-bellied Thrush, White-necked Thrush, Chalk-browed Mockingbird, Bananaguit, Black-faced Tanager, Hooded Tanager, Orange-headed Tanager, Black-goggled Tanager, Hepatic Tanager, Gray-headed Tanager, White-lined Tanager, Silver-beaked Tanager, Sayaca Tanager, Palm Tanager, Burnished-buff Tanager, Blue Dacnis, Guira Tanager, Rufouscollared Sparrow, Grassland Sparrow, Stripetailed Yellow-Finch, Saffron Finch, Grassland Yellow-Finch, Blue-black Grassquit, Plumbeous Seedeater, Yellow-bellied Seedeater, Double-collared Seedeater, Whitebellied Seedeater, Saffron-billed Sparrow, Pileated-Finch, Red-crested Finch, Buffthroated Saltator, Green-winged Saltator, Tropical Parula, Masked Yellowthroat, Whitebellied Warbler, Flavescent Warbler, Whitestriped Warbler, Variable Oriole, Chopi Blackbird, Shiny Cowbird, Purple-throated Euphonia, Violaceous Euphonia, Common Waxbill, House Sparrow,

Altiplano Leste

-15.8457655, -47.7274847

This is an open area to the southeast of Brasilia. The habitat is very similar to the park at Fazenda Agua Limpa; with open Cerrado, horse paddocks and gallery forest. The overall environment has much greater variations in gradient than the park, with rolling hills and valleys. The roads were tricky to navigate, and many were in less than perfect condition. We stopped at a number of locations along the way as we looked for different species.

The variation within the Cerrado habitat, as well as the dense gallery forest and sizable river below meant a much wider variety of species that could be found here. Cerrado specialities such as **Cinereous Warbler Finch**, **Sharp-tailed Grass Tyrant**, **Blue Finch** (-15.847274, -47.729842), **Horned Sungem** (-15.842645, -47.716690) and **Ocellated Crake** were all seen at various points here. Playback was used for all the above species, to ensure that we saw them.

Maned Wolf Chrysocyon brachyurus Fazenda Agua Limpa



Top left: **Horned Sungem** *Heliactin bilophus* Altiplano Leste. Top right: **Plumbeous Seedeater** *Sporophila plumbea* Altiplano Leste. Middle left: **White-rumped Monjita** *Xolmis velatus* Fazenda Agua Limpa. Middle right: **Blue Finch** *Porphyrospiza caerulescens* Altiplano Leste. Bottom left: **Collared Crescentchest** *Melanopareia torquata* Altiplano Leste. Bottom right: **Ocellated Crake** *Micropygia schomburgkii* Altiplano Leste



Further down the tracks below the altiplano we spent some time birding a small patch of gallery forest adjacent to a more sizable river (-15.837076, -47.710361). Access to this area was more difficult so we used a four-wheeled drive courtesy of one of Lia's friends. Here we encountered species such as **Rufous Gnateater** and **Brown Jacamar**.

Species List:

Altiplano Leste: Black Vulture, Turkey Vulture, Raodside Hawk, White-tailed Hawk, Southern Caracara, Eared Dove, Scaled Dove, Ruddy Ground Dove, Squirrel Cuckoo, Dark-billed Cuckoo, Blue-and-yellow Macaw, White-eyed Parakeet, Yellow-chevroned Parakeet, Whitevented Violetear, Horned Sungem, Swallowtailed Hummingbird, White-eared Puffbird, Ocellated Crake, Grey-breasted Wood-Rail, Rufous-tailed Jacamar, Brown Jacamar, Green Kingfisher, Toco Toucan, Little Woodpecker, Campo Flicker, Collared Crescentchest, Rufous-winged Antshrike, Great Antshrike, Varibale Antshrike, Barred Antshrike, Blackcapped Antwren, Olivaceous Woodcreeper, Rusty-backed Spinetail, Pale-breasted Spinetail, Rufous Gnateater, Rufous Hornero, Grey Elaenia, Sharp-tailed Grass-Tyrant, Common Tody-Flycatcher, Crested Black-Tyrant. Cattle Tyrant, Long-tailed Tyrant, Rusty-margined Flycatcher, Rufous Casiornis, Pale-bellied Tyrant Manakin, Helmeted Manakin, Rufous-browed Peppershrike, Grass Wren, Buff-breasted Wren, Masked Gnatcatcher, Pale-breasted Thrush, Grevbreasted Martin, Chalk-browed Mockingbird, Purple-throated Euphonia, White-lined Tanager, Orange-headed Tanager, Sayaca Tanager, Blue Finch, Cinereous Warbling-Finch, Wedge-tailed Grass Finch, Saffron Finch, Pearly-bellied Seedeater, Yellow-bellied Seedeater, Plumbeous Seedeater, Blackthroated Saltator, Buff-throated Saltator, Green-winged Saltator,

Paracatu

-17.217607, -46.874419

The small city of Paracatu was found in the next state of Minas Gerais. We spent a weekend in this area doing some survey work on a private site for a mining company. Despite the site being private, much of the surrounding Cerrado would be bird-able and it was only in this area that we encountered **Surucua Trogon** and **Red-shouldered Macaw**.

On our drive across to Paracatu we stopped off at a recently developed reservoir (-17.034748, -47.168299) where we had our first encounters with many wetland species; **Muscovy Duck, White-faced Whistling Duck** and **Masked Water Tyrant**. Unfortunately most of the birds were very distant from our roadside vantage point; a scope would have been extremely useful at this point. Most of the birds we saw here would have been easy to see at any wetland area.

Campo Flicker Colaptes campestris Fazenda Agua Limpa



Top left: **Cattle Tyrant** *Machetornis rixosa* Fazenda Agua Limpa. Top right: **White-throated Spadebill** *Platyrinchus mystaceus* Fazenda Agua Limpa. Middle left: **Crowned-slaty Flycatcher** *Griseotyrannus aurantioatrocristatus* Fazenda Agua Limpa. Middle right: **Fork-tailed Woodnymph** *Thalurania furcate* Fazenda Agua Limpa. Bottom left: **Russet-mantled Foliage Gleaner** *Philydor dimidiatum* Fazenda Agua Limpa. Bottom right: **Aplomado Falcon** *Falco femoralis* Fazenda Agua Limpa



Species List:

Paracatu: White-faced Whistling Duck, Muscovy Duck, Great White Egre t, Black Vulture, Turkey Vulture, Roadside Hawk, White-tailed Hawk, Savanna Hawk, Southern Caracara, Southern Lapwing, Picazuro Pigeon, Plain-vented Pigeon, Feral Pigeon, Ruddy Ground Dove, Pale-breasted Ground Dove, Blue Ground Dove, Scaled Dove, Redshouldered Macaw, Peach-fronted Parakeet, Yellow-chevroned Parakeet, Turquoisefronted Amazon Parrot, Squirrel Cuckoo, Smooth-billed Ani, Guira Cuckoo, Burrowing Owl, Sick's Swift, Fork-tailed Palm Swift, Swallow-tailed Hummingbird, Amazon Kingfisher, Surucura Trogon, Toco Toucan, Black-capped Antwren, Olivaceous Woodcreeper, Palanto Woodcreeper, Common Tody Flycatcher, Masked Water-Tyrant, White-headed Marsh-Tyrant, Great Kiskadee, Tropical Kingbird, Fork-tailed Flycatcher, Pale-bellied Tyrant Manakin, Helmeted Manakin, Chivi Vireo, Greybreasted Martin, Rufous-bellied Thrush, White-rumped Swallow, Pale-breasted Thrush, Hooded Tanager, White-lined Tanager, Sayaca Tanager, Palm Tanager, Blue Dacnis, Saffron Finch, Blue-black Grassquit, Yellow-bellied Seedeater, Flavescent Warbler, Shiny Cowbird, White-browed Blackbird, Chestnut-capped Blackbird, Purple-throated Euphonia, House Sparrow,

Terra Ronca

-13.734687,-46.357921

The Terra Ronca (meaning Snoring earth) park is some five hours drive north of Brasilia, but provided an excellent change of scenery and some brilliant new birds. On our way north we stopped off at a small roadside pond (-14.049981, -46.318122) where we had excellent views of **Point-tailed Palmcreeper**. Our drive back to Brasilia from the park was the only occasion during my stay that we saw **Greater Rhea** (-13.889743, -46.572350).

We spent a weekend birding the park, exploring the plateau in its centre. Terra Ronca itself is famous for its caves, and although we did not do any exploration of these caves we did get to appreciate them in other ways, as the endangered Pfrimer's Parakeet was living inside a collapsed cavern. All the birding we did was within walking distance of our lodgings (Pousada Alto da Lapa, which were extremely helpful in organising our guide), which was extremely helpful due to the poor conditions of the road we found when arriving at the park. We hired a local guide to help with the parks footpaths (-13.741254, -46.356959) more than anything as the path to the cavern where we saw the parakeets was extremely difficult to follow. Other species we saw in the park included; Black-bellied Antwren, Red-and-Green Macaw, Rusty-fronted Nunlet, Jandaya Parakeet and Black-capped Tityra.

Pfrimer's Parakeet Pyrrhura pfrimeri Terra Ronca





Blue-and-yellow Macaw Ara ararauna MONA do Morro da Pedreira

Species List:

Terra Ronca: Greater Rhea, Small-billed Tinamou, Muscovy Duck, Brazilian Teal, Great White Egret, Cattle Egret, Buff-necked Ibis, Limpkin, Turkey Vulture, Black Vulture, Roadside Hawk, Zone-tailed Hawk, Savannah Hawk, Southern Caracara, Yellow-headed Caracara, American Kestrel, Laughing Falcon, Aplomado Falcon, Ruddy Ground Dove, Blue Ground Dove, Scaled Dove, Picui Ground Dove, Picazuro Pigeon, Pale-vented Pigeon, Plumbeous Pigeon, Gray-fronted Dove, Blueand-yellow Macaw, Red-and-green Macaw, White-eyed Parakeet, Jandaya Parakeet, Pfrimer's Parakeet, Blue-winged Parrotlet, Yellow-chevroned Parakeet, Scaly-headed Amazon Parrot, Turquoise-fronted Amazon Parrot, Squirrel Cuckoo, Striped Cuckoo, Smooth-billed Ani, Guira Cuckoo, Burrowing Owl, Fork-tailed Palm Swift, Swallow-tailed Hummingbird, Glittering-bellied Emerald, Planalto Hermit, Rufous-tailed Jacamar, Rustyfronted Nunlet, White-eared Puffbird, Blackfronted Nunbird, Toco Toucan, White-winged Piculette, Little Woodpecker, Crimson-crested Woodpecker, Ochre-backed Woodpecker, White Woodpecker, Planalto Slaty Antshrike,

Black-bellied Antwren, Point-tailed Palmcreeper, Olivaceous Woodcreeper, Planalto Woodcreeper, Narrow-billed Woodcreeper, Rufous Hornero, Sooty-fronted Spinetail, Russet-mantled Foliage Gleaner, Sepia-capped Flycatcher, Common Tody Flycatcher, Cliff Flycatcher, Long-tailed Tyrant, Cattle Tyrant, Social Flycatcher, Great Kiskadee, Boat-billed Flycatcher, Tropical Kingbird, White-throated Kingbird, Rufous Casiornis, Black-capped Tityra, Short-crested Flycatcher, White-naped Jay, Helmeted Manakin, Chivi Vireo, Curl-crested Jay, Blueand-white Swallow, White-winged Swallow, Masked Gnatcatcher, Rufous-bellied Thrush, Pale-bellied Thrush, White-throated Thrush, Chalk-browed Mockingbird, Bananaguit, Sayaca Tanager, Palm Tanager, Burnished-buff Tanager, Blue Dacnis, Guira Tanager, Purplethroated Euphonia, Saffron Finch, Blue-black Grassquit, Yellow-bellied Seedeater, Lined Seedeater, Grey Pileated Finch, Red-cowled Cardinal, Gravish Saltator, Greenish Saltator, White-bellied Warbler, Crested Oropendula, Yellow-rumped Cacique, Variable Oriole, Campo Troupial, Screaming Cowbird, Whitebrowed Blackbird, House Sparrow,

Botanical Gardens

-15.861601, -47.828621

During my stay we made three visits to the Botanical Gardens to try and see hummingbirds, specifically the **Frilled Coquette** (-15.872949, -47.836847). Unfortunately none of our visits produced sightings, but that may well have been attributable to all our visits being during the afternoon. We rarely saw anything that could not be found elsewhere, but many of the species were more habituated to the presence of people, meaning that we were able to approach birds easier and obtain photos.

Surucua Trogon Trogon surrucura Paracatu



Botanical Gardens: Black Vulture, King Vulture, Plumbeous Kite, White-wedged Piculette, Rufous-tailed Jacamar, Yellow-olive Flycatcher, Purple-throated Euphonia, Violaceous Euphonia, Burnished-buff Tanager, Blue Dacnis, Rufous-bellied Thrush, Yellowbellied Seedeater, Rufous-collared Sparrow,

MONA do Morro da Pedreira

-15.509768,-47.95979

This area of deciduous woodland represented a subtle habitat change and as a consequence we had a number of new species. Our main target for this area was a Sao Francisco or Caatinga Black Tyrant (-15.511650, -47.958109), which we found in the woodland directly underneath the Black Vulture colony. The footpath through the fields took us along the fringes of a deciduous woodland valley (-15.510809, -47.955379) and this produced a number of new species; Sombre Hummingbird, Amazonian Motmot and Green Barred Woodpecker. The drive to the site was not ideal due to the poor condition of the road but there should be no problem for most cars. Parking could be found adjacent to the farmhouse, and a five reais payment is expected for the access to the land.

Species List:

MONA do Morro da Pedreira: Pale-vented Pigeon, Picazuro Pigeon, Plumbeous Pigeon, Ruddy Ground Dove, Scaled Dove, Smoothbilled Ani, Squirrel Cuckoo, Sick's Swift, Sombre Hummingbird, Southern Lapwing, Black Vulture, Turkey Vulture, Roadside Hawk, Collared Forest Falcon, Southern Caracara, Yellow-headed Caracara, Amazonian Motmot, Black-fronted Nunbird, Chestnut-eared Acari, Toco Toucan, Green-barred Woodpecker, Yellow-chevroned Parakeet, Blue-winged Parrotlet, Peach-fronted Parakeet, Blue-andyellow Macaw, White-eyed Parakeet, Planalto Slaty Antshrike, Planalto Woodcreeper, Rufous Hornero, Pearl-vented Tody-Tyrant, Caatinga Black-Tyrant, Long-tailed Tyrant, Great Kiskadee, Boat-billed Flycatcher, Rustymargined Flycatcher, Variegated Flycatcher, Tropical Kingbird, Black-tailed Tityra, Crested Becard, Blue-and-white Swallow, Southern Rough-winged Swallow, House Wren, Masked Gnatcatcher, Pale-breasted Thrush, Rufousbellied Thrush, Crested Oropendula, Variable Oriole, Chopi Blackbird, Palm Tanager, Burnished-buff Tanager, Blue Dacnis, Grey Pileated Finch, Black-throated Saltator,

Lagoa do Descoberto

-15.734663,-48.1805592

This large dam would no doubt have been an amazing birding location, were the weather on our visit any better than frequent torrential storms. The grassy fringes were abundant with Blue-black Grassquits and Seedeaters. Open ploughed fields were the area where we searched for Yellowish Pipit, but we failed to find any, despite hearing a single individual singing. The reservoir itself was largely void of birdlife, but a reedbed at the northern edge (-15.714187, -48.205075) had a few species; White-headed Water Tyrant, Striated Heron and a single crake species that we heard calling. Had the weather been more amenable we would no doubt have enjoyed an excellent afternoons birding but sadly that was not how events transpired.

Species List:

Lagoa do Descoberto: White-faced Whistling Duck, Brazilian Teal, Feral Pigeon, Picazuro Pigeon, Ruddy Ground Dove, Scaled Dove, Smooth-billed Ani, White-vented Violetear, Swallow-tailed Hummingbird, Southern Lapwing, Wattled Jacana, Neotropic Cormorant, Great White Egret, Striated Heron, Burrowing Owl, Ringed Kingfisher, Amazon Kingfisher, Aplomado Falcon, Rufous Hornero, Pale-breasted Spinetail, Whiterumped Monjita, Masked Water-Tyrant, White-headed Marsh Tyrant, Tropical Kingbird, Grassland Sparrow, Blue-black Grassquit, Copper Seedeater, Yellow-bellied Seedeater, Double-collared Seedeater, Common Waxbill,

Rodovia DF-330

-15.677275,-47.7369797

This small patch of Cerrado was located well to the north of Brasilia. We stopped here on just one occasion to try and locate **Coalcrested Finch**. Unfortunately only one individual was seen, and only by one member of our party. However, exploring a new area of Cerrado found us a number of other new species, in particular was **Chequered Woodpecker** and **Rufous-fronted Thornbird**. We birded only along the road but the strip of Cerrado is so narrow that there would be little need to explore off-road.

Species List:

Rodovia DF-330: Whistling Heron, Buffnecked Ibis, Picazuro Pigeon, Scaled Dove, Swallow-tailed Hummingbird, Checkered Woodpecker, Rufous-fronted Thornbird, Suiriri Flycatcher, Chalk-browed Mockingbird, Shrike-like Tanager, Blue-black Grassquit,



Top left: **Planalto-slaty Antshrike** *Thamnophilus pelzelni* Terra Ronca. Top right: **White Woodpecker** *Melanerpes candidus* Terra Ronca. Middle left: **Grassland Yellowfinch** *Sicalis luteola* Fazenda Agua Limpa. Middle right: **Zone-tailed Hawk** *Buteo albonotatus* Terra Ronca. Bottom left: **Toco Toucan** *Ramphastos toco* Fazenda Agua Limpa. Bottom right: **Caatinga Black-Tyrant** *Knipolegus franciscanus* MONA do Morro da Pedreira



COMPLETE SPECIES LIST

BIRDS

Greater Rhea Undulated Tinamou Small-billed Tinamou White-faced Whistling-Duck **Muscovy Duck Brazilian Teal Rusty-margined Guan Neotropic Cormorant Black-crowned Night-Heron Striated Heron Cattle Egret Great Egret** Whistling Heron **Capped Heron Green Ibis Buff-necked Ibis Turkey Vulture Black Vulture King Vulture Gray-headed Kite Pearl Kite** White-tailed Kite **Plumbeous Kite Bicolored Hawk** Savanna Hawk **Roadside Hawk** White-tailed Hawk Short-tailed Hawk **Zone-tailed Hawk** Southern Caracara Yellow-headed Caracara Laughing Falcon **Collared Forest-Falcon American Kestrel Aplomado Falcon** Limpkin **Ocellated Crake** Gray-necked Wood-Rail **Red-legged Seriema** Southern Lapwing Wattled Jacana Plain-breasted Ground-Dove Rhea Americana Crypturellus undulatus Crypturellus parvirostris Dendrocygna viduata Cairina moschata Amazonetta brasiliensis Penelope superciliaris Phalacrocorax brasilianus Nycticorax nycticorax Butorides striata Bubulcus ibis Ardea alba Syrigma sibilatrix Pilherodius pileatus Mesembrinibis cavennensis Theristicus caudatus Cathartes aura Coragyps atratus Sarcoramphus papa Leptodon cayanensis Gampsonyx swainsonii Elanus leucurus Ictinia plumbea Accipiter bicolor Heterospizias meridionalis Rupornis magnirostris Buteo albicaudatus Buteo brachyurus Buteo albonotatus Caracara plancus Milvago chimachima Herpetotheres cachinnans Micrastur semitorquatus Falco sparverius Falco femoralis Aramus guarauna Micropygia schomburgkii Aramides cajanea Cariama cristata Vanellus chilensis Jacana jacana Columbina minuta

5 on drive returning from TR 1 seen FAL 1 seen TR ~50 Dam near Paracatu ~30 Dam near Paracatu ~10 Dam at FAL Occasional at FAL LdD 1 Dam at FAL 3 LdD Common FAL Occasional throughout Occasional throughout 1 FAL Occasional FAL Occasional throughout Common throughout Common throughout Occasional throughout 1 FAL 1 FAL Occasional throughout Occasional throughout 2 FAL Common Paracatu & TR Common throughout Common throughout **Occasional FAL** 1 on drive returning from TR Common throughout **Occasional FAL** 1 TR 1 FAL Occasional throughout Occasional throughout 1 on drive returning from TR 1 AL Occasional throughout Common throughout Common throughout 2 LdD Occasional throughout



Scaled Dove Columbina squammata Botanical Garden

Ruddy Ground-Dove Scaled Dove Picui Ground-Dove Blue Ground-Dove Rock Dove Picazuro Pigeon Pale-vented Pigeon Plumbeous Pigeon Eared Dove Gray-fronted Dove Blue-and-yellow Macaw Red-and-green Macaw Red-shouldered Macaw White-eyed Parakeet Jandaya Parakeet **Peach-fronted Parakeet Pfrimers Parakeet Blue-winged Parrotlet Yellow-chevroned Parakeet** Yellow-faced Amazon Parrot **Scaly-headed Amazon Parrot Turquoise-fronted Amazon Parrot Squirrel Cuckoo** Dark-billed Cuckoo

Columbina talpacoti Columbina squammata Columbina picui Claravis pretiosa Columba livia Patagioenas picazuro Patagioenas cayennensis Patagioenas plumbea Zenaida auriculata Leptotila rufaxilla Ara ararauna Ara chloropterus Diopsittaca nobilis Aratinga leucophthalma Aratinga jandaya Aratinga aurea Pyrrhura pfrimeri Forpus xanthopterygius Brotogeris chiriri Alipiopsitta xanthops Pionus maximiliani Amazona aestival Piaya cayana Coccyzus melacoryphus

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Smooth-billed Ani Guira Cuckoo **Striped Cuckoo** Barn Owl **Tropical Screech-Owl Burrowing Owl Common Potoo** Pauraque Little Nightjar **Scissor-tailed Nightjar** Sick's Swift Fork-tailed Palm-Swift **Planalto Hermit Swallow-tailed Hummingbird** Sombre Hummingbird White-vented Violet-ear **Glittering-bellied Emerald** Fork-tailed Woodnymph **Glittering-throated Emerald Horned Sungem Amethyst Woodstar** Surucua Trogon **Ringed Kingfisher Amazon Kingfisher Green Kingfisher Rufous-capped Motmot Amazonian Motmot Brown Jacamar Rufous-tailed Jacamar** White-eared Puffbird Spot-backed Puffbird **Rusty-breasted Nunlet Black-fronted Nunbird Toco Toucan Channel-billed Toucan Chestnut-eared Aracari** White-wedged Piculet White Woodpecker Little Woodpecker **Checkered Woodpecker Green-barred Woodpecker Campo Flicker Ochre-backed Woodpecker Crimson-crested Woodpecker Collared Crescentchest Great Antshrike**

Crotophaga ani Guira guira Tapera naevia Tyto alba Megascops choliba Athene cunicularia Nyctibius griseus Nyctidromus albicollis Caprimulgus parvulus Hydropsalis torquata Chaetura meridionalis Tachornis squamata Phaethornis pretrei Eupetomena macroura Aphantochroa cirrochloris Colibri serrirostris Chlorostilbon lucidus Thalurania furcate Amazilia fimbriata Heliactin bilophus Calliphlox amethystina Trogon surrucura Megaceryle torquata Chloroceryle amazona Chloroceryle americana Baryphthengus ruficapillus Momotus momota Brachygalba lugubris Galbula ruficauda Nystalus chacuru Nystalus maculatus Nonnula rubecula Monasa nigrifrons Ramphastos toco Ramphastos vitellinus Pteroglossus castanotis Picumnus albosquamatus Melanerpes candidus Veniliornis passerinus Veniliornis mixtus Colaptes melanochloros Colaptes campestris Celeus ochraceus Campephilus melanoleucos Melanopareia torquata Taraba major

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Barred Antshrike Rufous-winged Antshrike Planalto Slaty-Antshrike Variable Antshrike **Plain Antvireo Black-capped Antwren Black-bellied Antwren Rufous Gnateater Brasilia Tapaculo Olivaceous Woodcreeper Planalto Woodcreeper** Narrow-billed Woodcreeper **Rufous Hornero Sooty-fronted Spinetail Pale-breasted Spinetail Ochre-cheeked Spinetail Rusty-backed Spinetail Rufous-fronted Thornbird Point-tailed Palmcreeper Russet-mantled Foliage-gleaner Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner Sharp-tailed Streamcreeper Streaked Xenops Gray-hooded Flycatcher** Sepia-capped Flycatcher **Southern Antpipit**

Thamnophilus doliatus Thamnophilus torquatus Thamnophilus pelzelni Thamnophilus caerulescens Dysithamnus mentalis Herpsilochmus atricapillus Formicivora melanogaster Conopophaga lineata Scytalopus novacapitalis Sittasomus griseicapillus Dendrocolaptes platyrostris Lepidocolaptes angustirostris Furnarius rufus Synallaxis frontalis Synallaxis albescens Synallaxis scutata Cranioleuca vulpine Phacellodomus rufifrons Berlepschia rikeri Syndactyla dimidiata Philydor rufum Lochmias nematura Xenops rutilans Mionectes rufiventris Leptopogon amaurocephalus Corythopis delalandi

1 FAL 2 AL 2 FAL 3 AL 1 MMP 2 TR Common FAL **Occasional FAL** Occasional throughout 5 TR 1 FAL 2 AL 6 FAL Occasional throughout 2 Paracatu 3 MMP 2 TR Occasional throughout Common throughout Occasional throughout Occasional throughout 5 FAL 2 AL 10 RDF330 1 on drive to TR 2 FAL 1 TR 2 FAL Common FAL 3 FAL **Occasional FAL** Occasional throughout Occasional throughout

Pauraque Nyctidromus albicollis Fazenda Agua Limpa



Peary-vented Tody-tyrant Common Tody-Flycatcher Planalto Tyrannulet Gray Elaenia Greenish Elaenia Olivaceous Elaenia Plain-crested Elaenia Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet Suiriri Flycatcher **Sharp-tailed Grass Tyrant Yellow-olive Flycatcher** White-throated Spadebill **Bran-coloured Flycatcher Cliff Flycatcher Euler's Flycatcher Tropical Peewee Caatinga Black-Tyrant Crested Black-Tyrant** Gray Monjita White-rumped Monjita **Masked Water-Tyrant** White-headed Marsh-Tyrant Long-tailed Tyrant **Cattle Tyrant Piratic Flycatcher Rusty-margined Flycatcher Social Flycatcher Great Kiskadee** Lesser Kiskadee **Streaked Flycatcher Boat-billed Flycatcher** Variegated Flycatcher **Crowned Slaty Flycatcher** White-throated Kingbird **Tropical Kingbird Fork-tailed Flycatcher Rufous Casiornis Short-crested Flycatcher Pale-bellied Tyrant-Manakin Helmeted Manakin Greenish Schiffornis Black-crowned Tityra Black-tailed Tityra** White-winged Becard **Crested Becard**

Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer Todirostrum cinereum Phyllomyias fasciatus Myiopagis caniceps Myiopagis viridicata Elaenia mesoleuca Elaenia cristata Camptostoma obsoletum Suiriri suiriri Culicivora caudacuta Tolmomyias sulphurescens Platyrinchus mystaceus Myiophobus fasciatus Hirundinea ferruginea Lathrotriccus euleri Contopus cinereus Knipolegus franciscanus Knipolegus lophotes Xolmis cinereus Xolmis velatus Fluvicola nengeta Arundinicola leucocephala Colonia colonus Machetornis rixosa Legatus leucophaius Myiozetetes cayanensis Myiozetetes similis Pitangus sulphuratus Philohydor lector Myiodynastes maculatus Megarynchus pitangua Empidonomus varius Griseotyrannus aurantioatrocristatus Tyrannus albogularis Tyrannus melancholicus Tyrannus savanna Casiornis rufus Myiarchus ferox Neopelma pallescens Antilophia galeata Schiffornis virescens Tityra inquisitor Tityra cayana Pachyramphus polychopterus Pachyramphus validus

5 MMP Occasional throughout 1 FAL 2 AL 1 TR 2 FAL Occasional throughout Occasional throughout 5 RDF330 2 AL Occasional throughout Occasional FAL 2 FAL 3 TR Occasional throughout 2 FAL 2 MMP 1 AL 1 FAL 1 FAL 3 Dam near Paracatu, 1 LdD 2 Dam near Paracatu, 2 LdD Occasional throughout Occasional throughout Occasional throughout Occasional throughout 1 TR Common throughout 1 FAL 2 FAL 1 TR Occasional throughout Occasional throughout 1 FAL 3 FAL 1 TR Common throughout 1 Dam near Paracatu 1 FAL 2 TR Occasional throughout Occasional FAL Common FAL Occasional FAL 2 TR 2 MMP 1 FAL 1 TR **3 MMP**

Rufous-browed Peppershrike Chivi Vireo **Curl-crested Jay** White-naped Jay **Blue-and-white Swallow** Southern Rough-winged Swallow **Grey-breasted Martin** White-winged Swallow White-rumped Swallow Southern House-Wren **Grass Wren Buff-breasted Wren Masked Gnatcatcher** Veery **Rufous-bellied Thrush Pale-breasted Thrush Creamy-bellied Thrush** White-necked Thrush **Chalk-browed Mockingbird** Bananaquit **Black-faced Tanager** Shrike-like Tanager **Hooded Tanager Orange-headed Tanager Black-goggled Tanager Hepatic Tanager Gray-headed Tanager** White-lined Tanager Silver-beaked Tanager Sayaca Tanager **Palm Tanager**

Cyclarhis gujanensis Vireo chivi Cyanocorax cristatellus Cyanocorax cyanopogon Pygochelidon cyanoleuca Stelgidopteryx ruficollis Progne chalybea Tachycineta albiventer Tachycineta leucorrhoa Troglodytes musculus Cistothorus platensis Cantorchilus leucotis Polioptila dumicola Catharus fuscescens Turdus rufiventris Turdus leucomelas Turdus amaurochalinus Turdus albicollis Mimus saturninus Coereba flaveola Schistochlamys melanopis Neothraupis fasciata Nemosia pileata Thlypopsis sordida Trichothraupis melanops Piranga flava Eucometis penicillata Tachyphonus rufus Ramphocelus carbo Thraupis sayaca Thraupis palmarum

Occasional throughout 1 FAL 3 TR Occasional throughout 2 TR Common throughout 5 MMP Occasional throughout 2 TR 1 Dam near Paracatu Occasional throughout 1 FAL 3 AL **Occasional FAL** Occasional throughout 1 FAL Common throughout Common throughout 1 FAL 3 TR Common throughout Occasional throughout 1 FAL 3 RDF330 5 FAL 2 FAL 1 AL Occasional throughout **Occasional FAL Occasional FAL** Occasional throughout 1 FAL Common throughout Occasional throughout

Sharp-tailed Streamcreeper Lochmias nematura Fazenda Agua Limpa



Burnished-buff Tanager Blue Dacnis Guira Tanager Rufous-collared Sparrow Grassland Sparrow Blue Finch Cinereous Warbling-Finch Stripe-tailed Yellow-Finch Saffron Finch Grassland Yellow-Finch Blue-black Grassquit Plumbeous Seedeater Lined Seedeater Yellow-bellied Seedeater Double-collared Seedeater White-bellied Seedeater **Pearly-bellied Seedeater Copper Seedeater** Saffron-billed Sparrow **Grey Pileated Finch Red-crested Finch Red-cowled Cardinal Buff-throated Saltator Grayish Saltator Green-winged Saltator Black-throated Saltator Tropical Parula Masked Yellowthroat** White-bellied Warbler **Flavescent Warbler** White-striped Warbler **Crested Oropendola** Yellow-rumped Cacique Variable Oriole **Campo Troupial Chopi Blackbird Chestnut-capped Blackbird** Screaming Cowbird **Shiny Cowbird** White-browed Blackbird **Purple-throated Euphonia Violaceous Euphonia Common Waxbill House Sparrow**

Tangara cayana Dacnis cayana Hemithraupis guira Zonotrichia capensis Ammodramus humeralis Porphyrospiza caerulescens Poospiza cinerea Sicalis citrina Sicalis flaveola Sicalis luteola Volatinia jacarina Sporophila plumbea Sporophila lineola Sporophila nigricollis Sporophila caerulescens Sporophila leucoptera Sporophila pileata Sporophila bouvreuil Arremon flavirostris Coryphospingus pileatus Coryphospingus cucullatus Paroaria dominicana Saltator maximus Saltator coerulescens Saltator similis Saltator atricollis Parula pitiayumi Geothlypis aequinoctialis Basileuterus hypoleucus Basileuterus flaveolus **Basileuterus** leucophrys Psarocolius decumanus Cacicus cela Icterus pyrrhopterus Icterus jamacaii Gnorimopsar chopi Chrysomus ruficapillus Molothrus rufoaxillaris Molothrus bonariensis Sturnella superciliaris Euphonia chlorotica Euphonia violacea Estrilda astrild Passer domesticus

Common throughout Common throughout Occasional throughout Common throughout Common FAL 2 AL 3 AL 2 FAL Common throughout 5 FAL Common throughout 1 FAL 10 AL 1 on drive to TR Common throughout 5 FAL 5 FAL 2 AL 1 LdD **Occasional FAL** Occasional throughout 3 FAL 10 TR Occasional throughout 1 TR Occasional throughout 5 AL 1 MMP Occasional FAL **Occasional FAL** Common FAL Occasional throughout **Occasional FAL** 1 MMP Occasional TR 5 TR Occasional throughout 3 TR 10 FAL 2 Dam near Paracatu ~30 TR Common FAL 10 Dam near Paracatu 5 TR Occasional throughout Occasional throughout **Occasional FAL** Common throughout

MAMMALS

Seven-banded Armadillo	Dasypus septemcinctu
Black-tufted Marmoset	Callithrix penicillata
Black-striped Capuchin	Sapajus libidinosus
Maned Wolf	Chrysocyon brachyurus
Brown Rat	Rattus norvegicus
Capybara	Hydrochaeris hydrochaeris
Azara's Agouti	Dasyprocta azarae
Tapeti/Brazilian Cottontail	Sylvilagus brasiliensis

REPTILES

Lizard sp.	Tropidurus oreadicus
Boa Constrictor	Boa constrictor

AMPHIBIANS

'Common Toad-Frog'	
Cane Toad	

Leptodactylus mystaceus Rhinella marina

DRAGONFLIES

Malachite Darner	Remartinia luteipennis
Twilight Duskhawker	Gynacantha nervosa
Bar-sided Duskhawker	Gynacantha Mexicana
Band-winged Dragonlet	Erythrodiplax umbrata
Carmine Skimmer	Orthemis discolour

DAMSELFLIES

Clear-winged Metallic Spray-zone Flatwing Venezuelan Greytip Neotropical Bluet Mnesarete hyaline Heteragrion triangulare Epipleoneura venezuelensis Enallagma novaehispaniae

Seven-banded Armadillo Dasypus septemcinctu Fazenda Agua Limpa





Red-barred Amarynthis Amarynthis meneria Fazenda Agua Limpa

BUTTERFLIES

Gray Cracker	Hamadryas februa
Menelaus Blue Morpho	Morpho nestira
Teucer Owl butterfly	Caligo teucer
Variable Cattle-heart	Parides erithalion
Straight-line Sulphur	Rhabdodryas trite
Apricot Sulphur	Phoebis argante
Red-barred Amarynthis	Amarynthis meneria
Superb Numberwing	Callicore excelsior
Godart's Agrias	Agrias claudina
Montane Longwing	Heliconius clysonymus
Andromica Glasswing	Greta andromica
Genoveva Buckeye	Junonia genoveva
Southern Monarch	Danaus erippus
Alana White Skipper	Heliopetes alana
Southern Sicklewing	Eantis thraso

KEY

FAL - Fazenda Agua Limpa AL - Altiplano Leste TR - Terra Ronca LdD - Lagoa do Descoberto MMP - MONA do Morro da Pedreira RDF330 - Rodovia DF-330