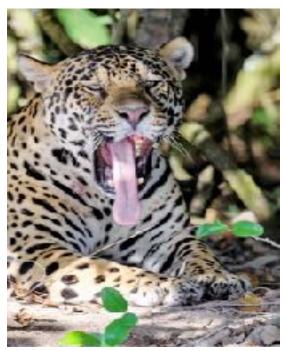
Report of a bird and mammal watching trip to

Brazil and Argentina

from 28 April to 12 May 2018

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3 Jaguar, Porto Jofre and Gilded Hummingbird, Iguazú.



Introduction

To make sure we would eventually, after multiple visits to the forests of South and Central America, have good looks of and ample opportunities to take decent photographs of Jaquar we (Inge and Dick Meijer, Evelien van Gulick and Evert Meijer) booked a 7-day-Jaguar-Safari-trip with Pantanal Jaguar Safaris (<u>www.pantanaljaguarsafaris.com or</u> <u>contact@pantanaljaguarsafaris.com</u>); our main course. As an appetizer we paid perhaps too short a visit to Foz do Iguaçu and Iguazú, arguably the most beautiful falls of the world and we stayed a few days in the well-known Hotel do Ype in Itatiaia as a dessert. Though finding the much sought-after Jaguar and Ocelot (and perhaps Jaguarundi, Oncilla and Puma) was the main object of our trip, I availed myself of the opportunity of seeking a few much sought-after species of bird which I missed during previous trips to Iquazú, Argentina in 1999 and the Pantanal and Itatiaia, Brazil in 2001. These missed species included Black-fronted Piping-Guan and Helmeted Woodpecker (Iguazú), Long-tailed Ground-Dove and Nanday Parakeet (Pantanal) and Black-and-gold Cotinga, Swallow-tailed Cotinga and Shrikelike Cotinga (Itatiaia).

The perfectly organized Jaguar–safari in the Pantanal – professionally guided by Ben Freitas (benbirder@gmail.com), an excellent birder – was obviously the highlight of our trip producing Jaguar and Ocelot and 17 other species of mammal, as well as 189 species of bird. Expertly guided by Miguel Castelino of Trogon Tours (www.trogontours.com or info@trogontours.com) Iguazú – fantastic scenery! – produced 5 species of mammal and 92 species of bird. In Itatiaia – Hotel do Ype is a great place to relax! – guided by Ricardo Barbosa (skillful, calm and good company) (ricbrazil@hotmail.com) we found 7 species of mammal and 174 species of bird. In the Atlantic Forests of Itatiaia we found the highest number of my targets and Brazilian endemic species of bird alike. Jaguar in the Pantanal was without question our major prize and Ocelot was a very good second: great and prolonged views!

Area	Birds	Mammals
Iguazú / Foz do Iguaçu	92 (11 targets, 0 endemic to Brazil / 5 heard only)	5
Pantanal	189 (7 targets, 2 endemic to Brazil / 13 heard only)	19

Table 1: Survey of recorded numbers of birds and mammals per area.

In total we recorded 27 species of mammal of which besides Jaguar and Ocelot, both White-lipped and Collared Peccary, Brazilian Tapir, Giant Anteater and Tayra were goodies; Masked Titi Monkey was unfortunately heard only (HO).

In total we recorded 368 species of bird of which 35 are endemic to Brazil and 33 species were heard only. Such's Antthrush and Mouse–colored Tapaculo in Itatiaia approached to less than 3 meters, but refused to show themselves. In Iguazú and Foz do Iguaçu Slaty–breasted Wood–Rail, Gilded Hummingbird, Rufous Gnateater, Spot–backed Antshrike and Tufted Antshrike were very welcome new species. In the Pantanal Long–tailed Ground–Dove and Nanday Parakeet were the best species since Hyacinth Macaw – which bird is more beautiful? – and Zigzag Heron were no target species. In Itatiaia Black–and–gold Cotinga, Slaty Bristlefront (cracking views!), Giant Snipe and Gray–backed Tachuri were the best birds.

Helmeted Woodpecker and Black-fronted Piping-Guan are apparently not that easy in Iguazú/Foz do Iguaçu, since I missed them again. Perhaps Intervales is a better option to look for these species. In Itatiaia, Swallow-tailed and Shrike-like Cotingas turned out to be impossible this time of the year. Again Intervales in October should be good for Swallow-tailed Cotinga and Regua might produce Shrike-like Cotinga at the end of the year. Bamboo species like Bertoni's Antbird, Uniform Finch and many of the seedeaters could not be found because of recent blooming and subsequent dying of bamboo in Itatiaia.

The risk of time-pressure always lurks in the concept for which we opted. Indeed we might have stayed a bit longer in Iguazú. In the Pantanal and in Itatiaia we had sufficient time to see the things we wanted to see and to do the things we wanted to do.

We had a great and hassle-free trip!

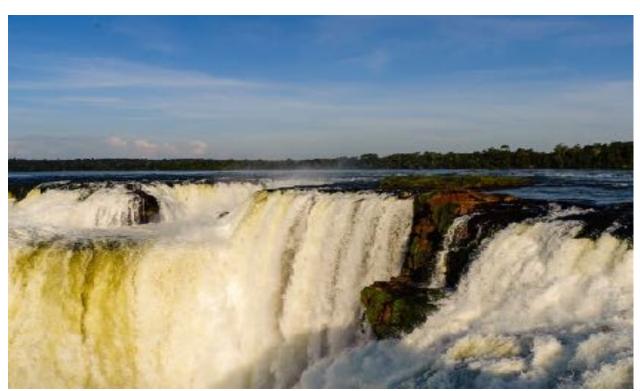
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Sites visited and noteworthy species of bird

Foz do Iguaçu and Iguazú

Main target species (10) – species only possible in Iguazú with this itinerary – were: Solitary Tinamou, Spotted Nothura, Black–fronted Piping–Guan, Violaceous Quail–Dove, Purple–crowned Plovercrest, Helmeted Woodpecker, Olive Spinetail, Bay–ringed Tyrannulet, Lesser Grass–Finch and Blackish–blue Seedeater.

Other targets (24) were: Small-billed Tinamou, Slaty-breasted Wood-Rail, Ash-throated Crake, Pavonine Cuckoo, Black-capped Screech-Owl, Sooty Swift, Gilded Hummingbird, White-spotted Woodpecker, Spot-backed Antshrike, Tufted Antshrike, Bertoni's Antbird, Rufous Gnateater, Speckle-breasted Antpitta, Short-tailed Antthrush, Rufous-breasted Leaftosser, Plain-winged Woodcreeper, White-throated Woodcreeper, Black-billed Scythebill, Black-capped Foliage-gleaner, White-eyed Foliage-gleaner, Ochre-faced Tody-Flycatcher, Russet-winged Spadebill, Three-striped Flycatcher and Brazilian Tanager.



Iguazú falls, Garganta del Diablo, Iguazú.

Pantanal

Main target species (30) – species only possible in the Pantanal with this itinerary – were: Gray Tinamou, Rufous–thighed Kite, Mississippi Kite, Bicolored Hawk, Gray–breasted Crake, Giant Wood–Rail, Russet–crowned Crake, Long–tailed Dove, Pheasant Cuckoo, Striped Owl, Spot–tailed Nightjar, Blue–tufted Starthroat, White–wedged Piculet, White–fronted Woodpecker, Checkered Woodpecker, Pale–crested Woodpecker, Yellow–faced Parrot, Blaze–winged Parakeet, Nanday Parakeet, Bolivian Slaty–Antshrike, Black–bellied Antwren, Layard's Woodcreeper, Cinereous–breasted Spinetail, Plain Tyrannulet, Sharp–tailed Tyrannulet, White–striped Warbler, Black–and–tawny Seedeater, Copper Seedeater, Rufous–rumped Seedeater and Chestnut Seedeater.

Other targets (11) were: Small-billed Tinamou, Ash-throated Crake, Pavonine Cuckoo, Sooty Swift, Gilded Hummingbird, Planalto Slaty-Antshtrike, Rufous Gnateater, Sooty-fronted Spinetail, White-bellied Tyrannulet, Pearly-bellied Seedeater and Tawny-bellied Seedeater.

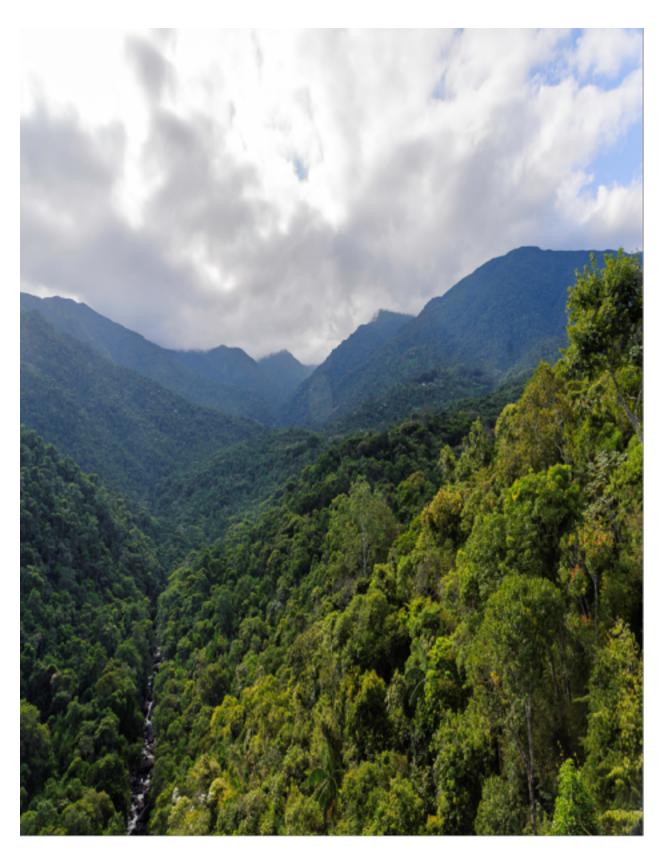


Cessna-view of Pantanal.

Itatiaia

Main target species (69) – species only possible in Itatiaia with this itinerary - were: Gray-bellied Hawk, White-necked Hawk, Mantled Hawk, Purplewinged Ground-Dove, Rusty-barred Owl, Dusky-throated Hermit, Festive Coquette, Stripe-brested Starthroat, Green-crowned Plovercrest, Sombre Hummingbird, Sapphire-spangled Emerald, Crescent-chested Puffbird, Yellow-eared Woodpecker, Brown-backed Parrotlet, Pileated Parrot, Maroonfaced Parakeet, Giant Antshrike, Large-tailed Antshrike, White-bearded Antshrike, Rufous-capped Antshrike, Sooretama Slaty-Antshrike, Rufousbacked Antvireo, Rufous-tailed Antbird, Dusky-tailed Antbird, Rio de Janeiro Antbird, White-bibbed Antbird, Squamate Antbird, Black-cheeked Gnateater, Slaty Bristlefront, White-breasted Tapaculo, Such's Antthrush, Whitecollared Foliage-gleaner, Pale-browed Treehunter, White-browed Foliagegleaner, Orange-eyed Thornbird, Firewood-gatherer, Gray-bellied Spinetail, Gray-backed Tachuri, Olivaceous Elaenia, Oustalet's Tyrannulet, Sierra do Mar Tyrannulet, Rough-legged Tyrannulet, Gray-capped Tyrannulet, Hangnest Tody-Tyrant, Fork-tailed Pygmy-Tyrant, Gray-headed Tody-Flycatcher, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Rufous-tailed Attila, Gray-hooded Attila, Black-and-gold Cotinga, Bare-throated Bellbird, Swallow-tailed Cotinga, Wied's Tyrant-Manakin, Serro do Mar Tyrant-Manakin, Pin-tailed Manakin, Black-capped Piprites, Shrike-like Cotinga, Gray-eyed Greenlet, Long-billed Wren, Hellmayr's Pipit, White-browed Warbler, Cinnamon Tanager, Rednecked Tanager, Black-legged Dacnis, Uniform Finch, Temminck's Seedeater, Buff-fronted Seedeater, Black-throated Grosbeak and Half-collared Sparrow.

Other targets (24) were: Slaty-breasted Wood-Rail, Ash-throated Crake, Black-capped Screech-Owl, Sooty Swift, White-spotted Woodpecker, Spotbacked Antshrike, Tufted Antshrike, Planalto Slaty-Antshrike, Bertoni's Antbird, Rufous Gnateater, Speckle-breasted Antpitta, Short-tailed Antthrush, Rufous-breasted Leaftosser, Plain-winged Woodcreeper, White-throated Woodcreeper, Black-billed Scythebill, Black-capped Foliage-gleaner, White-eyed Foliage-gleaner, Sooty-fronted Spinetail, Ochre-faced Tody-Flycatcher, Russet-winged Spadebill, Three-striped Flycatcher, Brazilian Tanager and Tawny-bellied Seedeater.



View from Agulhas Negras road, Itatiaia.

Recorded targets in Argentina and Brazil 2018	Iguazú/ Foz do Iguaçu	Pant anal	Itatiaia	Additional info
Slaty-breasted Wood-Rail	1		1	
Ash-throated Crake			1	HO in Itatiaia
Giant Snipe			1	Unexpected, not on shortlist
Long-tailed Ground-Dove		1		
Green-crowned Plovercrest			1	
Gilded Hummingbird	1	1		
White-wedged Piculet		1		
White-spotted Woodpecker	1		1	
Yellow-eared Woodpecker			1	
Pale-crested Woodpecker		1		
Pileated Parrot			1	HO in Itatiaia
Nanday Parakeet		1		
Spot-backed Antshrike	1			
Giant Antshrike			0	Was HO, remains HO, no improvement
Large-tailed Antshrike			0	Was HO, remains HO, no improvement
Tufted Antshrike	1		1	Was HO, now seen
Rufous-capped Antshrike			1	Was HO, now seen
Planalto Slaty-Antshrike		1		
Rufous-backed Antvireo			1	
Rufous-tailed Antbird			1	

White-bibbed Antbird		1	Was HO, now seen
Black-cheeked Gnateater		1	
Rufous Gnateater	1	1	
Slaty Bristlefront		1	
Rufous-breasted Leaftosser		1	HO in Itatiaia
Plain-winged Woodcreeper	1		Was HO, now seen
White-throated Woodcreeper	1	1	Was HO, now seen
Black-billed Scythebill		1	
White-collared Foliage- gleaner		1	
Black-capped Foliage- gleaner	1	1	
White-browed Foliage- gleaner		1	
White-eyed Foliage- gleaner	1		
Orange-eyed Thornbird		1	
Firewood-gatherer		1	
Gray-bellied Spinetail		1	HO in Itatiaia
Gray-backed Tachuri		1	
Olivaceous Elaenia		1	HO in Itatiaia
White-bellied Tyrannulet	1		HO in Iguazú
Serra do Mar Tyrannulet		1	
Rough-legged Tyrannulet		1	
Gray-capped Tyrannulet		1	

Plain Tyrannulet		1		HO in Pantanal
Fork-tailed Pygmy-Tyrant			1	
Ochre-faced Tody-Tyrant			1	Was HO, now seen
Gray-headed Tody- Flycatcher			1	
Black-and-gold Cotinga			1	
Bare-throated Bellbird			1	HO in Itatiaia
Serra do Mar Tyrant- Manakin			1	
Pin-tailed Manakin			1	Was HO, now seen
Black-capped Piprites			1	
White-browed Warbler			1	
Brazilian Tanager			1	
Black-throated Grosbeak			1	
Half-collared Sparrow			1	
Totals	11	7	41	

Table 2: Recorded targets (52 + 2 HO again) per site.

Endemic species	Site(s) where recorded
Chestnut-bellied Guan	Pantanal, Pouso Alegre and Porto Jofre
Brazilian Ruby	Itatiaia, Hotel do Ype
Yellow-eared Woodpecker	Itatiaia, Maromba trail
Plain Parakeet	Itatiaia, Tres Picos trail
Planalto Slaty-Antshrike	Pantanal, Rio Pixaim

Rufous-backed Antvireo	Itatiaia, Tres Picos trail
Ferruginous Antbird	Itatiaia, Tres Picos trail
Rufous-tailed Antbird	Itatiaia, Agulhas Negras road
Ochre-rumped Antbird	Itatiaia, Tres Picos trail and Maromba trail
White-bibbed Antbird	Itatiaia, Tres Picos trail
Black-cheeked Gnateater	Itatiaia, Tres Picos trail
Slaty Bristlefront	Itatiaia, below Hotel do Ype
Black–and–gold Cotinga	Itatiaia, Agulhas Negras road
Scaled Woodcreeper	Itatiaia, Hotel do Ype
White-collared Foliage-gleaner	Itatiaia, Tres Picos trail and Maromba trail
Orange-eyed Thornbird	Itatiaia, Tres Picos trail
Itatiaia Spinetail	Itatiaia, Agulhas Negras road
Pallid Spinetail	Itatiaia, Tres Picos trail, Maromba trail and Agulhas Negras road
Gray-backed Tachuri	Itatiaia, Agulhas Negras road
Serra do Mar Tyrannulet	Itatiaia, Agulhas Negras road
Gray-capped Tyrannuilet	Itatiaia, Tres Picos trail, Maromba trail and Agulhas Negras road
Fork-tailed Tody-Tyrant	Itatiaia, Tres Pico trail
Gray-headed Tody-Flycatcher	Itatiaia, Tres Picos trail and Agulhas Negras road
Velvety Black–Tyrant	Itatiaia, Tres Picos trail, Maromba trail and Agulhas Negras road
Serra do Mar Tyrant-Manakin	Itatiaia, Agulhas Negras road
Pin–tailed Manakin	Itatiaia, Hotel do Ype
Brown Tanager	Itatiaia, Tres Picos trail
Olive–green Tanager	Itataia, Hotel do Ype
Golden-chevroned Tanager	Itatiaia, Hotel do Ype
Brassy-breasted Tanager	Itatiaia, Tres Picos trail, Maromba trail and Agulhas Negras road
Gilt-edged Tanager	Itatiaia, Tres Picos trail

Rufous-headed Tanager	Itatiaia, Tres Picos trail
Bay-chested Warbling-Finch	Itatiaia, Agulhas Negras road
Buff-throated Warbling-Finch	Itatiaia, Agulhas Negras road
Half-collared Sparrow	Itatiaia, Hotel do Ype

Table 3: Brazilian endemics (35) and sites where recorded.

Itinerary

Date	Transport and activities	Accommodation
27-4	From Amsterdam to São Paulo by plane.	Monreale Hotel Guarulhos, São Paulo.
28-4	From São Paulo to Foz do Iguaçu by plane, from Foz do Iguaçu to Iguazú and then to hummingbird garden by minibus and on foot at Antenna trail.	Complejo Americano, Iguazú, Argentina.
29-4	To parking Cataratas de Iguazú by taxi, on foot at Sendero Macuco and to Garganta del Diablo and back to parking by train.	Complejo Americano, Iguazú, Argentina.
30-4	From Iguazú to Foz do Iguaçu and Poço Preto by taxi, at Poço Preto trail on foot and by car, to airport Foz do Iguaçu by minibus and from Foz do Iguaçu to São Paulo by plane, from Congonhas airport to Viracopos airport by taxi, from São Paulo to Cuiabá by plane and on foot to hotel Slaviero Slim Aeroporto Cuiabá.	Slaviero Slim Cuiabá Aeroporto, Cuiabá.
1-5	From Cuiabá to Pouso Alegre lodge by minibus, at trail into gallery forest on foot and on access road by car.	Pouso Alegre lodge, Rio Bento Gomes.

2-5	On access road on foot, from Pouso Alegre to Pousado Rio Claro and to Fazenda Santa Tereza Ranch by minibus and by boat, on Rio Pixaim and to feeding station of Ocelots by boat.	Fazenda Santa Tereza Ranch, Rio Pixaim.
3-5	From Fazenda Santa Tereza to Pousada Piuval lodge by boat and by minibus and into gallery forest by safari car.	Pousada Piuval lodge.
4-5	Into gallery forest again and then to Poconé by minibus, from Poconé to Porto Jofre by plane, in garden hotel and on path along airstrip on foot and from Porto Jofre into Jaguarland by boat in the afternoon.	Hotel Pantanal Norte, Porto Jofre.
5-5	From Porto Jofre into Jaguarland Pantanal by boat in the morning and again in the afternoon.	Hotel Pantanal Norte, Porto Jofre.
6-5	From Porto Jofre into Jaguarland Pantanal by boat in the morning and again in the afternoon.	Hotel Pantanal Norte, Porto Jofre.
7–5	At airstrip and on southernmost part of Transpantaneira on foot, from Porto Jofre to Cuiabá by plane and from Cuiabá airport to hotel by car.	Slaviero Slim Cuiabá Aeroporto, Cuiabá.
8-5	From Cuiabá to São Paulo by plane and from São Paulo to Hotel do Ype by hired car.	Hotel do Ype, Itatiaia.
9-5	On grounds of Hotel do Ype and at Tres Picos trail by car and on foot in the morning and on grounds of Hotel Donati in the afternoon.	Hotel do Ype, Itatiaia.
10-5	Uphill Agulhas Negras road and to marsh Itamonte road by car.	Hotel do Ype, Itatiaia.
11-5	At Maromba trail in the morning on foot, from Hotel do Ype to São Paulo by hired car and from São Paulo to Amsterdam by plane.	On the plane.
12-5	Arrival at Schiphol airport at midday.	At home.

27 April

From Amsterdam to São Paulo by plane with KLM flight KL 0791 (12 hours) at 11.40 hrs. Passports expiring in June are fortunately okay when traveling to Brazil and Argentina at the end of April! By taxi from Guarulhos airport – one of the three airports of mega city São Paulo – to Monreale Hotel Guarulhos (www.monrealehotels.com), Nacunda Nighthawks along the road. Went to bed after a snack and a drink. Slept in Monreale Hotel Guarulhos which did not please us very much: small room and very noisy because of nearby elevator.

28 April

From hotel to Guarulhos airport by shuttle and from São Paulo to Foz do Iguaçu by plane with GOL flight G31170 (1 hour and 40 minutes). Met our guide Miguel Castelino (info@trogontours.com) and driver Wilson. Crossed the border from Brazil to Argentina, drove to the border triangle of Brazil, Argentina and Paraguay and visited the hummingbird garden in Puerto Iguazú. Gilded Hummingbird was the star bird in the garden with 9 different species of hummingbirds. Drove to Complejo Americano and walked the near Antenna trail where we found Rufous Gnateater, Spot-backed Antshrike and White-eyed Foliage-gleaner, all skulking birds. Slept in Complejo Americano, which was okay: spacious room and good facilities. Had good weather: warm, cloudless, no wind, 28 ° C.

29 April

Spent the whole day at the famous Iguazú falls. Walked a part of Sendero Macuco, along the falls (Slaty-breasted Wood-Rail, Tufted Antshrike and White-bellied Tyrannulet (HO) and to Garganta del Diablo (on foot, train too crowded, going back we succeeded in getting a seat on the train). 1,3 million people visit the falls annually, which means 'you never walk alone' there. Most birders don't like mass tourism, neither do they like tame South American Coatis and Black-capped Capuchin Monkeys at the fast food kiosks eating the left overs or trying to steal food from tourists after being fed by them. Could not find the much sought-after Black-fronted Piping-Guan which is sometimes seen on the islets in the river. Had dinner in La Rueda which was a treat: delicious food and excellent service. Slept in Complejo Americano again. Had beautiful, warm weather again, well over 30 ° C.

30 April

Left Complejo Americano at 5.15 hrs., crossed the border to Brazil again and drove to the entrance of Poço Preto trail. Went on foot to the second stream, where we had an excellent field breakfast in a pleasant atmosphere. Enjoyed the calmness of this trail - quite a contrast to the crowded paths at Iguazú falls - and found some much sought-after species: White-throated Woodcreeper, Plain-winged Woodcreeper (seeking the company of Blackcapped Capuchin Monkeys), the very distinctive Black-capped Foliagegleaner and White-spotted Woodpecker. Explored the trail as far as the watch tower at the river and went back to the parking by electric car. The much sought-after Helmeted Woodpecker and Black-throated Piping-Guan remained unseen. Were taken to Iquaçu airport and went from Foz do Iguaçu to São Paulo Congonhas airport by plane with GOL flight G31101 (1 hour and 25 minutes), went from Congonhas to Viracopos airport by taxi (arranged via www.isouthamericam.com) (1 hour and 20 minutes), went from São Paulo to Cuiabá by plane with AZUL flight AD 4490 (2 hours and 20 minutes) and went to our hotel on foot. Slept in Hotel Slaviero Slim Aeroporto Cuiabá, which was very much okay. Had beautiful weather again.

1 May

Met co-owner of Pantanal Safaris Leen Gillis and our guide Ben, drove to Pouso Alegre (www.pousalegre.com.br) and had the first impressions of the abundant wildlife of the Pantanal. The first much sought-after Long-tailed Ground-Doves were found along the access road to the lodge, where we also had White-lipped Peccary and Capybara. Walked into the near gallery forest and saw Brazilian Tapir, Azara's Agouti, Black-hooded Capuchin Monkey and Black-tailed Marmosets as well as our first Hyacinth Macaws of the trip. Did a night drive on the access road after dinner which produced amongst other things Crab-eating Fox, many Yacare Caimans and Brazilian Rabbit. Slept in Pouso Alegre which was simple but quite efficient: spacious rooms and shower, cold water supply on the veranda, good food and excellent service. Had beautiful warm weather again.

2 May

Made a pre-breakfast walk on the access road which produced two more Brazilian Tapirs and Collared Peccary and drove a detour to Pousada Rio Claro where we had great views of the much sought-after Nanday Parakeet. Continued our drive south on the Transpantaneira to Hotel Mato Grosso at the Rio Pixaim. Went to Fazenda Santa Tereza Ranch by boat (15 minutes) which pleased us very much from the very first seconds we were there: beautifully situated at the Rio Pixaim, Capybaras in front of our very spacious rooms, provided with all conveniences (2 desks with a chair, WiFi, air-co, hat-and-coat stand, hammocks on the veranda, good food and excellent service). A watch tower near a nest of Jabiru at 200 m from the restaurant provided very good opportunities to take photographs of this huge stork. Made a boat trip on Rio Pixaim in the afternoon with a very responsive Zigzag Heron at an oxbow lake as a highlight and made another boat trip in the evening to a site where Ocelots are being fed. A dominant female Ocelot and a submissive male gave a great show! Slept in Fazenda Santa Tereza Ranch (https://www.melhorepousadas.tur.br in Portuguese), where we were the only quests. Had beautiful warm weather again with temperatures rising to 35 ° C at midday when the air-co is highly appreciated.

3 May

Made another pre-breakfast walk on a partly flooded trail where we found many foot prints of Jaguar in hardened mud. Went back to Mato Grosso by boat with a stop at a dry river bank which produced Planalto Slaty-Antshrike and Plain Tyrannulet (HO) and again a calling Zigzag Heron (HO). Drove north on the Transpantaneira to Pousada Piuval lodge (www.pousadapiuval.com.br), another good place to stay with recently built spacious rooms and a good restaurant. Made a safari in an open safari truck from 15.30 hrs. to 18.30 hrs. with good views of Giant Anteater as a highlight as well as the smell of Jaguar. Slept in Pousada Piuval lodge. Had beautiful warm weather again.

Made a pre-breakfast car drive which was rather uneventful though we had good views of 2 Crab-eating Foxes. Drove to Poconé airport after breakfast and went to Porto Jofre by 4-seater Cessna (actually 2 Cessna's), which was great fun and provided great views of the Pantanal from the air. This flight was an expensive necessity as the road south of Rio Pixaim to Porto Jofre was impassable for 60 kilometers as a result of recent heavy rainfall. Made a short walk in the garden of Hotel Pantanal Norte before we needed the air-co of our excellent rooms. Made an upstream boat trip on the Cuiabá river and found a Jaguar offering great and prolonged views on a dry river bank within an hour ('I love it when a plan comes together!'). Also found 2 Giant Otters shortly after that although better views were required of these animals. Had a blank day birdwise: no targets seen today. Slept in Hotel Pantanal Norte which was very much okay and had an extremely friendly chef. Had the usual beautiful warm weather again.

5 May

Made a boat trip downstream from 6.00 hrs. to 11.15 hrs. and upstream from 14.30 hrs. to 17.45 hrs. Rather uneventful though I did see White—wedged Piculet, one of the target species. Highlights were the estimated 2000 Snail Kites flying to their roost a few hundred meters upstream from Porto Jofre. Had the usual beautiful warm weather again though not as clear as the previous days.

6 May

Made a boat trip upstream again from 6.00 hrs. to 11.20 hrs. Again our boatman Betto found a Jaguar on the river bank which allowed us great looks and provided ample opportunities to take photographs at close quarters. Added Southern River Otter to our mammal–trip list. Made another boat trip from 14.30 hrs. to 17.30 hrs. and found a party of 4 obliging – indeed much better views! – Giant Otters and 2 more further upstream. Slept in Hotel Pantanal Norte again. Again had beautiful warm weather though we could see thunderstorms and lightning in the distance.

7 May

Made a walk to and on the southernmost part of the Transpantaneira from 6.00 hrs. to 8.45 hrs. where we found plenty of fresh Jaguar foot prints causing us to stay together just in case an angry animal might cross our path. Highlights were a mixed species flock and Pale-crested Woodpecker, one of the targets. Went from Porto Jofre to Cuiabá by 6-seater Cessna (50 minutes). Were welcomed by André, Leen's husband and also co-owner of Pantanal Safaris and had a farewell lunch with André and Ben. Were taken to our hotel where we said goodbye to Ben. Visited a nearby mall and went to bed early. Slept in Hotel Slaviero Slim Cuiabá Aeroporto again.

8 May

Were taken to the airport by the hotel shuttle and went from Cuiabá to São Paulo by plane with AZUL flight AD2433 (2 hours and 30 minutes) and from São Paulo to Hotel do Ype in Itatiaia (4 hours and 30 minutes) by Hertz–hired car. Met our guide Ricardo Barbosa in the restaurant. Slept in Hotel do Ype which is very much okay. Had our first and only rainfall when we arrived in Itatiaia, where it was considerably cooler than in São Paulo due to the altitude of 1000 plus meters above sea level.

9 May

Explored the immediate surroundings of Hotel do Ype and found Halfcollared Sparrow, Pin-tailed Manakin, Slaty Bristlefront, (singing in the open), Slaty-breasted Wood-Rail and Brazilian Tanager. Then walked the Tres Picos trail uphill from the abandoned hotel Simon, which produced quite a few target species: Fork-tailed Pygmy-Tyrant, White-bibbed Antbird, Gray-headed Tody-Flycatcher, Black-cheeked Gnateater, White-collared Foliage-gleaner, Black-capped Foliage-gleaner (HO), Orange-eyed Thornbird, Rough-legged Tyrannulet, Black-capped Piprites and Whitebrowed Warbler. Drove downhill to the view point in the afternoon and found Rufous Gnateater, Rufous-breasted Leaftosser (HO) and Gray-capped Tyrannulet (at the parking of Hotel do Ype). Then explored the grounds of Hotel Donati where we found White-throated Woodcreeper (HO) and Blackbilled Scythebill (great views). The much sought-after Black-capped Screech-Owl could not be found along the trail behind the hotel. Slept again in Hotel do Ype. Had beautiful weather albeit a bit cooler than in the lowlands.

10 May

Via Itamonte road drove to Agulhas Negras road which eventually reaches an altitude of 2500 m. and birded there at various altitudes the whole day. The lower part produced: Green-crowned Plovercrest ($\updownarrow + \updownarrow$), Whitespotted Woodpecker, Large-tailed Antshrike (HO), Rufous-tailed Antbird, Rufous-backed Antvireo, White-browed Foliage-gleaner, Gray-bellied Spinetail (HO), Serra do Mar Tyrannulet, Gray-capped Tyrannulet (HO), Olivaceous Elaenia (HO), Black-and-gold Cotinga (good scope-views after many invisible heard only's), Bare-throated Bellbird (HO), Serra do Mar Tyrant-Manakin and Brazilian Tanager (♀). Had lunch together with Evelien, Inge an Evert at a view point halfway to the summit. The higher part produced Rufous-capped Antshrike and Gray-backed Tachuri (only recently found to occur here). Drove downhill to Itamonte road and took a side-way to a marsh where we found Firewood-gatherer, Ash-throated Crake (HO) and – in the dark – 2 unexpected (not on the shortlist of target species) Giant Snipes. Refrained from driving 18 kilometers uphill again trying to find Rusty-barred Owl. Drove back to Hotel do Ype, where we slept. A very productive day! Had beautiful weather again.

11 May

Inge's birthday. Walked the trail above Maromba bridge from 6.30 hrs. to 10.00 hrs. and found Yellow–eared Woodpecker, Black–throated Grosbeak, Ochre–faced Pygmy–Tyrant and Pileated Parrot (HO). Said goodbye to Ricardo, who had done a great job, and left Hotel do Ype at 11.00 hrs. to drive back to São Paulo. Very smoothly returned our hired car to Hertz at 15.30 hrs. and dropped off our luggage. Left São Paulo at 19.30 hrs. with KLM flight KL 0792 to Amsterdam (11 hours and 15 minutes).

12 May

Arrived in Amsterdam at midday where we were welcomed by our daughter and her family. Were driven home to celebrate Inge's birthday.

Dangers and annoyances

Danger was absolutely not an issue in the areas we visited. We felt very safe everywhere we came. Being alert when big cats are around is more a matter of common sense.

Especially in the Pantanal precautions against biting insects are recommendable: long trousers and sleeves, trouser-legs in the socks, use of DEET and – since you will always be bitten – the use of Azaron.

It was of course financially annoying that we had to fly to Porto Jofre from Poconé, parts of the Transpantaneira being washed away by heavy rainfall. Perhaps visiting the Pantanal at the beginning of May, shortly after the end of the rainy season, is not the best option. Being with one boat close to a Jaguar as long as you wish is a great advantage of traveling off season though, and so is being the only guests like in Fazenda Santa Tereza Ranch and in Hotel do Ype.

Some people certainly will not like the crowds on the narrow trails and board walks of Iguazú.

Temperatures easily rise to well over 30 ° C in the Pantanal at midday, not very pleasant, the air-co and the swimming pool are the best places to be then.

The itinerary we chose meant 30 plus hours on a plane, not always enjoyable. Moreover a considerable ecological footprint, something we global bird watchers tend to look away from.

Weather

We had fabulous weather during our entire stay in Argentina and Brazil. All days with clear skies or lightly clouded, no wind or rain and high temperatures. We had one shower when driving uphill to Hotel do Ype on 8 May. In the mountains of Itatiaia it was a bit cooler but still very pleasant.

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Systematic list of birds

 $\mathbf{E} = \text{Endemic to Brazil } \mathbf{I} = \text{Introduced to Brazil}$

Order and taxonomy follows Clements 2017.

Greater Rhea (Rhea americana)

Up to 12 seen in northern Pantanal daily.



Greater Rhea, Pantanal.

Brown Tinamou (Crypturellus obsoletus)

Heard at Tres Picos trail and along Agulhas Negras road, Itatiaia on 9 and 10 May.

Undulated Tinamou (Crypturellus undulatus)

1 seen at Piuval lodge on 3 and 4 May, heard in the Pantanal daily.

Southern Screamer (Chauna torquata)

Up to 5 seen in the southern Pantanal daily.

Southern Screamer, Pantanal.



White-faced Whistling-Duck (Dendrocygna viduata)

Up to 3 seen in the Pantanal almost daily.

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck (Dendrocygna autumnalis)

Up to 120 seen in the Pantanal daily.

Muscovy Duck (Carina moschata)

2 seen on the river at Garganta del Diablo, Iguazú on 29 April and 3 at Pouso Alegre on 1 May.

Brazilian Teal (Amazonetta brasiliensis)

 $\ensuremath{\mbox{\ensuremath{\mbox{$^\circ$}}}}$ and $\ensuremath{\mbox{\ensuremath{\mbox{$^\circ$}}}}$ seen along access road Pouso Alegre on 2 May.

Chaco Chachalaca (Ortalis canicollis)

Up to 15 seen in the Pantanal daily.

Dusky-legged Guan (Penelope obscura)

Up to 60 seen daily around Hotel do Ype, Itatiaia and 1 seen along Agulhas Negras, Itatiaia road on 10 May.

Chestnut-bellied Guan E (Penelope ochrogaster)

6 seen at Pouso Alegre on 1 May, 40 around Piuval lodge on 3 May and 20 there on 4 May.



Chestnut-bellied Guan, Pantanal.

Blue-throated Piping-Guan (Pipile cumanensis)

6 seen at Fazenda Santa Tereza Ranch on 2 May and up to 30 daily on Cuiabá river, Porto Jofre.

Blue-throated Piping-Guan, Pantanal.



Red-throated Piping-Guan (Pipile cujubi)

2 seen along access road to Pouso Alegre on 2 May, 3 and 2 around Piuval lodge on 3 and 4 May.

Bare-faced Curassow (Crax fasciolata)

1 \updownarrow seen at Pouso Alegre on 2 May, 3 at Fazenda Santa Tereza Ranch and up to 2 daily around Porto Jofre (where also 1 tame \updownarrow).

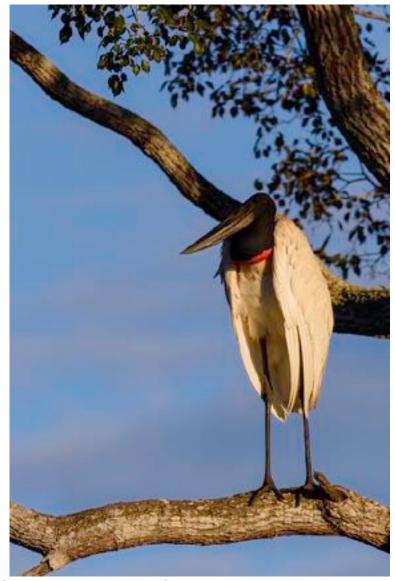


♀ Bare-faced Curassow, Pantanal.

Jabiru (Jabiru mycteria)

Up to 8 seen in the Pantanal daily.

Jabiru, Pantanal.



Wood Stork (Mycteria americana)

2 seen at Pouso Alegre on 1 May, 6 and 5 at Piuval Lodge on 3 and 4 May, common around Porto Jofre on 4 May.

Neotropic Cormorant (Phalacrocorax brasilianus)

4 seen at Iguazú falls on 29 April, common in the Pantanal and 10 seen en route to São Paulo on 11 May.

Anhinga (Anhinga anhinga)

4 seen at Iguazú falls on 29 April and very common along Rio Cuiabá, Porto Jofre.



Juvenile Anhinga, Pantanal.

Zigzag Heron (Zebrilus undulatus)

1 heard at oxbow lake along Rio Pixaim on 2 and 3 May and 1 at Piuval lodge on 4 May.

Rufescent Tiger–Heron (Tigrisoma lineatum)

Up to 8 seen daily along Rio Cuiabá, Porto Jofre.

Juvenile Rufescent Tiger-Heron, Pantanal.



Cocoi Heron (Ardea cocoi)

2 seen at Iguazú falls on 29 April and common along Rio Cuiabá, Porto Jofre.

Great Egret (Ardea alba)

2 seen at Iguazú falls on 29 April, very common in the Pantanal, 1 along Itamonte road, Itatiaia and 2 en route to São Paulo on 11 May.

Snowy Egret (Egretta thula)

20 seen at São Paulo on 28 April, 1 seen at Iguazú falls on 29 April and common in the Pantanal.

Little Blue Heron (Egretta caerulea)

3 seen along access road to Pouso Alegre on 1 and 2 May and 1 at Piuval lodge on 3 May.

Cattle Egret (Bubulcus ibis)

Very common in the Pantanal.

Striated Heron (Butorides striata)

Common in the Pantanal.



Striated Heron, Pantanal.

Whistling Heron (Syrigma sibilatrix)

Up to 4 seen in the Pantanal daily.

Capped Heron (Pilherodius piliatus)

1 seen at Piuval lodge on 4 May, 2 and 4 along Cuiabá river, Porto Jofre on 5 and 6 May.

Black-crowned Night-Heron (Nycticorax nycticorax)

Up to 20 seen in the Pantanal daily.

Green Ibis (Mesembrinibis cayennensis)

1 seen at Pouso Alegre on 1 May and 2 on 4 and 5 May along Cuiabá river, Porto Jofre.

Bare-faced Ibis (Phimosus infuscatus)

Common in the Pantanal.

Plumbeous Ibis (Theristicus caerulescens)

Up to 5 seen in the Pantanal daily.





Plumbeous Ibis (left) and Buff-necked Ibis, Pantanal.

Buff-necked Ibis (Theristicus caudatus)

Up to 15 seen in the Pantanal daily.

Roseate Spoonbill (Platalea ajaja)

4 seen at Piuval lodge on 3 May.

Black Vulture ((Coragyps atratus)

Omnipresent and common in the areas we visited.

Turkey Vulture (Cathartes aura)

Up to 30 seen almost daily.

Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture (Cathartes burrovianus)

1 seen at Pouso Alegre on 1 May and 1 along Cuiabá river, Porto Jofre on 5 May.

King Vulture (Sarcoramphus papa)

2 seen from Tres Picos trail, Itatiaia on 9 May.

Pearl Kite (Gampsonyx swainsonnii)

2 seen along Tanspantaneira on 1 May.



Pearl Kite, Pantanal.

White-tailed Kite (Elanus leucurus)

1 seen en route to and from São Paulo on 8 and 11 May.

Black Hawk-Eagle (Spizaetus tyrannus)

1 seen perched and 1 heard along Agulhas Negras road, Itatiaia on 10 May.

Black-collared Hawk (Busarellus nigricollis)

Up to 6 seen in the Pantanal daily.

Snail Kite (Rostrhamus sociabilis)

Up to 2000 – when flying to their roost along the Cuiabá river – seen in the Pantanal daily.



Snail Kites flying to their roost along Cuiabá river, Pantanal.

Crane Hawk (Geranospiza caerulescens)

A single seen along Cuiabá river, Porto Jofre on 4 May.

Savanna Hawk (Buteogallus meridionalis)

Up to 5 seen in the Pantanal daily and 1 en route to São Paulo on 11 May.

Great Black Hawk (Buteogalus urubitinga)

1 seen at Poço Preto trail, Foz do Iguaçu on 30 April and up to 8 in the Pantanal daily.





Great Black Hawk, juvenile (left) and adult, Pantanal.

Roadside Hawk (Rupornis magnirostris)

Up to 4 seen or heard almost daily.

White-tailed Hawk (Geranoaetus albicuadatus)

3 seen along Agulhas Negras road on 10 May, Itatiaia, at 2500 m.

Short-tailed Hawk (Buteo brachyurus)

A single seen at Iguazú falls on 29 April.

Sunbittern (Eurypyga helias)

1 seen at Pouso Alegre on 2 May and 1 at Piuval lodge on 3 and 4 May.

Gray-cowled Wood-Rail (Aramides cajaneus)

Up to 4 seen in the Pantanal daily.

Slaty-breasted Wood-Rail (Aramides saracura)

1 seen at Iguazú falls on 29 April and 4 seen below Hotel do Ype on 9 and 10 May.

Ash-throated Crake (Mustelirallus albicollis)

At least 2 heard in marsh along Itamonte road, Itatiaia on 10 May.

Limpkin (Aramus gaurauma)

Very common in the Pantanal.

Black-necked Stilt (Himantopus mexicanus)

8 seen at Piuval lodge on 3 May and 6 on 4 May.

Pied Lapwing (Vanellus cayananus)

2 seen at Piuval lodge on 3 May and 4 May.



Pied Lapwing, Pantanal.

Southern Lapwing (Vanellus chilensis)

Up to 20 seen at all sites almost daily.

Wattled Jacana (Jacana jacana)

Common in the Pantanal.



Juvenile (left) and adult Wattled Jacana, Pantanal.

Giant Snipe (Gallinago undulata)

Al least 2 seen and heard along side-way Itamonte road, Itatiaia on 10 May.

Solitary Sandpiper (Tringa solitaria)

1 seen at Piuval lodge on 3 May.

Yellow-billed Tern (Sternula superciliaris)

Up to 30 seen on the Cuiabá river, Porto Jofre on 4, 5 and 6 May.



Yellow-billed Tern (right-hand bird), Cuiabá river, Pantanal.

Large-billed Tern (*Phaetusa simplex*)

Up to 15 seen on the Cuiabá river, Porto Jofre on 4, 5 and 6 May.



Large-billed Tern, Cuiabá river, Pantanal.

Pale-vented Pigeon (Patagioenas cayennensis)

Up to 80 seen in the Pantanal daily.

Picazuro Pigeon (*Patagioenas speciosa*)

Up to 40 seen almost daily.

Plumbeous Pigeon (Patagioenas plumbea)

1 seen at Tres Picos trail, Itatiaia on 9 May and 2 along Agulhas Negras road, Itatiaia on 10 May.

Ruddy Ground-Dove (Colombina talpacoti)

2 seen at Iguazú falls on 28 April, up to 25 in the Pantanal daily, 15 along Agulhas Negras road, Itatiaia on 10 May and 20 at Maromba trail, Itatiaia on 11 May.

Scaled Dove (Columbina squammata)

3 seen at Pouso Alegre on 1 May, 2 at Fazenda Santa Tereza Ranch on 2 May and 2 at Piuval lodge on 3 May.

Picui Ground-Dove (Columbina picui)

2 seen at Pouso Alegre on 1 May, 2 at Piuval lodge on 3 May and 2 at Porto Jofre on 4 and 7 May.

Long-tailed Ground-Dove (Uropelia campestris)

2 seen at Pouso Alegre on 1 and 2 May, 8 and 4 at Fazenda Santa Tereza Ranch on 2 and 3 May and 2 at Piuval lodge on 2 May.



Long-tailed Ground-Dove, Pantanal.

White-tipped Dove (Leptotila vereauxi)

Heard at Poço Preto trail, Foz do Iguaçu on 30 April and up to 20 seen in the Pantanal daily.

Gray-fronted Dove (Leptotila rufaxilla)

1 seen on Tres Pico trail, Itatiaia on 9 May.

Eared Dove (Zenaida auriculata)

6 seen at Iguazú falls on 28 April and 4 there on 29 April.

Guira Cuckoo (Guira guira)

Up to 10 seen in the Pantanal daily.

Greater Ani (Crotophaga major)

Up to 40 seen in the Pantanal daily.

Smooth-billed Ani (Crotophaga ani)

10 seen at Iguazú falls on 29 April and common in the Pantanal.

Little Cuckoo (Coccycua minuta)

1 seen along Cuiabá river, Porto Jofre on 6 May.

Squirrel Cuckoo (Piaya cayana)

1 seen at Poço Preto, Foz do Iguaçu on 30 April 1 or 2 seen daily in the Pantanal, 1 seen at Tres Picos trail, Itatiaia on 9 May and 1 heard at Maromba trail, Itatiaia on 11 May.

Tropical Screech-Owl (Megacops choliba)

1 heard at Piuval lodge on 2 May.

Tawny-browed Owl (Pulsatrix koeniwaldiana)

1 heard at Hotel do Ype, Itatiaia on 11 May.

Great Horned Owl (Bubo virginianus)

1 seen at Pouso Alegre on 1 and 2 May and 2 along Cuiabá river, Porto Jofre on 6 May.

Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl (Glaucidium brasilianum)

1 heard at Poço Preto trail, Iguazú on 30 April, 1 at Pouso Alegre on 1 May and at Porto Jofre on 9 may.

Burrowing Owl (Athene cunicularia)

1 seen at Pouso Alegre on 1 May and 1 heard along Agulhas Negras road, Itatiaia on 10 May.

Nacunda Nighthawk (Chordeiles nacunda)

2 seen at Guarulhos airport, São Paulo on 28 April, 30 and 1 at Pouso Alegre on 1 and 2 May, 20 at Fazenda Santa Tereza Ranch on 2 May, 3 at Piuval lodge on 3 May and 2 at Porto Jofre on 7 May.

Band-tailed Nighthawk (Nyctiprogne leucopyga)

1 seen above Rio Cuiabá, Porto Jofre on 1 May and 1 there on 3 May.

Common Pauraque (Nyctidromus albicollis)

15 seen along access road to Pouso Alegre on 1 May and 2 seen and more heard at Piuval lodge on 3 May.

Little Nightjar (Seopagis parvula)

1 seen along access road to Pouso Alegre on 1 May.

Common Potoo (Nyctibius griseus)

1 seen along access road to Pouso Alegre on 1 May.

Great Dusky Swift (Cypseloides senex)

At least 200 seen at Iguazú falls on 29 April.



Great Dusky Swifts, Iguazú falls.

White-collared Swift (Streptoprocne zonaris)

15 seen en route to São Paulo on 11 May.

Black Jacobin (Florisuga fusca)

2 seen in hummingbird garden, Iguazú on 28 April and 1 at Hotel do Ype, Itatiaia on 8, 9, 10 and 11 May.



Black Jacobin, Itatiaia.

Planalto Hermit (Phaethornis pretei)

2 seen in hummingbird garden, Iguazú on 28 April.

Scale-throated Hermit (*Phaethornis eurynome*)

2 seen in hummingbird garden, Iguazú on 28 April and 3 at Tres Picos trail, Itatiaia on 9 May.



Scale-throated Hermit, hummingbird garden, Iguazú.

Black-eared Fairy (Heliothryx auritus)

1 seen at Tres Picos trail, Itatiaia on 9 May.

Black-throated Mango (Anthracothorax nigricollis)

3 seen in hummingbird garden, Iguazú on 28 April, 1 along Transpantaneira on 1 May and 1 at Piuval lodge on 3 May.

Brazilian Ruby E (Clytolaema rubricauda)

Up to 6 at Hotel do Ype, Itatiaia daily and 2 along Agulhas Negras road, Itatiaia on 10 May.



Brazilian Ruby, Itatiaia.

Glittering-bellied Emerald (Chlorostilbon lucidus)

1 seen in hummingbird garden, Iguazú on 28 April and 1 at Fazenda Santa Tereza Ranch on 2 May.

Green-crowned Plovercrest (Stephanoxis lalandi)

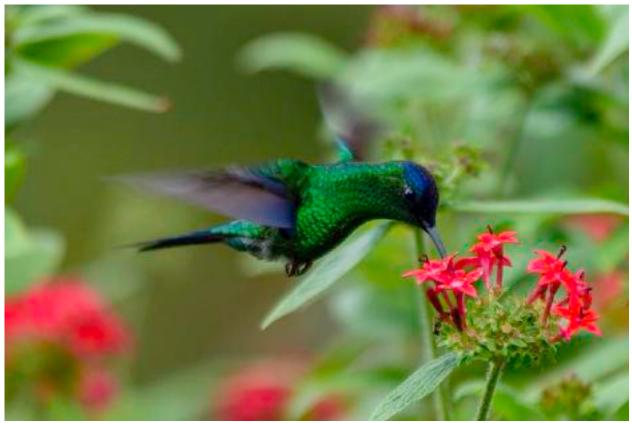
- 1 ↑ and ♀ seen along Agulhas Negras road (wow!), Itatiaia on 10 May and
- 1 3 at Maromba trail, Itatiaia on 11 May.

Fork-tailed Woodnymph (Thalurania furcata)

1 seen at Porto Jofre on 7 May.

Violet-capped Woodnymph (Thalurania glaucopis)

2 seen in hummingbird garden, Iguazú on 28 April, 1 at Iguazú falls on 29 April and 2 at Hotel do Ype, Itatiaia daily.



Violet-capped Woodnymph, Hotel do Ype, Itatiaia.

White-throated Hummingbird (Leucochloris albicollis)

1 seen in hummingbird garden, Iguazú on 28 April and 1 at Maromba trail, Itatiaia on 11 May.

Versicolored Emerald (Amazilia versicolor)

15 seen in hummingbird garden, Iguazú on 28 April.



Versicolored Emerald, hummingbird garden, Iguazú.

Glittering-throated Emerald (Amazilia fimbriata)

1 seen at Pouso Alegre on 1 May, 2 there on 2 May and 1 at Porto Jofre on 7 May.

Gilded Hummingbird (Hylocharis chrysura)

4 seen in hummingbird garden, Iguazú on 28 April and 1 along Cuiabá river, Porto Jofre on 6 May.



Gilded Hummingbird, hummingbird garden, Iguazú.

Blue-crowned Trogon (Trogon curucui)

1 heard at Pouso Alegre on 2 May and 1 seen along Cuiabá river, Porto Jofre on 5 May.

Surucua Trogon (*Trogon surrucura*)

1 seen and more heard in Iguazú and Foz do Iguaçu daily, 1 along Agulhas Negras road, Itatiaia and 2 at Maromba trail, Itatiaia on 11 May.

Amazonian Motmot (Momotus momota)

1 heard at Porto Jofre on 7 May.

Rufous-capped Motmot (Momotus ruficapillus)

3 heard at Iguazú falls on 29 April, 2 seen and more heard at Poço Preto trail, Iguaçu on 30 April and 1 or 2 at Hotel do Ype, Itatiaia daily.

Ringed Kingfisher (Megaceryle torquata)

Up to 40 seen in the Pantanal daily .

Amazon Kingfisher (Chloroceryle amazona)

Up to 30 seen in the Pantanal daily.



Amazon Kingfisher, Pantanal.

Green Kingfisher (Chloroceryle americana)

1 seen at Pouso Alegre on 1 May, 2 at Fazenda Santa Tereza Ranch on 2 May and 1 along Cuiabá river, Porto Jofre on 6 May.

Green-and-rufous Kingfisher (Chloroceryle inda)

1 seen at Piuval lodge on 3 May and 1 along Cuiabá river, Porto Jofre on 5 May.

American Pygmy–Kingfisher (Chloroceryle aena)

1 seen at Pouso Alegre on 1 May and 1 at Piuval lodge on 3 May.

Black-fronted Nunbird (Monasa nigrifrons)

Up to 4 seen in the Pantanal daily.

Rufous-tailed Jacamar (Galbula ruficauda)

2 seen at Fazenda Santa Tereza Ranch on 2 May and 3 along Cuiabá river, Porto Jofre on 5 May.

Saffron Toucanet (Pteroglossus bailloni)

At least 10 seen at the feeders of Hotel do Ype, Itatiaia daily.



Saffron Toucanet, Itatiaia.

Chestnut-eared Aracari (Pteroglossus castanotis)

Up to 8 seen in the Pantanal daily.

Toco Toucan (Ramphastos toco)

4 seen at Iguazú falls on 29 April and up to 6 in the Pantanal daily.

Red-breasted Toucan (Ramphastos dicolorus)

Up to 6 seen at the feeders of Hotel do Ype, Itatiaia daily.



Red-breasted Toucan, Itatiaia.

White-barred Piculet (Picumnus cirratus)

2 seen at Tres Picos trail, Itatiaia on 9 May.

Ochre-collared Piculet (Picumnus temminckii)

1♀↑ seen at Iguazú falls on 29 April.

White-wedged Piculet (Picumnus alboquamatus)

2 seen along Cuiabá river, Porto Jofre on 5 May and 1 at Porto Jofre on 7 May.

White Woodpecker (Melanerpes candidus)

A flock of 3 and 4 seen at Porto Jofre on 7 May.

White-spotted Woodpecker (Veniliornis spilogaster)

1 seen at Poço Preto trail, Foz do Iguaçu on 30 April, 1 along Agulhas Negras road, Itatiaia on 10 May and 1 at Maromba trail, Itatiaia on 11 May.

Little Woodpecker (Veniliornis passerinus)

2 and 1 seen at Pouso Alegre on 1 and 2 May, 2 at Fazenda Santa Tereza Ranch on 2 May and 1 at Piuval lodge on 3 May.

Yellow-eared Woodpecker E (Veniliornis maculifrons)

1 seen at Maromba trail, Itatiaia on 11 May.

White-browed Woodpecker (Piculus autulentus)

1 seen at Tres Picos trail, Itatiaia on 9 May.

Green-barred Woodpecker (Colaptes melanochloros)

1 seen at Pouso Alegre on 1 May and 1 heard Fazenda Santa Tereza Ranch on 3 May.

Campo Flicker (Colaptes campestris)

1 seen at Pouso Alegre on 1 May and 1 at Piuval lodge on 4 May.

Campo Flicker, Pantanal.

Cream-colored Woodpecker (Celeus flavus)

1 heard at Porto Jofre on 7 May.

Pale-crested Woodpecker (Celeus lugubris)

2 seen along Transpantaneira at Porto Jofre on 7 May.



Lineated Woodpecker (Dryocopus lineatus)

1 seen at Pouso Alegre on 2 May and 1 at Porto Jofre on 7 May.

Lineated Woodpecker, Pantanal.

Robust Woodpecker (Campephilus robustus)

1 heard at Poço Preto trail, Foz do Iguaçu on 30 April.

Crimson-crested Woodpecker (Campephilus melanleucos)

1 seen at Pouso Alegre on 2 May.

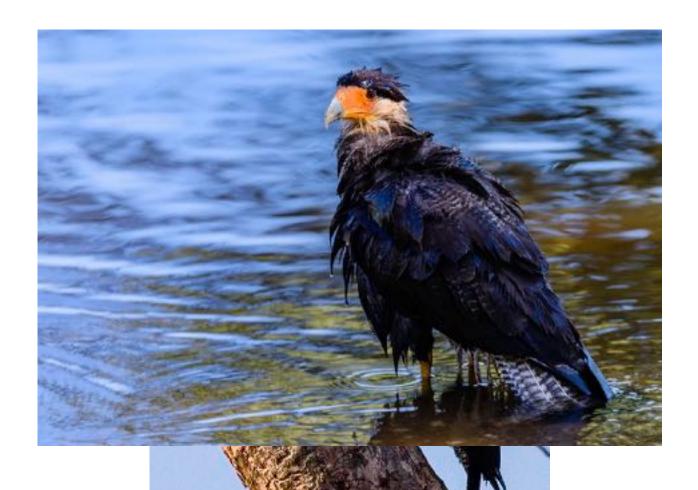
Red-legged Seriema (Cariama cristata)

2 very vocal birds seen at Piuval lodge on 4 May.

Southern Caracara (Carcara plancus)

U to 20 seen in the Pantanal daily, 4 along Agulhas Negras road, Itatiaia on 10 May and 2 en route to São Paulo on 11 May.

Southern Caracara, bathing in Cuiabá river, Pantanal.



Yellow-headed Caracara (Caracara lutosus)

1 seen at Guarulhos airport on 28 April and 1 at Piuval lodge on 4 May.

Laughing Falcon (Herpetptoheres cachinnans)

 ${\bf 1}$ seen at Pouso Alegre on ${\bf 1}$ and ${\bf 2}$ May.

American Kestrel (Falco sparverius)

1 seen at Iguazú falls on 28 en 29 April and 1 at Pouso Alegre on 1 May.

Aplomado Falcon (Falco femoralis)

2 seen at Piuval lodge on 3 May.

Bat Falcon (Falco rufigularis)

1 seen at Pouso Alegre on 1 May.

Monk Parakeet (Myiopsitta monachus)

Up to 15 seen in the Pantanal daily.

Plain Parakeet E (Brotogris tirica)

4 seen at Tres Picos trail, Itatiaia on 9 May.

Yellow-chevroned Parakeet (Brotogeris chiriri)

Up to 40 seen in the Pantanal daily.



Yellow-chevroned Parakeet, Pantanal.

Pileated Parrot (Pionopsitta pileata)

1 heard at Maromba trail, Itatiaia on 11 May.

Scaly-headed Parrot (Pionus maximilianus)

2 seen at Iguazú falls on 28 April, 2 at Poço Preto, Foz do Iguaçu on 30 April and 2 at Pouso Alegre on 1 May.

Turquoise-fronted Parrot (Amazona aestiva)

Up to 45 seen and heard in the Pantanal daily.



Turquoise-fronted Parrot, Pantanal.

Orange-winged Parrot (Amazona amazonica)

2 seen at Pouso Alegre on 2 May.

Maroon-bellied Parakeet (Pyrrhura frontalis)

5 seen at Iguazú falls on 29 April, 5 at Tres Picos trail and 4 at Hotel Donati, Itatiaia on 9 May and 10 at Maromba trail, Itatiaia on 11 May.

Maroon-bellied Parakeet, Itatiaia.



Hyacinth Macaw (Anaodorhynchus hacinthinus)

Up to 10 seen in the Pantanal daily.

Hyacinth Macaw, Pantanal.



Peach-fronted Parakeet (Eupsittula aurea)

2 seen at Pouso Alegre on 1 May.

Nanday Parakeet (Aratinga nenday)

Al least 10 seen at Pousado Rio Claro on 2 May.

Nanday Parakeet, Pantanal.

Blue-winged Macaw (Primolius maracana)

3 seen below Hotel do Ype, Itatiaia on 9 May and heard there on 11 May.

Yellow-collared Macaw (Primolius auricollis)

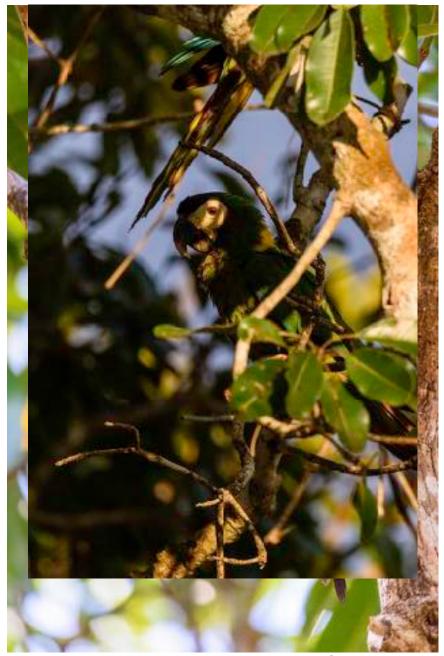
2 seen at Piuval lodge on 4 May.

Yellow-collared Macaw, Pantanal.

Blue-and-yellow Macaw (Ara ararauna)

3 seen at Piuval lodge on 4 May.

Blue-crowned Parakeet (Thectocersus acuticaudatus)



2 seen at Pouso Alegre on 2 May and 6 along Cuiabá river, Porto Jofre on 5 May.

White-eyed Parakeet (Psittacara leucophthalmus)

12 seen at Iguazú falls on 29 April, heard at Poço Preto trail, Foz do Iguaçu on 30 April and 3 seen Pouso Alegre on 1 and 2 May.

Spot-backed Antshrike (Hypoedaleus guttatus)

1 seen and 3 heard at Antenna trail, Iguazú on 28 April.

Giant Antshrike (Batara cinerea)

1 heard at Maromba trail, Itatiaia on 11 May.

Large-tailed Antshrike (Mackenziaena leachii)

3 heard along Agulhas Negras road, Itatiaia on 10 May and 1 at Maromba trail, Itatiaia on 11 May.

Tufted Antshrike (Mackenziaena severa)

1 seen at Iguazú falls on 29 April and 1 at Maromba trail, Itatiaia on 11 May.

Great Antshrike (Taraba major)

1 seen or heard in the Pantanal daily.

Barred Antshrike (Thamnophilus doliatus)

1 or 2 seen or heard in the Pantanal daily.

Rufous-capped Antshrike (Thamnophilus torquatus)

1 seen along Agulhas Negras road, Itatiaia on 10 May.

Planalto Slaty-Antshrike E (Thamnophilus pelzeni)

1 seen along Rio Pixaim on 3 May.

Variable Antshrike (Thamnophilus caerulescens)

2 or 3 seen in Itatiaia daily.

Star-throated Antwren (Rhopias gularis)

1 heard at Tres Picos trail, Itatiaia on 9 May.

Plain Antvireo (Dysithamnus mentalis)

1 seen and more heard at Iguazú falls on 29 April, 4 seen at Tres Picos trail, Itatiaia on 9 May and 2 seen at Maromba trail, Itatiaia on 11 May.

Rufous-backed Antvireo E (*Dysithamnus xanthopterus*)

2 seen along Agulhas Negras road, Itatiaia on 10 May.

Large-billed Antwren (Herpsilochmus longirostris)

1 seen along Transpantaneira, Porto Jofre on 8 May.

Rufous-winged Antwren (Herpsilochmus rufimarginatus)

1 seen and more heard at Antenna trail, Iguazú on 28 April and 1 heard at Poço Preto trail, Foz do Iguaçu on 30 April.

Rusty-backed Antwren (Formicivora rufa)

1 heard at Piuval lodge on 3 May.

Ferruginous Antbird E (*Drymophila ferruginea*)

2 seen along Agulhas Negras road, Itatiaia on 10 May.

Rufous-tailed Antbird E (Drymophila genei)

1 seen and more heard along Agulhas Negras road, Itatiaia on 10 May.

Ochre-rumped Antbird (*Drymophila ochropyga*)

1 seen at Tres Picos trail, Itatiaia on 9 May and 2 at Maromba trail, Itatiaia on 11 May.

Streak-capped Antwren (Tenerura maculata)

1 seen at Poço Preto trail, Iguaçu on 30 April, 1 at Tres Picos trail, Itatiaia on 9 May and 2 at Maromba trail, Itatiaia on 11 May.

Matto Grosso Antbird (Cercomacra melanaria)

1 seen or heard in the Pantanal daily.

White-shouldered Fire-eye (Pyriglena leucoptera)

Several heard at Tres Picos trail, Itatiaia on 9 May, 1 seen along Agulhas Negras road, Itatiaia on 10 May and 1 heard at Maromba trail, Itatiaia on 11 May.

Band-tailed Antbird (Hypocnemoides maculicauda)

1 seen along Cuiabá river, Porto Jofre on 6 May.

White-bibbed Antbird E (Myrmoderes Ioricatus)

1 seen and 1 heard at Tres Picos trail, Itatiaia on 9 May.

Black-cheeked Gnateater E (Conopophaga melanops)

1 ♀ seen at Tres Picos trail, Itatiaia on 9 May.

Rufous Gnateater (Conopophaga lineata)

1 seen and heard at Antenna trail, Iguazú on 28 April, 1 heard at Poço Preto trail, Foz do Iguaçu on 30 April, 1 seen and heard at Tres Picos trail, Itatiaia on 9 May and 1 seen at Maromba trail, Itatiaia on 11 May.

Variegated Antpitta (Grallaria varia)

1 heard at Hotel Donatia, Itatiaia on 9 May.

Slaty Bristlefront (Merulaxis ater)

1 seen very well and more heard below Hotel do Ype, Itatiaia on 9 May and 1 heard at Maromba trail, Itatiaia on 11 May.

Mouse–colored Tapaculo (Scytalopus speluncae)

1 heard along Agulhas Negras road, Itatiaia on 10 May. Approached to less than a meter, but remained invisible.

Such's Antthrush (Chamaeza meruloides)

1 heard at Tres Picos trail, Itatiaia on 9 May and 1 at Maromba trail, Itatiaia on 11 May. The latter sang loudly at very close quarters but refused to emerge.

Rufous-breasted Leaftosser (Sclerurus scansor)

1 heard below Hotel do Ype, Itatiaia on 9 May.

Olivaceous Woodcreeper (Sittasomus griseicapillus)

1 seen below Hotel do Ype, Itatiaia on 9 May and 1 along Agulhas Negras road, Itatiaia on 10 May.

Plain-winged Woodcreeper (Dendrocincla turdina)

1 seen at Poço Preto trail, Foz do Iguaçu on 30 April. This bird followed the Black-capped Capuchin Monkeys.

Planalto Woodcreeper (Dendrocolaptes platyrostris)

1 heard at Antenna trail, Iguazú on 28 April, 1 seen at Iguazú falls on 29 April and 1 heard at Tres Picos trail, Itatiaia on 9 May.

White-throated Woodcreeper (Xiphocolaptes albicollis)

4 seen at Poço Preto trail, Foz do Iguaçu on 30 April and 1 heard along Agulhas Negras road, Itatiaia on 10 May.

White-throated Woodcreeper, Poço Preto, Foz do Iguaçu.

Lesser Woodcreeper (Xiphorhynchus fuscus)

1 seen at Hotel do Ype, Itatiaia on 9 May.



Buff-throated Woodcreeper (Xiphorhynchus guttatus)

1 heard along Cuiabá river, Porto Jofre on 5 May.

Red-billed Scythebill (Campyloramphus trochilirostris)

2 seen along Cuiabá river, Porto Jofre on 5 May and 1 along Transpantaneira at Porto Jofre on 7 May.

Red-billed Scythebill, Pantanal.



Black-billed Scythebill (Campyloramphus falcularius)

1 seen at Hotel Donati, Itatiaia on 9 May.

Narrow-billed Woodcreeper (Lepedicolaptes angustirostris)

1 seen at Pouso Alegre on 2 May, 1 at Fazenda Santa Tereza Ranch on 3 May and 1 heard at Piuval lodge on 4 May.

Scaled Woodcreeper E (*Lepedicolaptes squamatus*)

2 seen Hotel do Ype, Itatiaia on 9 May and 1 along Agulhas Negras road, Itatiaia on 10 May.

Streaked Xenops (Xenops rutilans)

1 seen at Tres Picos trail, Itatiaia on 9 May and 1 along Agulhas Negras road, Itatiaia on 10 May.

Pale-legged Hornero (Furnarius leucopus)

1 and 2 seen along Cuiabá river, Porto Jofre on 5 and 6 May.

Rufous Hornero (Furnarius rufus)

Very common in Iguazú/Foz do Iguaçu and in the Pantanal.

Sharp-tailed Streamcreeper (Lochmias nematura)

2 seen and more heard at Tres Picos trail, Itatiaia and 1 heard along Agulhas Negras road, Itatiaia on 10 May.

White-collared Foliage-gleaner (Anabazenops fuscus)

2 seen at Tres Picos trail, Itatiaia on 9 May and 1 heard at Maromba trail, Itatiaia on 11 May.

Sharp-billed Treehunter (Heliobletus contaminatus)

1 seen at Tres Picos trail, Itatiaia on 9 May.

Black-capped Foliage-gleaner (Philydor atricapillus)

2 seen at Poço Preto trail, Foz do Iguaçu on 30 April and 1 heard at Tres Picos trail, Itatiaia on 9 April.

Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner (Philydor rufum)

1 seen at Tres Picos trail, Itatiaia on 9 May and 1 heard at Maromba trail, Itatiaia on 11 May.

White-browed Foliage-gleaner (Anabacerthia amaurotis)

1 seen along Agulhas Negras road, Itatiaia on 10 May.

Ochre-breasted Foliage-gleaner (Anabacerthia liechtensteini)

2 seen at Antenna trail, Iguazú on 28 April.



Ochre-breasted Foliage-gleaner, Antenna trail, Iguazú.

White-eyed Foliage-gleaner (Automolus leucophthalmus)

1 seen at Antenna trail, Iguazú on 28 April and 1 heard at Poço Pretu trail, Foz do Iguaçu on 30 April.

Araucaria Tit-Spinetail (Lepasthenura setaria)

2 seen along Agulhas Negras road, Itatiaia on 10 May.

Rufous-fronted Thornbird (Phacellodomus rufifrons)

2 seen at Fazenda Santa Tereza Ranch on 3 May.

Greater Thornbird (*Phacellodomus ruber*)

1 heard at Pouso Alegre on 1 May.

Orange-eyed Thornbird (*Phacellodomus erythrophthalmus*)

4 seen at Tres Picos trail, Itatiaia and 2 below Hotel do Ype, Itatiaia on 9 May.

Firewood-gatherer (Anumbius annumbi)

3 seen along Itamonte road, Itatiaia on 10 May.

Itatiaia Spinetail E (Asthenes moreirae)

2 seen along Agulhas Negras road, Itatiaia on 10 May.

Rusty-backed Spinetail (Cranioleuca vulpia)

1 seen or heard in the Pantanal daily.

Pallid Spinetail E (Cranioleuca pallida)

Up to 3 seen in Itatiaia daily.

Rufous Cacholote (Pseudoseisura unirufus)

1 seen at Pouso Alegre on 1 May.

Yellow-chinned Spinetail (Certhiaxis cinnamomeus)

2 seen along Cuiabá river, Porto Jofre on 4 May and 1 heard along Agulhas Negras road, Itatiaia on 10 May.

Rufous-capped Spinetail (Synalaxis ruficapilla)

2 seen at Tres Picos trail, Itatiaia on 9 May and 1 heard at Maromba trail, Itatiaia on 11 May.

Gray-bellied Spinetail (Synalaxis cinerascens)

1 heard along Agulhas Negras road, Itatiaia on 10 May.

White-lored Spinetail (Synalaxis albilora)

Heard in the Pantanal on 2, 4 and 5 May.

Southern Beardless–Tyrannulet (Camptostoma obsoletum)

1 seen or heard in the Pantanal daily and 1 seen at Tres Picos trail, Itatiaia on 9 May.

Mottle-cheeked Tyrannulet (Phylloscartes ventralis)

6 seen along Agulhas Negras road, Itatiaia on 10 May.

Yellow Tyrannulet (Capsumpis flaveola)

1 heard at Tres Picos trail, Itatiaia on 9 May.

Gray-backed Tachuri E (*Polystictus superciliaris*)

1 seen along highest part of Agulhas Negras road, Itatiaia on 10 May.

Forest Elaenia (Myiopagis gaimardii)

1 seen along Cuiabá river, Porto Jofre on 6 May and 1 along Transpantaneira at Porto Jofre on 7 May.

Greenish Elaenia (Myiopagis viridicata)

1 heard at Iguazú falls on 29 April.

Olivaceous Elaenia (Elaenia mesoleuca)

At least 1 heard along Agulhas Negras road, Itatiaia on 10 May.

Sooty Tyrannulet (Serpophaga nigricans)

1 seen at Iguazú falls on 29 April.

White-bellied Tyrannulet (Serpophaga munda)

1 heard at Iguazú falls on 29 April.

Sepia-capped Flycatcher (Leptopogon amaurocephalus)

1 seen at Poço Preto trail, Foz do Iguaçu on 30 April, 1 at Tres Picos trail, Itatiaia on 9 May and 1 at Maromba trail, Itatiaia on 11 May.

Serra do Mar Tyrannulet E (*Phylloscartes diificilis*)

4 seen along Agulhas Negras road, Itatiaia on 10 May.

Rough-legged Tyrannulet (Phyllomyias burmeisteri)

2 seen at Tres Picos trail, Itatiaia on 9 May.

Greenish Tyrannulet ((Phyllom	vias	virescens)
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1 seen along Agulhas Negras road, Itatiaia on 10 May.

Planalto Tyrannulet (*Phyllomyias fasciatus*)

Up to 3 seen in Itatiaia daily.

Gray-capped Tyrannulet E (*Phyllomyias griseocapilla*)

1 or 2 seen and heard in Itatiaia daily.

Plain Tyrannulet (*Inezia inornata*)

1 heard along Rio Pixaim on 3 May.

Eared Pygmy-Tyrant (Myiornis auricularis)

4 seen at Tres Picos trail, Itatiaia on 9 May.

Drab-breasted Pygmy-Tyrant (Hemitriccus diops)

2 seen at Maromba trail, Itatiaia on 11 May.

Brown-breasted Pygmy-Tyrant (Hemitriccus obsoletus)

1 seen at Maromba trail, Itatiaia on 11 May.

Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant (Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer)

1 seen at Fazenda Santa Tereza Ranch on 3 May.

Fork-tailed Pygmy-Tyrant E (*Hemitriccus forcatus*)

2 seen at Tres Picos trail, Itatiaia on 9 May.

Ochre-faced Tody-Flycatcher (Poecilotriccus plumbeiceps)

2 seen at Maromba trail, Itatiaia on 11 May.

Gray-headed Tody-Flycatcher E (Todirostrum poliocephalum)

2 seen at Tres Picos trail, Itatiaia on 9 May.

Common Tody-Flycatcher (*Todirostrum cinereum*)

1 seen along Cuiabá river, Porto Jofre on 4 May.

Yellow-olive Flycatcher (*Tolmomyias suphurescens*)

1 seen at Poço Preto trail, Foz do Iguaçu on 30 April, 1 along Transpantaneira at Porto Jofre on 7 May and 1 at Maromba trail, Itatiaia on 11 May.

White-throated Spadebill (*Platyrinchus mystaceus*)

1 seen at Poço Preto trail, Foz do Iguaçu on 30 April and 1 heard at Tres Picos trail, Itatiaia on 9 May.

Cliff Flycatcher (Hirundinea ferruginea)

Up to 5 seen at Hotel do Ype, Itatiaia daily.



Cliff Flycatcher, Itatiaia.

Black-tailed Flycatcher (Myiobius atricaudus)

1 seen at Maromba trail, Itatiaia on 11 May.

Euler's Flycatcher (Lathrotriccus euleri)

1 heard at Tres Picos trail, Itatiaia on 9 May.

Tropical Pewee (Contopus cinereus)

1 seen at Tres Picos trail, Itatiaia on 9 May and 1 at Maromba trail, Itatiaia on 11 May.

Fuscous Flycatcher (Cnemotriccus fuscatus)

1 seen at Iguazú falls on 29 May.

Vermilion Flycatcher (Pyrocephalus rubinus)

Up to 2 seen in the Pantanal daily.

Crested Black-Tyrant (Knipololegus lophotes)

2 seen along Itamonte road, Itatiaia on 10 May.

Velvety Black-Tyrant E (*Knipololegus nigerrimus*)

Up to 5 seen in Itatiaia daily.



♀ Velvety Black-Tyrant, Itatiaia.

Blue-billed Black-Tyrant (*Knipololegus cyanirostris*)

3 seen along Agulhas Negras road, Itatiaia on 10 May and 1 at Maromba trail, Itatiaia on 11 May.

Gray Monjita (Xolmis cinereus)

1 seen at Pouso Alegre on 2 May.

White-rumped Monjita (*Xolmis velatus*)

1 seen at Pouso Alegre on 2 May and 1 at Fazenda Santa Tereza Ranch on 2 May.

Streamer-tailed Tyrant (Gubernetes yetapa)

2 seen along Itamonte road, Itatiaia on 10 May.

Shear-tailed Tyrant (Muscipipra vetula)

1 seen along Agulhas Negras road, Itatiaia on 10 May.

Black-backed Water-Tyrant (Fluvicola albiventer)

3 seen at Pouso Alegre on 1 May.

Masked Water-Tyrant (Fluvicola nengeta)

1 seen at Hotel Donatia, Itatiaia on 9 May and 1 along Agulhas Negras road, Itatiaia on 10 May.

White-headed Marsh-Tyrant (Arundinicola leucocephala)

2 seen along Cuiabá river, Porto Jofre on 6 May.

Long-tailed Tyrant (Colonia colonus)

5 seen at Tres Picos trail, Itatiaia on 9 May and 3 at Maromba trail, Itatiaia on 11 May.

Cattle Tyrant (Machetornis rixosa)

Common in the Pantanal.

Cattle Tyrant with Cattle Egret, Pantanal.



Dull-capped Attila (Attila bolivianus)

1 heard along Transpantaneira at Porto Jofre on 7 May.

Sibilant Sirystes (Sirystes sibilator)

1 seen at Poço Preto trail, Foz do Igiaçu on 3 May and 1 heard at Tres Picos trail, Itatiaia on 9 May.

Rufous Casiornis (Casiornis rufus)

1 seen along Cuiabá river, Porto Jofre on 5 May.

Rufous Casiornis, Pantanal.



Short-crested Flycatcher (Myiarchus ferox)

1 seen along Cuiabá river, Porto Jofre on 4 and 6 May and 2 along Transpantaneira at Porto Jofre on 7 May.

Lesser Kiskadee (Pitangus lictor)

2 seen along Cuiabá river, Porto Jofre on 2 May.

Great Kiskadee (Pitangus sulphuratus)

Very common at Iguazú falls and in the Pantanal, 1 or 2 seen or heard in Itatiaia daily.

Boat-billed Flycatcher (Megarhynchus pitangua)

1 seen at Antenna trail, Iguazú on 28 April, 1 at Iguazú falls on 29 April and 1 seen at Tres Picos trail, Itatiaia on 9 May.

Rusty-margined Flycatcher (Myiozetetes cayanensis)

Up to 4 seen in the Pantanal daily.

Social Flycatcher (*Myiozetetes similis*)

6 seen at Iguazú falls on 29 April and 4 at Tres Picos trail on 9 May.

Tropical Kingbird (Tyrannus melancholicus)

Up to 6 seen in the Pantanal daily.

Red-ruffed Fruitcrow (Pyroderes scutaus)

1 seen at Poço Preto trail, Foz do Iguaçu on 30 April.

Black-and-gold Cotinga (*Tijuca atra*)

2 seen and more heard along Agulhas Negras road, Itatiaia on 9 May. It was not easy to get good scope views of this bird.

Bare-throated Bellbird (Procnias nudicollis)

1 heard along Agulhas Negras road, Itatiaia on 9 May.

Serra do Mar Tyrant-Manakin (Neopelma chrysolophum)

1 seen along Agulhas Negras road, Itatiaia on 9 May.

Swallow-tailed Manakin (Chiroxiphia caudata)

1 or 2 seen or heard in Itatiaia daily.

Pin-tailed Manakin E (Ilicura militarus)

2 seen at Hotel do Ype, Itatiaia on 9 May.

Band-tailed Manakin (Pipra fasciicauda)

1 heard at Antenna trail, Iguazú on 28 April and 1 along Transpantaneira at Porto Jofre on 7 May.

Black-capped Piprites (Piprites pileata)

1 seen at Tres Picos trail, Itatiaia on 9 May.

Black-tailed Tityra (Tityra cayana)

1 seen at Tres Picos trail, Itatiaia on 9 May.

Greenish Schiffornis (Schiffornis virescens)

1 seen or heard in Itatiaia daily.

Chestnut-crowned Becard (Pachyramphus castaneus)

1 seen at Tres Picos trail, Itatiaia on 9 May.

Rufous-browed Peppershrike (Cyclarhis gujanensis)

1 seen and more heard at Pouso Alegre on 2 May and up to 2 seen and heard in Itatiaia daily.

Rufous-crowned Greenlet (Hylophilus poicilotis)

2 seen along Agulhas Negras road, Itatiaia on 9 May.

Ashy-headed Greenlet (Hylophilus pectoralis)

1 heard in the Pantanal on 3 and 7 May.

Purplish Jay (Cyanocorax cyanomelas)

Up to 15 seen in the Pantanal daily.

Curl-crested Jay (Cyanocorax cristatellus)

1 seen along Agulhas Negras road, Itatiaia on 9 May.

Plush-crested Jay (Cyanocorax chrysops)

15 seen at Iguazú falls on 29 April.

Blue-and-white Swallow (Pygochelidon cyamoleuca)

Up to 40 seen in Itatiaia daily.

Southern Rough-winged Swallow (Stelgidopteryx ruficollis)

Up to 40 seen in the Pantanal daily.

Gray-breasted Martin (Progne chalybea)

5 seen at Antenna trail, Iguazú on 28 April, 20 at Iguazú falls on 29 April, 30 at Poço Preto trail, Foz do Iguaçu on 30 April and up to 30 in the Pantanal daily.

Brown-chested Martin (Progne tapera)

1 seen at Pouso Alegre on 1 May.

White-winged Swallow (Tachycineta albiventer)

Up to 20 seen in the Pantanal daily.

House Wren (Troglodytes aedon)

2 seen at Iguazú falls on 29 April, heard at Poço Preto trail, Foz do Iguaçu on 30 April and 1 seen and heard at Tres Picos trail, Itatiaia on 9 May.

Thrush-like Wren (Campylorhynchus turdinus)

1 heard at Antenna trail, Iguazú on 28 April, heard at Iguazú falls on 29 April and up to 2 seen or heard in the Pantanal daily.

Buff-breasted Wren (Cantorchilus leucotis)

1 heard in the Pantanal on 3, 4 and 5 May.

Fawn-breasted Wren (Cantorchilus guarayanus)

1 seen along Cuiabá river on 4 May and 1 heard along Transpantaneira at Porto Jofre on 7 May.

Masked Gnatcatcher (Polioptila dumicola)

3 seen at Fazenda Santa Tereza Ranch on 3 May and 1 along Cuiabá river, Porto Jofre on 5 May.

Black-capped Donacobius (Donacobius atricapilla)

Up to 6 seen in the Pantanal daily.



Black-capped Donacobius, Pantanal.

Pale-breasted Thrush (Turdus leucomelas)

1 seen at Antenna trail on 28 April, Iguazú, 8 at Iguazú falls on 29 April, 6 at Poço Preto trail, Foz do Iguaçu on 30 April, 5 at Tres Picos trail, Itatiaia on 9 May and 1 along Agulhas Negras road, Itatiaia on 10 May.

Rufous-bellied Thrush (Turdus rufiventris)

1 seen at Antenna trail, Iguazú on 28 April, up to 4 in the Pantanal almost daily and 2 in Itatiaia daily.

White-necked Thrush (Turdus albicollis)

1 seen along Agulhas Negras road, Itatiaia on 10 May.

Chalk-browed Mockingbird (Mimus saturninus)

2 seen at Iguazú falls on 29 April and up to 3 in the Pantanal almost daily.

Yellowish Pipit (Anthus lutescens)

10 seen along Cuiabá river, Porto Jofre on 3 May.

Masked Yellowthroat (Geothlypis aequinoctialis)

1 seen at Poço Preto trail, Foz do Iguaçu on 30 April.

Tropical Parula (Setophaga pitiayumi)

1 seen at Antenna trail, Iguazú on 28 April and 3 at Poço Preto trail, Foz do Iguaçu on 30 April.

Golden-crowned Warbler (Basileuterus culicivorus)

5 seen at Antenna trail on 28 April, Iguazú, 1 at Iguazú falls on 29 April, 2 at Poço Preto trail, Foz do Iguaçu on 30 April, 5 at Tres Picos trail, Itatiaia on 9 May and 4 heard along Agulhas Negras road, Itatiaia on 10 May.

Flavescent Warbler (Myiothlypis flaveola)

Up to 2 seen or heard in the Pantanal almost daily.

White-browed Warbler (Myiothlypis leucooblephara)

1 seen and more heard in Itatiaia daily.

Riverbank Warbler (Myiothlypis rivularis)

2 seen and more heard at Poço Preto trail, Foz do Iguaçu on 30 April.

Brown Tanager (Orchesticus abeillei)

6 seen below Hotel do Ype, Itatiaia on 9 May.



Brown Tanager, Itatiaia.

Yellow-billed Cardinal (Paroaria capitata)

1 seen at Iguazú falls on 20 April and common in the Pantanal.

Magpie Tanager (Cissopis leverianus)

2 seen at Antenna trail, Iguazú on 28 April, 5 at Tres Picos trail, Itatiaia and 3 at Hotel Donati, Itatiaia on 9 May and 4 at Maromba trail, Itatiaia on 11 May.

Hooded Tanager (Nemosia pileata)

2 along Cuiabá river, Porto Jofre on 6 May.

Olive-green Tanager E (Orthogonys chloricterus)

Up to 10 seen at Hotel do Ype, Itatiaia daily.

Black-goggled Tanager (*Trichothraupis melanops*)

1 seen at Antenna trail, Iguazú on 28 April and 8 at Tres Picos trail, Itatiaia and 4 at Hotel Donati, Itatiaia on 9 May.



Black-goggled Tanager, Itatiaia.

Gray-headed Tanager (Eucometis penicillata)

2 seen along Transpantaneira at Porto Jofre on 7 May.

Ruby-crowned Tanager (Tachyphonus coronatus)

Up to 10 seen in Itatiaia daily.

Brazilian Tanager (Ramphocelus bresilius)

3 seen below Hotel do Ype, Itatiaia and 1 $\stackrel{\circ}{}$ along Agulhas Negras road, Itatiaia on 10 May.

Silver-beaked Tanager (Ramphocelus carbo)

Up to 10 seen in the Pantanal daily.

Diademed Tanager (Stephanophorus diadematus)

20 seen along Agulhas Negras road, Itatiaia on 10 May.

Sayaca Tanager (Thraupis sayaca)

2 seen at Antenna trail, Iguazú on 28 April and up to 5 in Itatiaia daily.

Golden-chevroned Tanager E (Thraupis ornata)

3 seen at Hotel do Ype, Itatiaia on 9 May.

Palm Tanager (Thraupis palmarum)

4 seen at Pouso Alegre on 1 May, 2 and 6 along Cuiabá river, Porto Jofre on 4 and 6 May and 2 below Hotel do Ype, Italiaia on 9 May.

Green-headed Tanager (Tangara seledon)

1 seen at Antenna trail, Iguazú and up to 10 seen in Itatiaia daily.



Green-headed Tanager, Itatiaia.

Brassy-breasted Tanager E (Tangara desmaresti)

Up to 10 seen in Itatiaia daily.

Gilt-edged Tanager E (Tangara cyanoventris)

20 seen below Hotel do Ype, Itatiaia on 9 May.



Gilt-edged Tanager, Itatiaia.

Blue Dacnis (Dacnis cayana)

1 seen at Antenna trail, Iguazú on 28 April, 2 at Iguazú falls on 29 April, 1 at Poço Preto trail, Foz do Iguaçu on 30 April and 4 at Tres Picos trail, Itatiaia on 9 May.

Guira Tanager (Hemithraupis guira)

2 seen at Poço Preto trail, Foz do Iguaçu on 30 April.

Rufous-headed Tanager E (Hemithraupis ruficapilla)

1 seen at Tres Picos trail, Itatiaia on 9 May.

Chestnut-vented Conebill (Conirostrum speciosum)

1 seen at Fazenda Santa Tereza Ranch on 3 May and 1 along Cuiabá river, Porto Jofre on 6 May.

Bay-chested Warbling-Finch E (Poospiza thoracica)

1 seen along Agulhas Negras road, Itatiaia on 10 May.

Buff-throated Warbling-Finch E (Poospiza lateralis)

10 seen along Agulhas Negras road, Itatiaia on 10 May.

Saffron Finch (Sicalis flaveola)

Up to 20 seen at all sites visited daily. Not sure all were wild birds though.

Great Pampa-Finch (Embernaga platensis)

1 seen along Agulhas Negras road, Itatiaia on 10 May.

Blue-black Grassquit (Volatina jacarina)

1 seen along Agulhas Negras road, Itatiaia on 10 May.

White-bellied Seedeater (Sporophila leucoptera)

1 seen along Cuiabá river, Porto Jofre on 4 May.

Double-collared Seedeater (Sporophila caerulescens)

 $2 \$ \$\text{seen below Hotel do Ype, Itatiaia on 9 May.}

Rusty-collared Seedater (Sporophila collaris)

3 and 5 seen along Cuiabá river, Porto Jofre on 3 and 5 May.

Bananaquit (Coereba flaveola)

4 seen at Antenna trail, Iguazú on 28 April, 2 at Iguazú falls on 29 April, 1 at Fazenda Santa Tereza Ranch on 3 May, 1 at Tres Picos trail, Itatiaia on 9 May and 1 at Maromba trail, Itatiaia on 11 May.

Grayish Saltator (Saltator coerulescens)

1 seen in the Pantanal almost daily.

Green-winged Saltator (Saltator similis)

Up to 4 seen in Itatiaia daily.

Thick-billed Saltator (Saltator maxillosus)

2 seen along Agulhas Negras road, Itatiaia on 10 May.

Black-throated Grosbeak (Saltator fuliginosus)

2 seen at Maromba trail, Itatiaia on 11 May.

Half-collared Sparrow E (Arremon semitorquatus)

1 seen at Hotel do Ype, Itatiaia on 9 May.

Rufous-collared Sparrow (Zonotrichia capensis)

Common in Itatiaia.

Red-crowned Ant-Tanager (Habia rubica)

2 seen at Antenna trail, Iguazú on 28 April, 2 at Iguazú falls on 29 April, heard at Poço Preto trail, Foz do Iguaçu on 30 April and 2 at Tres Picos trail, Itatiaia on 9 May.

Variable Oriole (*Icterus pyrrhopterus*)

2 seen along Cuiabá river, Porto Jofre on 4 May and 1 along Transpantaneira at Porto Jofre on 7 May.

White-browed Meadowlark (Sturnella superciliaris)

1 seen at Fazenda Santa Tereza Ranch on 3 May.

Chopi Blackbird (Gnorimopsar chopi)

At least 10 seen along Agulhas Negras road, Itatiaia on 10 May.

Unicolored Blackbird (Agelasticus cyanopus)

4 seen at Pouso Alegre on 1 May, 8 and 30 seen along Cuiabá river, Porto Jofre on 4 and 6 May.

Grayish Baywing (Agelaioides badius)

6 seen at Pouso Alegre on 1 May, 6 at Fazenda Santa Tereza Ranch on 2 May and 4 along Cuiabá river, Porto Jofre on 4 May.

Screaming Cowbird (Molothrus rufoaxillaris)

1 seen at Fazenda Santa Tereza Ranch on 2 May.

Shiny Cowbird (*Molothrus bonariensis*)

2 seen at Antenna trail, Iguazú on 28 April.

Giant Cowbird (*Molothrus oryzivorus*)

3 seen at Piuval lodge on 4 May.



Giant Cowbird, Pantanal.

Orange-backed Troupial (*Icterus croconotus*)

10 seen at Fazenda Santa Tereza Ranch on 3 May, 1 at Piuval lodge on 4 May and 1 along Transpantaneira at Porto Jofre on 7 May.

Golden-winged Cacique (Cacicus chrysopterus)

2 seen at Tres Picos trail, Itatiaia and 2 below Hotel do Ype, Itatiaia on 9 May.

Yellow-rumped Cacique (Cacicus cela)

Up to 70 seen in the Pantanal daily.

Red-rumped Cacique (Cacicus haemorrhous)

4 seen at Iguazú falls on 29 April, 1 at Poço Preto trail, Foz do Iguaçu on 30 April and 2 at Tres Picos trail, Itatiaia on 9 May.

Crested Oropendola (Psaroccolius decumanus)

1 seen along Cuiabá river, Porto Jofre on 3 May.

Thick-billed Euphonia (Euphonia laniirostris)

1 seen along Cuiabá river, Porto Jofre on 5 May and 2 along Transpantaneira at Porto Jofre on 7 May.

Chestnut-bellied Euphonia (Euphonia pectoralis)

1 seen at Iguazú falls on 29 April, 1 heard at Poço Preto trail, Foz do Iguaçu on 30 April, 2 heard at Tres Picos trail, Itatiaia on 9 May and 2 seen along Agulhas Negras road, Itatiaia on 10 May.

Blue-naped Chlorophonia (Chlorophonia cyanea)

2 seen at Iguazú falls on 29 April and 2 along Agulhas Negras road, Itatiaia on 10 May.

Hooded Siskin (Spinus magellanicus)

2 seen along Agulhas Negras road, Itatiaia on 10 May.

House Sparrow I (Passer domesticus)

5 seen at Antenna trail, Iguazú, 5 in Poconé on 1 May and 4 there on 4 May.

Systematic list of mammals Jaguar

Finding Jaguar might be characterized by a few distinctive stages, with increasing thrill: 1) local people say Jaguar is around, 2) old Jaguar–tracks are found in dry, hardened mud, 3) fresh Jaguar–tracks are found in loose, dry sand, 4) Jaguar–scent – the penetrating urine with which Jaguars mark their territory – is smelled 5) your boatman says he saw Jaguar here yesterday, 6) one inactive Jaguar is seen, 7) more than one Jaguars are seen interacting with each other and 8) Jaguar is seen interacting with or preying on other animals, like Yacare Caiman, Capybara or Collared Peccary. We experienced stage 1 to 6, in that order.



Stage 3 in finding Jaguar: fresh Jaguar-tracks in loose sand.

South American Coati (Nasua nasua)

At least 30 seen at Iguazú falls, often around the fast food kiosks on 29 April and 5 at Piuval lodge on 3 May.





South American Coati, Iguazú (above) and Piuval lodge (below).

Capybara (Hydrochaeris hydrochaeris)

About 10 seen at Guarulhos airport in São Paulo (wild animals?) on 28 April and 11 May and up to 60 in the Pantanal daily. Liked to stay in the relatively safe gardens of Fazenda Santa Tereza Ranch and Hotel Pantanal Norte, Porto Jofre to be protected against Jaguars.



Capybara, Pantanal.



Jaguar (Panthera onca)



1 & seen 50 minutes upstream from Porto Jofre on 4 May and 1 a little bit further upstream on 6 May. Both times prolonged views of a relaxed animal at close quarters. Elsewhere in the Pantanal many old and fresh Jaguar foot prints were seen and Jaguar was smelled twice, once around Porto Jofre and once around Piuval lodge.



Jaguar, Porto Jofre, Pantanal.

Ocelot (Felis pardalis)

1 \\$ and 1 \\$ seen at the feeding station at Fazenda Santa Tereza Ranch. Very good views of these two very active and vocal animals, stage 7 in the Jaguar-sequence so to say.



Ocelot, Fazenda Santa Tereza Ranch, Pantanal.



Giant Anteater (Myrmecophaga tridactyla)

1 seen very well during the safari from Piuval lodge in the afternoon on 3 May.



Giant Anteater, Pantanal.

Black Howler Monkey (Alouatta caraya)

Up to 10 seen or heard in the Pantanal daily.



♀ Black Howler Monkey, Transpantaneira.

Black-capped Capuchin Monkey (Cebus apella)

6 seen at Iguazú falls on 29 April and 30 along Poço Preto, Foz do Iguaçu on 30 April.



Black-capped Capuchin Monkey, Iguazú.

Black-horned Capuchin Monkey (Cebus (apella) nigritis)

2 seen at Hotel do Ype, Itatiaia on 9 May. One animal stole food from the restaurant and plundered the bird feeders.



Black-horned Capuchin Monkey, Hotel do Ype, Itatiaia.

Hooded Capuchin Monkey (Sapajus cay)

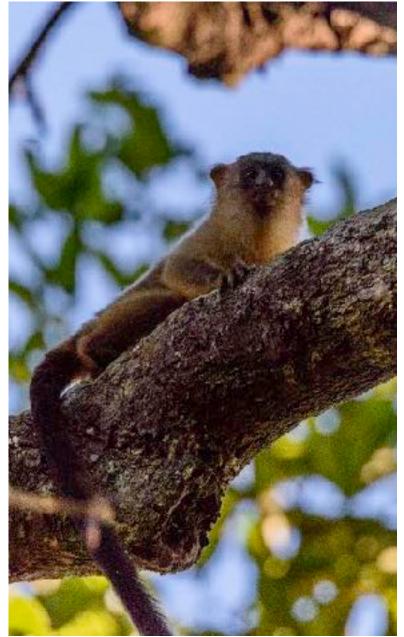
Up to 10 seen in the Pantanal daily.



Hooded Capuchin Monkey, Pantanal.

Black-tailed Marmoset (Mico melanurus)

10 seen in the gallery forest at Pouso Alegre on 1 May.



Black-tailed Marmoset, Pouso Alegre, Pantanal.

Masked Titi-Monkey (Callicebus personatus)

Heard along the Agulhas Negras road, Itatiaia on 10 May.

Giant Otter (Pteronura brasiliensis)

2 seen in Rio Cuiabá, Porto Jofre on 4 May and 4 and 2 there on 6 May.



Giant Otter, Cuiabá river, Porto Jofre.

Southern River Otter (Lutra longicaudus)

1 seen in Cuiabá river, Porto Jofre on 6 May.

Brown Brocket Deer (Mazama gouazoubira)

1 seen along the Transpantaneira on 3 May.

Marsh Deer (Blastocerus dichotomus)

1 seen along access road to Pouso Alegre on 1 May and 2 seen along the Transpantaneira on 3 May.

Azara's Agouti (Dasyprocta azarae)

3 seen at Poço Preto trail, Foz do Iguaçu on 30 April and up to 5 in the Pantanal daily.



Azara's Agouti, Pantanal.

Brazilian Rabbit (Sylvilagus brasiliensis)

1 seen on access road to Pouso Alegre on 1 May, 2 at Piuval lodge on 3 May and 1 below Hotel do Ype, Itatiaia on 9 May, all in the dark.

Collared Peccary (Tayassu tajacu)

5 seen along access road to Pouso Alegre on 2 May.

White-lipped Peccary (Tayassu pecari)

5 seen along access road to Pouso Alegre on 1 May.

Crab-eating Fox (Cerdocyon thous)

2 and 1 seen along access road to Pouso Alegre on 1 and 2 May, 2 at Piuval lodge on 4 May and 2 below Hotel do Ype, Itatiaia on 9 May.

Brazilian Tapir (*Tapirus terrestris*)

1 seen in gallery forest at Pouso Alegre on 1 May and 2 along access road to Pouso Alegre on 2 May.

Brazilian Squirrel (Sciurus aestuans)

Up to 6 seen around Hotel do Ype, Itatiaia daily. Very tame and inquisitive.



Guianan Squirrel, Hotel do Ype, Itatiaia.

Tayra (Eira barbara)

1 seen along the road below Hotel do Ype on 9 May.

Long-nosed Bat (Rhynchonycteris naso)

1 seen at Poço Preto trail, Foz do Iguaçu on 30 April.

Greater Fishing Bat (Noctilo leporinus)

10 seen above the Rio Cuiabá, Porto Jofre on 2 May and 1 there on 3 and 4 May.

Cavia (Cavia aperea)

2 seen along Transpantaneira at Porto Jofre on 7 May.

Mouse, spec. (?)

1 seen crossing the road below Hotel do Ype, Itatiaia on 9 May.

Systematic list of other animals

Yacare Caiman (Caiman yacare)

Very common in the Pantanal.



Yacare Caiman, Pantanal.

Black-and-white Tegu (Tupinambis merianae)

1 seen at Piuval lodge on 2 May.

Eastern Collared Spiny Lizard (*Tropidurus torquatus*)

3 seen at Iguazú falls on 29 April and 1 at Pouso Alegre on 1 May.

Caiman Lizard (*Dracaena paraguayensis*)

1 seen at Piuval lodge on 2 May.



Caiman Lizard, Pantanal.

Amazonian Whiptail (Ameiva ameiva)

2 seen at Pouso Alegre on 1 May and 1 at Piuval lodge on 2 May and 1 more there on 3 May.

Cane Toad (Rhinella marina)

1 seen in garden Hotel Pantanal Norte, Porto Jofre on 5 May.

Matto Grosso Lancehead (Bothrops mattogrossensis)

1 was shown to us (in a bucket) by the owner of Pouso Alegre on 1 May.

Vine Snake, spec. (?)

1 seen in garden of Hotel Pantanal Norte, Porto Jofre on 4 May.

Snake, spec. (?)

1 seen crossing the road below Hotel do Ype on 8 May.