



## Guyana Birding and Wildlife Tour Species List March 1 - 13, 2019

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(HO)= Distinctive enough to be counted as heard only

(I)= Introduced

**Summary:** Beginning and ending in Guyana's capital city of Georgetown, we visited eight sites and took boat trips on four rivers. This year was a particularly hot and dry one, taking a toll on our tally of fruit-eating birds such as tanagers and euphonias. Also, antbirds and ovenbirds, normally prominent, were, by and large, quiet. On the other hand, we had respectable numbers within other groups, i.e., 15 herons and ibis, 12 woodpeckers, 27 raptors, 17 parrots, 25 flycatchers, and 13 icterids; and saw a number of the area's special birds. All were impressed by prehistoric-looking Hoatzins, glowing Scarlet Ibis, a huge Harpy Eagle chick, Giant Anteaters at first light, or our flight to Kaieteur Falls with its giant bromeliads, Guianan Cocks-of-the-Rock, and Paradise Jacamars.

### **BIRDS (289 species recorded, of which 9 were heard only):**

#### **TINAMOUS: Tinamidae (4)**

**Great Tinamou** (*Tinamus major*)—(HO) Heard at Surama EcoLodge

**Cinereous Tinamou** (*Crypturellus cinereus*)—(HO) Heard at Surama EcoLodge

**Undulated Tinamou** (*Crypturellus undulatus*)—(HO) Heard at Caiman House

**Red-legged Tinamou** (*Crypturellus erythropus*)—Heard several days; seen by one participant in dry sand Mori forest.

#### **DUCKS, GEESE AND SWANS Anatidae (2)**

**White-faced Whistling-Duck** (*Dendrocygna viduata*)—A flock of perhaps two dozen was seen at lake edge during the drive out of Manari Ranch.

**Muscovy Duck** (*Cairina moschata*)—These large ducks were seen two days; about 20 were in a pond on the savannah outside Caiman House and a couple were at the first lake we stopped at during the drive out of Manari Ranch.

#### **GUANS AND CURASSOWS Cracidae (4)**

**Variable Chachalaca** (*Ortalis motmot*)—At least one was seen by some participants near Caiman House. They were heard earlier in the trip near Surama EcoLodge.

**Spix's Guan** (*Penelope jacquacu*)—Seen three days, initially when two flew across the main highway near Surama EcoLodge.

**Blue-throated Piping-Guan** (*Pipile cumanensis*)—Two were spotted in riverside trees during the Harpy Eagle boat ride return trip.

**Black Curassow** (*Crax alector*)—These handsome birds were seen several days crossing the main highway and in the clearing at Atta Rainforest Lodge.

### **NEW WORLD QUAIL Odontophoridae (1)**

**Crested Bobwhite** (*Colinus cristatus*)—Parties of quail were seen four days--usually roadside as we were driving through the savannah.

### **GREBES Podicipedidae (2)**

**Least Grebe** (*Tachybaptus dominicus*)—Several family groups were seen on a lake during the Manari Ranch drive.

**Pied-billed Grebe** (*Podilymbus podiceps*)—A few were seen at the first lake during the Manari Ranch drive.

### **PIGEONS AND DOVES Columbidae (11)**

**Rock Pigeon** (*Columba livia*)—(1) Numerous around Georgetown.

**Pale-vented Pigeon** (*Patagioenas cayennensis*)—Found five days, especially in open habitats toward the end of the trip but also a couple dozen the first day of the trip.

**Scaled Pigeon** (*Patagioenas speciosa*)—Found three days, mostly around Surama EcoLodge.

**Plumbeous Pigeon** (*Patagioenas plumbea*)—Best differentiated by call (from Ruddy Pigeon) but seen on three days-generally at forest edge.

**Ruddy Pigeon** (*Patagioenas subvinacea*)—Seen two days, generally at savannah edge.

**Common Ground-Dove** (*Columbina passerina*)—Noted three days, a common savannah bird

**Plain-breasted Ground-Dove** (*Columbina minuta*)—Seen on the savannah (where very similar to the previous species) just one day

**Ruddy Ground-Dove** (*Columbina talpacoti*)—Noted the first three days of the trip. Common at the Botanical Garden.

**Blue Ground-Dove** (*Claravis pretiosa*)—Some people claimed a fly-by near Surama. They were calling and certainly present, so the fly-by made the list.

**White-tipped Dove** (*Leptotila verreauxi*)—Encountered six days, often as fly-bys but a few reasonably good looks.

**Eared Dove** (*Zenaida auriculata*)—Seen five days; reasonably common on the savannah.

### **CUCKOOS AND ALLIES Cuculidae (3)**

**Smooth-billed Ani** (*Crotophaga ani*)—Seen 10 days in most habitats; i.e., forest edge, savannah, gardens, etc.

**Little Cuckoo** (*Coccyua minuta*)—At least six of these attractive cuckoos were seen during the Mahaica River boat trip, some posing in the open for satisfying views.

**Squirrel Cuckoo** (*Piaya cayana*)—Heard a couple days and seen near Iwokrama River Lodge.

### **NIGHTJARS Caprimulgidae (5)**

**Lesser Nighthawk** (*Chordeiles acutipennis*)—Seen five days over open habitat; i.e. rivers and savannah.

**Band-tailed Nighthawk** (*Nyctiprogne leucopyga*)—These dainty nighthawks were seen two days along the river at Caiman House.

**Common Pauraque** (*Nyctidromus albicollis*)—Noisy around Surama and seen by one or two folks there, also seen by folks in one boat near Caiman House.

**White-tailed Nightjar** (*Hydropsalis cayennensis*)—Nice looks on a sandy track at Surama EcoLodge and in a small woodlot during the morning savannah drive from Caiman House.

**Ladder-tailed Nightjar** (*Hydropsalis climacocerca*)—As night fell during the boat trip out of Iwokrama River Lodge, perhaps as many as six were seen roosting and feeding at islands.

#### **POTOOS Nyctibiidae (5)**

**Great Potoo** (*Nyctibius grandis*)—One on a day roost was seen in seasonally flooded forest (now dry) near Surama EcoLodge.

**Long-tailed Potoo** (*Nyctibius aethereus*)—One was photographed by Carole when she and her guide walked back a bit early from the Harpy nest near Surama EcoLodge.

**Common Potoo** (*Nyctibius griseus*)—(HO) One was heard at Caiman House as we walked back in the dark after a hike to the river bank and lagoon.

**White-winged Potoo** (*Nyctibius leucopterus*)—Two were whistled in near the entrance to Atta Rainforest Lodge. Although a stake-out, a poorly-known bird and a very good sighting.

**Rufous Potoo** (*Nyctibius bracteatus*)—One at a day roost was seen not too far from Atta Rainforest Lodge. Again, despite being a stake-out, a rare and infrequently-seen bird.

#### **SWIFTS Apodidae (4)**

**White-chinned Swift** (*Cypseloides cryptus*)—At least one was seen by a couple people at an overlook at Kaieteur Falls.

**Short-tailed Swift** (*Chaetura brachyura*)—A few were seen three days during the early part of the tour, generally among Band-rumped Swifts.

**Band-rumped Swift** (*Chaetura spinicaudus*)—Seen four days, usually in forest openings; i.e., rivers or roads. This was the most common swift seen during the tour.

**Fork-tailed Palm-Swift** (*Tachornis squamata*)—Found at least four days, usually over savannah

#### **HUMMINGBIRDS Trochilidae (10)**

**Reddish Hermit** (*Phaethornis ruber*)—Seen twice at flowers around the Atta Rainforest Lodge dining area.

**Black-eared Fairy** (*Heliodytes auritus*)—One was seen along the main highway by Bob and Jim—perhaps others.

**Black-throated Mango** (*Anthracothorax nigricollis*)—One was ‘scoped at the Georgetown Botanical Garden during the afternoon walk on Day 1.

**Racket-tailed Coquette** (*Discosura longicaudus*)—A female was seen in tall, roadside flowering shrubs along the main highway at the Surama EcoLodge turnoff.

**Long-billed Starthroat** (*Heliomaster longirostris*)—Seen two days; first at the river’s edge just before the Harpy boat trip and later near Caiman House.

**Fork-tailed Woodnymph** (*Thalurania furcata*)—This lovely hummer was seen four days with close views in the garden at Atta Rainforest Lodge.

**White-chested Emerald** (*Amazilia brevirostris*)—One or two were seen at Atta Rainforest Lodge.

**Plain-bellied Emerald** (*Amazilia leucogaster*)—Seen Day 1 by part of the tour group.

**Glittering-throated Emerald** (*Amazilia fimbriata*)—Located four days; first on the Mahaica River boat trip with better looks at the porch feeder at Surama EcoLodge.

**Rufous-throated Sapphire** (*Hylocharis sapphirina*)—Three were seen in roadside flowering shrubs along the main highway at the Surama EcoLodge turnoff.

### **HOATZIN Opisthocomidae (1)**

**Hoatzin** (*Opisthocomus hoazin*)—Approximately 14 were found our first morning afield just before and during the Mahaica River boat trip. Noteworthy for a number of reasons, this bizarre creature is Guyana's National Bird.

### **RAILS, COOTS AND ALLIES Rallidae (2)**

**Gray-cowled Wood-Rail** (*Aramides cajaneus*)—Although generally skulky, we had good luck with this bird, noting it on three days. One was seen at length walking on the shore of a lagoon and one was found roosting over the river during a nighttime boat trip at Caiman House. Formerly Gray-necked Wood-Rail.

**Purple Gallinule** (*Porphyrio martinica*)—Found three days on savannah lakes during the latter part of the tour.

### **LIMPKIN Aramidae (1)**

**Limpkin** (*Aramus guarauna*)—Easily seen; found four days, first at the Georgetown Botanical Garden and later on lakes or ponds on the savannah.

### **TRUMPETERS Psophiidae (1)**

**Gray-winged Trumpeter** (*Psophia crepitans*)—Seen by passengers in one car quite close to Surama EcoLodge and later by the group in forest edge along the main highway after we left Iwokrama River Lodge.

### **THICK-KNEES Burhinidae (1)**

**Double-striped Thick-knee** (*Burhinus bistriatus*)—First found in a pasture near the Rock View Lodge. Later fairly common on the savannah; the largest number being present in a dry rice field that hosted our first Giant Anteater.

### **PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS Charadriidae (2)**

**Pied Lapwing** (*Vanellus cayanus*)—Two of these beautiful shorebirds were present at the river's edge during our boat trip at Caiman House.

**Southern Lapwing** (*Vanellus chilensis*)—Noted on five days, first at the Georgetown Botanical Gardens and later on the savannah. Loud, large, boldly patterned and difficult to ignore.

### **JACANAS Jacanidae (1)**

**Wattled Jacana** (*Jacana jacana*)—Noted six days; first at the Georgetown Botanical Gardens. Especially numerous at lakes and ponds on the savannah.

### **SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES Scolopacidae (5)**

**Whimbrel** (*Numenius phaeopus*)—Several were feeding in the rocky intertidal at Ogle Beach

**South American Snipe** (*Gallinago paraguaiiae*)—Two were present at lake edge during the morning drive out of Manari Ranch.

**Spotted Sandpiper** (*Actitis macularius*)—Found four days; first seen at the Botanical Garden but more common at river edges.

**Solitary Sandpiper** (*Tringa solitaria*)—Singles were noted after we left Rock View Lodge and during the drive from Manari Ranch.

**Yellowlegs sp. (*Tringa* sp.)**—A dozen or so, too far away to identify, were on the mudflats at Ogle Beach. Both yellowlegs winter in that area.

### **GULLS AND TERNS Laridae (3)**

**Yellow-billed Tern (*Sternula superciliaris*)**—Perhaps half a dozen were seen during the boat ride at Iwokrama River Lodge.

**Large-billed Tern (*Phaetusa simplex*)**—A couple of these unusual birds were seen during the boat ride at Iwokrama Lodge.

**Black Skimmer (*Rynchops niger*)**—One was present on the mudflats at Ogle Beach.

### **SUNBITTERN Eurypygidae (1)**

**Sunbittern (*Eurypyga helias*)**—We saw these curious birds, members of a monotypic New World family, three days, once at a roadside puddle and twice at lagoon edge or riverside.

### **STORKS Ciconiidae (3)**

**Maguari Stork (*Ciconia maguari*)**—We saw three Maguaris on the way to Caiman House and one on the Manari Ranch drive.

**Jabiru (*Jabiru mycteria*)**—As many as five of these massive storks were seen three days at savannah pools or lagoon edge.

**Wood Stork (*Mycteria americana*)**—We found Wood Storks three days, with approximately 30 seen as they took to the air during the Manari Ranch drive.

### **FRIGATEBIRDS Fregatidae (1)**

**Magnificent Frigatebird (*Fregata magnificens*)**—A couple were seen the first day at Ogle Beach.

### **ANHINGAS Anhingidae (1)**

**Anhinga (*Anhinga anhinga*)**—Small numbers, i.e., one or two were seen on five days at various wetlands or roadside streams

### **CORMORANTS Phalacrocoracidae (1)**

**Neotropic Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*)**—Noted on seven days in both saline and freshwater habitats; many were seen on the Takatu River banks during the Manari Ranch drive.

### **PELICANS Pelecanidae (1)**

**Brown Pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*)**—Three were seen Day 1 at Ogle Beach.

### **HERONS AND EGRETS Ardeidae (12)**

**Rufescent Tiger-Heron (*Tigrisoma lineatum*)**—One was seen well during the boat trip at Iwokrama River Lodge and one showed briefly during the boat trip at Caiman Lodge.

**Cocoi Heron (*Ardea cocoi*)**—Small numbers seven days at river and lake edges.

**Great Egret (*Ardea alba*)**—Noted on seven days, mostly at savannah ponds and river edges. Many were seen Day 1 in wet fields as we drove to/from the Mahaica River boat trip.

**Snowy Egret (*Egretta thula*)**—Hundreds were seen Day 1 at Ogle Beach and in agricultural fields.

**Little Blue Heron (*Egretta caerulea*)**—Small numbers were seen three days at savannah ponds; a hundred or more were at Ogle Beach and agricultural fields on Day 1.

**Tricolored Heron (*Egretta tricolor*)**—Six were seen Day 1 at Ogle beach.

**Cattle Egret** (*Bubulcus ibis*)—Hundreds were seen Day 1 around Georgetown and in agricultural areas east of town, and then a few more the next morning as we drove to the airport.

**Striated Heron** (*Butorides striata*)—Small numbers were seen four days, first at the Botanical Garden and later at pond edges; i.e., near Caiman House.

**Capped Heron** (*Pilherodius pileatus*)—One was seen on the boat trip at Iwokrama Lodge and one or two were perched along the river during the return boat trip at Caiman House.

**Black-crowned Night-Heron** (*Nycticorax nycticorax*)—We saw two at the Georgetown Botanical Garden and three during a picnic breakfast at Morero Pond on our way to the Sun Parakeet spot.

**Yellow-crowned Night-Heron** (*Nyctanassa violacea*)—Two or three were on the mudflats at Ogle Beach.

**Boat-billed Heron** (*Cochlearius cochlearius*)—Perhaps as many as five of these aberrant herons (formerly in their own family) were seen flying and roosting during the return boat trip at Caiman House.

### **IBIS AND SPOONBILLS Threskiornithidae (3)**

**Scarlet Ibis** (*Eudocimus ruber*)—Approximately 20 of these eye-poppers were seen on the mudflats at Ogle Beach.

**Green Ibis** (*Mesembrinibis cayennensis*)—Seen at river and lagoon edges on five days with a high of about eight on the Caiman Lodge boat trip and lagoon walk.

**Buff-necked Ibis** (*Theristicus caudatus*)—Small numbers (up to five or so) of these unusually noisy ibis were seen four days late in the trip.

### **NEW WORLD VULTURES Cathartidae (5)**

**King Vulture** (*Sarcoramphus papa*)—Small numbers, usually single birds, were seen seven days over forest and savannah. One or two were black immatures.

**Black Vulture** (*Coragyps atratus*)—Pretty much ubiquitous throughout the tour.

**Turkey Vulture** (*Cathartes aura*)—Widespread and easily seen; not as common as the previous species.

**Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture** (*Cathartes burrovianus*)—Seen six days, generally over savannah.

**Greater Yellow-headed Vulture** (*Cathartes melambrotus*)—The forest counterpart of the previous species; we saw small numbers three days.

### **OSPREY Pandionidae (1)**

**Osprey** (*Pandion haliaetus*)—Singles were recorded five days, first at the Eugene F. Correia International Airport (aka Ogle Airport), and subsequently at river edge and savannah ponds.

### **HAWKS, KITES AND EAGLES Accipitridae (16)**

**Pearl Kite** (*Gampsonyx swainsonii*)—One was seen on the entrance road at Surama during an afternoon walk and one blasted by us at the edge of the first lake we visited during the Manari Ranch drive.

**Swallow-tailed Kite** (*Elanoides forficatus*)—Singles or small numbers were noted three days over forest edge.

**Harpy Eagle** (*Harpia harpyja*)—After missing Harpy during a rather long hike to a nest site, we were relieved to see an 8-9 month-old chick during a boat trip on the Boro Boro River out of Surama EcoLodge. Though a large chick and still associating with the nest site, it was already larger than most of the world's birds of prey.

**Black Hawk-Eagle** (*Spizaetus tyrannus*)—One was seen Day 1 at the Rufous Crab Hawk stop and two were seen by some of us just after lunch at Surama EcoLodge.

**Ornate Hawk-Eagle** (*Spizaetus ornatus*)—Seen over the forest on Day 6.

**Black-collared Hawk** (*Busarellus nigricollis*)—This snazzy hawk was seen twice; first on the Harpy boat trip and later at a large pond just after we entered the savannah on the way to Rock View Lodge.

**Snail Kite** (*Rostrhamus sociabilis*)—Abundant in and around Georgetown over flooded roadside ditches; numerous at lake edges during the Manari Ranch drive. Small numbers were noted two other days.

**Plumbeous Kite** (*Ictinia plumbea*)—Small numbers five days—perched at or soaring over forest edge.

**Long-winged Harrier** (*Circus buffoni*)—One was seen during the Mahaica River boat trip; perhaps the same bird flew by as we were eating breakfast just after the boat trip. Another was over the savannah on Day 8.

**Rufous Crab Hawk** (*Buteogallus aequinoctialis*)—A coastal specialty; two were seen (one with a crab) at roadside just after the Mahaica River boat trip.

**Savanna Hawk** (*Buteogallus meridionalis*)—Small numbers on seven days; always in open habitat.

**Great Black Hawk** (*Buteogallus urubitinga*)—Perched or flying singles were seen six days—generally at forest edge.

**Roadside Hawk** (*Rupornis magnirostris*)—Found five days at forest and savannah edge. Until recently in the genus *Buteo*.

**White-tailed Hawk** (*Geranoaetus albicaudatus*)—Once we got out on the savannah, we encountered singles four days.

**Black-faced Hawk** (*Leucopternis melanops*)—One was 'scoped while roosting in woodland edge at Surama EcoLodge.

**Gray-lined Hawk** (*Buteo nitidis*)—Seen two days; we had at least four sightings at the Georgetown Botanical Gardens.

### **OWLS Strigidae (5)**

**Tawny-bellied Screech-Owl** (*Megascops watsonii*)—(HO) One was heard in forest not far from Surama EcoLodge.

**Crested Owl** (*Lophotrix cristata*)—(HO) Another owl heard only near Surama EcoLodge.

**Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl** (*Glaucidium brasilianum*)—One was seen near the main buildings at Rock View Lodge

**Burrowing Owl** (*Athene cunicularia*)—Singles were seen at Rock View Lodge, on the savannah near Caiman House, and during the Manari Ranch drive.

**Black-banded Owl** (*Ciccaba huhula*)—Two were present and noisy—but difficult to see on their high roost—a few km. from Atta Rainforest Lodge.

### **TROGONS Trogonidae (3)**

**Black-tailed Trogon** (*Trogon melanurus*)—Seen once at Surama EcoLodge.

**Green-backed Trogon** (*Trogon viridis*)—Heard more often than seen; we had several looks the day we did the Harpy nest hike.

**Guianan Trogon** (*Trogon violaceus*)—This dainty trogon was seen three days from Surama to Atta to Iwokrama.

### **MOTMOTS Momotidae (1)**

**Amazonian Motmot** (*Momotus momota*)—One was heard and then called in roadside after we departed Iwokrama River Lodge.

### **KINGFISHERS Alcedinidae (5)**

**Ringed Kingfisher** (*Megaceryle torquata*)—The largest New World kingfisher was seen five days, generally during boat trips. We had close looks on the Boro Boro and Rupununi rivers.

**Amazon Kingfisher** (*Chloroceryle amazona*)—Flashy and easily seen; we found them five days with half a dozen during and just before the Mahaica River boat trip.

**American Pygmy Kingfisher** (*Chloroceryle aenea*)—Participants in one boat saw this diminutive kingfisher during the Harpy boat trip on the Boro Boro River.

**Green Kingfisher** (*Chloroceryle americana*)—Small numbers were seen four days at river edge beginning with the Mahaica River boat trip.

**Green-and-rufous Kingfisher** (*Chloroceryle inda*)—The least frequently-seen of the New World kingfishers was found streamside along the Boro Boro River during the Harpy nest excursion.

#### **PUFFBIRDS** *Bucconidae* (4)

**Guianan Puffbird** (*Notharchus macrorhynchos*)—A recent split from White-necked Puffbird, this regional specialty was seen at forest edge near Surama EcoLodge and later near Rock View Lodge.

**Pied Puffbird** (*Notharchus tectus*)—One was found high in the roadside canopy near the Surama EcoLodge turnoff from the mail highway.

**Black Nunbird** (*Monasa atra*)—Seen twice, first along the Boro Boro River and later at forest edge along the main highway.

**Swallow-winged Puffbird** (*Chelidoptera tenebrosa*)—One of the most commonly seen birds of the trip; seen at river and forest edge, and on the savannah

#### **JACAMARS** *Galbulidae* (3)

**Green-tailed Jacamar** (*Galbula galbula*)—This jacamar was seen twice at river edge; first on the Mahaica River and later during the Harpy boat trip.

**Bronzy Jacamar** (*Galbula leucogastra*)—Two of these attractive birds were seen in white sand Mori forest along the main highway.

**Paradise Jacamar** (*Galbula dea*)—Four or so at Kaieteur Falls and a sighting later in forest edge near Atta Rainforest Lodge.

#### **NEW WORLD BARBETS** *Capitonidae* (1)

**Black-spotted Barbet** (*Capito niger*)—Two were seen roosting roadside during the afternoon drive from the Rock View Lodge.

#### **TOUCANS** *Ramphastidae* (4)

**Green Aracari** (*Pteroglossus viridis*)—Sparse; small numbers two days. First seen at forest edge near Surama EcoLodge and later from the canopy walkway at Atta Rainforest Lodge.

**Black-necked Aracari** (*Pteroglossus aracari*)—More common than the last species; found five days at forest edge.

**White-throated Toucan** (*Ramphastos tucanus*)—Large and noisy; these were encountered six days at forest edge.

**Channel-billed Toucan** (*Ramphastos vitellinus*)—Less common than the previous species, we saw Channel-bills on three days at forest edge.

#### **WOODPECKERS** *Picidae* (12)

**Golden-spangled Piculet** (*Picumnus exilis*)—This tiny woodpecker was in a viny tangle near Caiman House at the beginning of the hike to see the Giant Water Lilies.

**White-bellied Piculet** (*Picumnus spilogaster*)—One was pointed out by a birder at the Georgetown Botanical Garden.

**White-barred Piculet** (*Picumnus cirratus*)—A single bird was seen at Manari Ranch.

**Golden-collared Woodpecker** (*Dryobates cassini*)—One was seen at forest edge during the walk at Iwokrama River Lodge just before the boat trip.

**Blood-colored Woodpecker** (*Dryobates sanguineus*)—A pair of this coastal specialty was seen well during the boat trip on the Mahaica River.

**Red-necked Woodpecker** (*Campephilus rubricollis*)—This attractive and widespread rainforest species was seen along the main highway after we departed Iwokrama River Lodge.

**Crimson-crested Woodpecker** (*Campephilus melanoleucos*)—Seen at the Georgetown Botanical Garden and at Manari Ranch.

**Lineated Woodpecker** (*Dryocopus lineatus*)—This large woodpecker was sighted four days; the first time at the boat landing before the Mahaica River boat trip.

**Waved Woodpecker** (*Celeus undatus*)—Three of these attractive birds were in the lodge clearing at Atta Rainforest Lodge.

**Cream-colored Woodpecker** (*Celeus flavus*)—Seen at the Boro Boro River landing near Surama EcoLodge and, near Caiman House.

**Yellow-throated Woodpecker** (*Piculus flavigula*)—Photographed by Ann and Jim and heard by the rest of us at Iwokrama River Lodge

**Golden-green Woodpecker** (*Piculus chrysochloros*)—One was seen by some participants near Caiman House at the beginning of the hike to see the Giant Water Lilies.

#### **FALCONS AND CARACARAS Falconidae (11)**

**Barred Forest-Falcon** (*Micrastur ruficollis*)—(HO) One was heard as we waited for it to get dark near the entrance to Atta Rainforest lodge.

**Collared Forest-Falcon** (*Micrastur semitorquatus*)—(HO) One was heard near Surama EcoLodge.

**Black Caracara** (*Daptrius ater*)—These rather attractive birds were seen four times, both at forest edge and over savannah.

**Red-throated Caracara** (*Ibycter americanus*)—Noisy, and always sounding as if they're in pain, these birds were seen three days at forest edge.

**Crested Caracara** (*Caracara cheriway*)—Small numbers on three days then at least twenty sharing a (recently burned?) field on the Manari Ranch drive.

**Yellow-headed Caracara** (*Milvago chimachima*)—Small numbers on seven days; notably common, or at least visible, at the Botanical Garden in Georgetown.

**Laughing Falcon** (*Herpetotheres cachinnans*)—One was seen during a savannah walk at Surama EcoLodge.

**American Kestrel** (*Falco sparverius*)—One or two were seen three days on the savannah late in the tour.

**Aplomado Falcon** (*Falco femoralis*)—A perched individual, likely a male, was seen eating a Blue-gray Tanager, shortly after we entered the savannah in the drive to the Rock View Lodge.

**Bat Falcon** (*Falco rufigularis*)—This dainty falcon was found during the boat trip at Iwokrama River Lodge.

**Peregrine Falcon** (*Falco peregrinus*)—Singles were seen at the Georgetown Botanical Garden and on Ogle Beach.

#### **PARROTS Psittacidae (17)**

**Golden-winged Parakeet** (*Brotogeris chrysoptera*)—These were seen perched on the edge of the building compound at Iwokrama River Lodge.

**Blue-headed Parrot** (*Pionus menstruus*)—These showed up on five days, generally at forest edge. We had a couple good looks at perched birds.

**Festive Parrot** (*Amazona festiva*)—Two were seen at the Georgetown Botanical Gardens.

**Blue-cheeked Parrot** (*Amazona dufresniana*)—A few of these decidedly uncommon birds were seen at forest edge along the main highway.

**Mealy Parrot** (*Amazona farinosa*)—Four were seen at the Botanical Gardens in Georgetown.

**Orange-winged Parrot** (*Amazona amazonica*)—The most common Amazon parrot, we saw them five days with at least eight at the Botanical gardens in Georgetown.

**Green-rumped Parrotlet** (*Forpus passerinus*)—One was seen Day 1 during the Mahaica River boat trip.

**Black-headed Parrot** (*Pionites melanocephalus*)—One was seen at forest edge along the main highway.

**Red-fan Parrot** (*Deroptryus accipitrinus*)—We had one 'scoped for quite a while at forest edge along the main highway.

**Painted Parakeet** (*Pyrrhura picta*)—Several were seen at Iwokrama River Lodge just before we boarded for the late afternoon river trip.

**Brown-throated Parakeet** (*Eupsittula pertinax*)—The most common parrot of the trip; small flocks were seen seven days.

**Sun Parakeet** (*Aratinga solstitialis*)—At least 13 of these rare, local, and stunning birds were seen at their only known Guyanan locality near Karasabai.

**Red-bellied Macaw** (*Orthopsittaca manilatus*)—A few of these were mixed with Red-shouldered Macaws in palm trees on the savannah near Caiman House.

**Blue-and-yellow Macaw** (*Ara ararauna*)—Scarce this trip; one or two flew over us during the boat trip out of Iwokrama River Lodge.

**Scarlet Macaw** (*Ara macao*)—These iconic parrots, a symbol of the American tropics, were seen four days-Surama, Atta, Iwokrama.

**Red-and-green Macaw** (*Ara chloropterus*)—One of the most common parrots during the tour. We saw them on six days in various habitats.

**Red-shouldered Macaw** (*Diopsittaca nobilis*)—Found on three days with close looks at the Botanical Garden in Georgetown.

#### **ANTBIRDS Thamnophilidae (9)**

**Black-crested Antshrike** (*Sakesphorus canadensis*)—Heard several days and seen Day 1 during the Mahaica River boat trip.

**Northern Slaty-Antshrike** (*Thamnophilus punctatus*)—Encountered only once-two were seen Day 5 at roadside in white sand Mori forest along the main highway

**Rufous-bellied Antwren** (*Isleria guttata*)—We saw one individual along a forest trail during the Harpy nest walk.

**Guianan Streaked-Antwren** (*Myrmotherula surinamensis*)—During the Harpy boat trip, participants in one boat saw two individuals at a nest-apparently under construction-on a branch just over the river.

**White-fringed Antwren** (*Formicivora grisea*)—One was seen in a roadside thicket during the Manari Ranch drive.

**Gray Antbird** (*Cercomacra cinerascens*)—Heard in several places and seen by a few of us during the Harpy nest hike.

**Rio Branco Antbird** (*Cercomacra carbonaria*)—Two skulky individuals gave us bit-by-bit views over a period of 15 minutes or so in dense, low woodland during the Manari Ranch drive.

**Silvered Antbird** (*Sclateria naevia*)—Two birds played hide and seek with us, eventually showing themselves at water's edge during the Mahaica River boat trip.

**Ferruginous-backed Antbird** (*Myrmoderus ferrugineus*)—One was called in by the local guide as we walked a road through the forest at Iwokrama River Lodge.

#### **OVENBIRDS AND WOODCREEPERS Furnariidae (7)**

**Wedge-billed Woodcreeper** (*Glyphorynchus spirurus*)—One was seen during the Harpy nest hike.

**Straight-billed Woodcreeper** (*Dendroplex picus*)—One or two were found during the Mahaica River boat trip.

**Guianan Woodcreeper** (*Lepidocolaptes albolineatus*)—One was near the Boro Boro River boat landing.

**Pale-legged Hornero** (*Furnarius leucopus*)—Found two days with nice looks at two during the Manari Ranch drive

**Yellow-chinned Spinetail** (*Certhiaxis cinnamomeus*)—At least 10 were seen riverside during the Mahaica River boat trip.

**Pale-breasted Spinetail** (*Synallaxis albescens*)—One was seen at breakfast after the Mahaica River boat trip.

**Hoary-throated Spinetail** (*Synallaxis kollari*)—At least a couple of these pretty and very local spinetails were seen during the Manari Ranch Drive.

#### **TYRANT FLYCATCHERS Tyrannidae (25)**

**Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet** (*Camptostoma obsoletum*)—Seen during the Mahaica River boat trip.

**Mouse-colored Tyrannulet** (*Phaeomyias murina*)—One was seen at Rock View Lodge.

**Bearded Tachuri** (*Polystictus pecotralis*)—This local and near-threatened species was seen by Gary, Bob, and the Sues as we drove toward Caiman House. Subsequent attempts to see it were unsuccessful.

**Crested Doradito** (*Pseudocolopteryx sclateri*)—We saw one of these diminutive flycatchers at what is apparently the only known site in Guyana.

**Yellow-bellied Elaenia** (*Elaenia flavogaster*)—Seen four days, first at the Botanical Garden in Georgetown, and heard a couple more.

**Pale-tipped Tyrannulet** (*Inezia caudata*)—One was seen at the Rupununi River boat landing and another during the Manari Ranch drive.

**Spotted Tody-Flycatcher** (*Todirostrum maculatum*)—One was seen during the boat trip on the Mahaica River.

**Common Tody-Flycatcher** (*Todirostrum cinereum*)—One was at the Georgetown Botanical Garden.

**Cliff Flycatcher** (*Hirundinea ferruginea*)—A couple, in challenging light, were present at Kaieteur Falls.

**Vermilion Flycatcher** (*Pyrocephalus rubinus*)—Seen four days during the latter part of the tour, first at Rock View Lodge.

**Pied Water-Tyrant** (*Fluvicola pica*)—We saw these a couple days, first at the Ogle Airport as we waited for our flight.

**White-headed Marsh-Tyrant** (*Arundinicola leucephala*)—Noted five days; as above, we saw these first at the Ogle Airport.

**Long-tailed Tyrant** (*Colonia colonus*)—Seen by some people after we left Atta Rainforest Lodge

**Short-crested Flycatcher** (*Myiarchus ferox*)—One was at the Georgetown Botanical Garden and two were seen during the Sun Parakeet walk.

**Brown-crested Flycatcher** (*Myiarchus tyrannulus*)—Seen and heard at the Georgetown Botanical Garden and on the Manari Ranch drive.

**Lesser Kiskadee** (*Pitangus lictor*)—Seen five days, typically low and at water's edge.

**Great Kiskadee** (*Pitangus sulphuratus*)—Seen every day of the tour; especially numerous at the Georgetown Botanical Garden.

**Boat-billed Flycatcher** (*Megarynchus pitangua*)—Small numbers two days, first at forest edge near Surama EcoLodge.

**Rusty-margined Flycatcher** (*Myiozetetes cayanensis*)—Encountered seven days in a variety of habitats, generally at woodland edge. Numerous in the Georgetown Botanical Gardens.

**Yellow-throated Flycatcher** (*Conopias parvus*)—Seen two days at forest edge along the main highway; always high and backlit.

**Streaked Flycatcher** (*Myiodynastes maculatus*)—One was found in the building compound at Surama EcoLodge.

**Piratic Flycatcher** (*Legatus leucophaeus*)—Seen several days early in the tour; generally around cacique colonies where they nest.

**Tropical Kingbird** (*Tyrannus melancholicus*)—Seen every day of the tour in all habitats

**Gray Kingbird** (*Tyrannus dominicensis*)—Two wintering individuals were noted at the Georgetown Botanical Garden.

**Fork-tailed Flycatcher** (*Tyrannus savana*)—This delightful bird was seen six days and was fairly common in open habitat (as its name implies) during the latter part of the tour.

### **COTINGAS Cotingidae (6)**

**Guianan Cock-of-the-Rock** (*Rupicola rupicola*)—Two males of this spectacular bird (unfortunately not displaying) were seen roosting at their lek area in the forest at Kaieteur Falls.

**Purple-throated Fruitcrow** (*Querula purpurata*)—About six were in the canopy over the lodge clearing at Atta Rainforest Lodge.

**Capuchinbird** (*Perissocephalus tricolor*)—Perhaps four or five were seen and their curious call was heard during a pre-breakfast walk in the forest not far from Surama EcoLodge.

**Spangled Cotinga** (*Cotinga cayana*)—These stunners were seen two days in forest edge along the main highway.

**Screaming Piha** (*Lipaugus vociferans*)—Encountered at least five days; one of the few forest birds consistently vocalizing. We saw one in the 'scope as we returned for breakfast from the forest walkway at Atta Rainforest Lodge.

**Pompadour Cotinga** (*Xipholena punicea*)—We saw a female along the forest road not far from the Rock View Lodge.

### **MANAKINS Pipridae (3)**

**Tiny Tyrant-Manakin** (*Tyranneutes virescens*)—(HO) Heard as we returned from the canopy walkway at Atta Forest Lodge.

**Blue-backed Manakin** (*Chiroxiphia pareola*)—Two males were seen in woodland near Caiman House.

**Black Manakin** (*Xenopipo atronitens*)—One reasonably cooperative male was seen in the white sand Mori forest.

### **BECARDS AND TITYRAS Tityridae (4)**

**Black-tailed Tityra** (*Tityra cayana*)—Seen two days early in the trip, i.e., around Surama EcoLodge

**Dusky Purpletuft** (*Iodopleura fusca*)—One-two of these poorly-known birds were seen in the clearing at Atta Rainforest Lodge.

**White-naped Xenopsaris** (*Xenopsaris albinucha*)—Two of these infrequently-seen birds were found during late afternoon not far from Surama EcoLodge.

**Pink-throated Becard** (*Pachyramphus minor*)—A pair with a nest was in the lodge clearing at Atta Rainforest Lodge.

### **VIREOS Vireonidae (2)**

**Rufous-browed Peppershrike** (*Cyclarhis gujanensis*)—One was seen during the Sun Parakeet hike.

**Chivi/Red-eyed? Vireo** (*Vireo chivi/olivaceus*)—One was seen during the sacred mountain hike at Rock View Lodge. Both are very similar and both are potentially present there.

### **CROWS AND JAYS Corvidae (1)**

**Cayenne Jay** (*Cyanocorax cayanus*)—A small flock was seen at Surama EcoLodge.

#### **SWALLOWS AND MARTINS Hirundinidae (7)**

**Black-collared Swallow** (*Pygochelidon melanoleuca*)—A few were noted over the Essequibo River during the afternoon boat trip out of Iwokrama River Lodge.

**White-banded Swallow** (*Atticora fasciata*)—These lovely swallows were seen three days during boat trips with close looks along the Boro Boro River during the Harpy boat trip.

**Southern Rough-winged Swallow** (*Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*)—Seen three days over savannah or ponds.

**Gray-breasted Martin** (*Progne chalybea*)—Noted most days over openings including savannah, roads, and rivers.

**Brown-chested Martin** (*Progne tapera*)—One was seen near Surama EcoLodge.

**White-winged Swallow** (*Tachycineta albiventer*)—Found five days, mostly over rivers and ponds.

**Barn Swallow** (*Hirundo rustica*)—These familiar birds were seen seven days; birds in Guyana are wintering migrants.

#### **WRENS Troglodytidae (4)**

**House Wren** (*Troglodytes aedon*)—One was heard on Day 1 and a couple were noted at Surama EcoLodge.

**Bicolored Wren** (*Campylorhynchus griseus*)—Curiously unresponsive; a couple were glimpsed on the savannah near Caiman House and pairs were viewed by some participants at Manari Lodge.

**Coraya Wren** (*Pheugoedius coraya*)—A dueting pair was seen along the road during the afternoon drive out of the Rock View Lodge.

**Buff-breasted Wren** (*Cantorchilus leucotis*)—Seen roadside near Surama and heard a couple days more.

#### **DONACOBIUS Donacobiidae (1)**

**Black-capped Donacobius** (*Donacobius atricapilla*)—One was seen during the Mahaica River boat trip.

#### **THRUSHES Turdidae (1)**

**Pale-breasted Thrush** (*Turdus leucomelas*)—One of the most common vocalizations of the tour, often beginning before first light; we saw them at least six days.

#### **MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS Mimidae (1)**

**Tropical Mockingbird** (*Mimus gilvus*)—A familiar bird, seen nine days in more open sites; common in Georgetown

#### **FINCHES AND EUPHONIAS Fringillidae (3)**

**Plumbeous Euphonia** (*Euphonia plumbea*)—This euphonia was seen by part of the tour on Day 8 (at Rock View Lodge?).

**Finsch's Euphonia** (*Euphonia finschi*)—Seen by some folks at Surama EcoLodge and by some at Rock View Lodge

**Violaceous Euphonia** (*Euphonia violacea*)—We saw these two days, first at Kaieteur Falls.

#### **NEW WORLD SPARROWS Passerellidae (1)**

**Grassland Sparrow** (*Ammodramus humeralis*)—One was seen by Gary, Bob, and the Sues as we drove toward Caiman House.

### **NEW WORLD BLACKBIRDS Icteridae (13)**

**Eastern Meadowlark** (*Sturnella magna*)—Small numbers were noted three days, first at Rock View Lodge.

**Red-breasted Meadowlark** (*Leistes militaris*)—First seen along the runway at Ogle Airport, then at lake or pond edges three days during the latter part of the trip.

**Green Oropendola** (*Psarocolius viridis*)—Found three days; the first time when 'scoped from the trail to the Harpy nest near Surama EcoLodge.

**Crested Oropendola** (*Psarocolius decumanus*)—Decidedly uncommon; a few were seen during the Harpy boat trip.

**Yellow-rumped Cacique** (*Cacicus cela*)—Widespread and found eight days; an active nesting colony was outside our rooms at Surama EcoLodge.

**Red-rumped Cacique** (*Cacicus haemorrhous*)—Seen several days at forest edge, first along the main highway at the Surama EcoLodge turnoff.

**Epaulet Oriole** (*Icterus cayanensis*)—One was present in the lodge compound during the afternoon walk at Iwokrama River Lodge.

**Orange-backed Troupial** (*Icterus croconotus*)—An individual was found as we walked along woodland during the drive out of Manari Ranch.

**Yellow Oriole** (*Icterus nigrogularis*)—Found four days in more open habitats. Upwards of 20 were seen our first day just before and during the Mahaica River boat trip.

**Shiny Cowbird** (*Molothrus bonariensis*)—Found two days early in the trip; they were numerous Day 1 around the boat landing for the Mahaica River trip.

**Giant Cowbird** (*Molothrus oryzivorus*)—Seen five days; common at Surama EcoLodge around the Yellow-rumped Cacique colony.

**Carib Grackle** (*Quiscalus lugubris*)—Numerous during the trip to the Mahaica River on Day 1

**Yellow-hooded Blackbird** (*Chrysomus icterocephalus*)—A small flock was seen briefly during the Mahaica River boat trip.

### **NEW WORLD WARBLERS Parulidae (2)**

**Yellow Warbler** (*Setophaga petechia*)—One individual was seen Day 1 at the Botanical Garden in Georgetown.

**Blackpoll Warbler** (*Setophaga striata*)—One was found during the first afternoon walk at Surama EcoLodge

### **CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS AND ALLIES Cardinalidae (1)**

**Rose-breasted Chat** (*Granatellus pelzelni*)—A male was seen well at roadside along the main highway not far from Surama EcoLodge.

### **TANAGERS AND ALLIES Thraupidae (19)**

**Red-capped Cardinal** (*Paroaria gularis*)—Noted four days; a lawn bird at Iwokrama River Lodge where easily seen.

**White-lined Tanager** (*Tachyphonus rufus*)—Seen near Surama EcoLodge Day 2.

**Silver-beaked Tanager** (*Ramphocelus carbo*)—This subtly-attractive tanager was seen the first seven days of the tour.

**Blue-gray Tanager** (*Thraupis episcopus*)—Seen every day in all habitats

**Palm Tanager** (*Thraupis palmarum*)—Like the above bird, these were pretty much ubiquitous including inside participants' rooms at Surama EcoLodge.

**Burnished-buff Tanager** (*Tangara cayana*)—Small numbers were seen four days, most in open habitats toward the end of the trip.

**Blue Dacnis** (*Dacnis cayana*)—Found three days, i.e., at forest edge along the main highway

**Purple Honeycreeper** (*Cyanerpes caeruleus*)—Several were seen along woodland edge at Kaieteur Falls.

**Red-legged Honeycreeper** (*Cyanerpes cyaneus*)—One was seen at Iwokrama River Lodge.

**Grassland Yellow-Finch** (*Sicalis luteola*)—A small flock was seen at the final lake during the drive out of Manari Ranch.

**Blue-black Grassquit** (*Volatinia jacarina*)—At least 10 (some displaying) were seen in the vicinity of the Mahaica River.

**Lesson's Seedeater** (*Sporophila bouvronides*)—Five or six were seen just before and during the Mahaica River boat trip.

**Chestnut-bellied Seedeater** (*Sporophila castaneiventris*)—At least three were in the building compound at Iwokrama River Lodge.

**Ruddy-breasted Seedeater** (*Sporophila minuta*)—These were seen two days including a few at Rock View Lodge.

**Chestnut-bellied Seed-Finch** (*Sporophila angolensis*)—A singing male was seen near the “rectangular pond” not far from Surama EcoLodge.

**Gray Seedeater** (*Sporophila intermedia*)—We saw these drab little birds twice, first on the afternoon walk into the savannah after arriving at Surama EcoLodge.

**Yellow-bellied Seedeater** (*Sporophila nigricollis*)—The most common seedeater; seen four days, usually in small flocks, i.e., the lawn at Iwokrama River Lodge.

**Plumbeous Seedeater** (*Sporophila plumbea*)—One male was seen at lake edge on the Manari Ranch drive.

**Grayish Saltator** (*Saltator coerulescens*)—Six or so were seen on the Mahaica River boat trip, including a couple singing birds at the boat landing.

#### **MAMMALS (10 species recorded):**

**West Indian Manatee** (*Trichechus manatus*)—Three were Hoovering up aquatic vegetation in a pond that's connected to a waterway at the Georgetown Botanical Garden (i.e., wild, not captive).

**Giant Anteater** (*Myrmecophaga tridactyla*)—Three were seen after we departed Caiman House and two during the Manari Ranch drive. A world-class life form and, arguably, one of the highlights of the trip.

**Guianan Red Howler-Monkey** (*Alouatta macconnelli*)—Two parties were seen during the Mahaica River boat trip. We heard them several mornings, often well before first light.

**Tufted Capuchin** (*Cebus apella*)—One or two were at the Georgetown Botanical Garden

**Weeper Capuchin** (*Cebus olivaceus*)—We saw these two days including a habituated individual at Rock View Lodge.

**Red-rumped Agouti** (*Dasyprocta leporina*)—We saw these hyper rodents at least two days; they were easily seen around the building compound at Iwokrama River Lodge.

**Greater Bulldog (Fishing) Bat** (*Noctilio leporinus*)—Almost certainly this species; numerous at the water's surface during our nighttime boat trip at Caiman House.

**Sac-winged Bat sp.** (*Saccopteryx* sp.)—The bat we saw roosting on a trailside tree trunk during the sacred mountain hike at Rock View Lodge. The parallel wavy dorsal lines and pointed snout should preclude vampire bat, as was originally proposed.

**Proboscis Bat** (*Rhynchonycteris naso*)—The small bats we saw taking flight at river edge as our boat disturbed them during the Harpy boat trip. Typically, they roost on branches over the water.

**Tayra** (*Eira barbara*)—One was seen by the lead vehicle near Rock View Lodge.

#### REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS (9 species recorded):

**Tropical Rattlesnake** (*Crotalus durissus*)—This attractive and especially dangerous snake was seen on the savannah near Caiman House in a woodlot that also hosted roosting White-tailed Nightjars.

**Lava Lizard** (*Tropidurus cf. hispidus*)—There were several lava lizards on the walls of the main building at Surama EcoLodge.

**Giant Ameiva** (*Ameiva ameiva*)—Seen by the lead car *en route* to Rock View Lodge

**Green Iguana** (*Iguana iguana*)—Rather sparse; seen two days.

**Black Caiman** (*Melanosuchus niger*)—This uncommon caiman was seen two days--best looks during the boat trip from Caiman House.

**Spectacled Caiman** (*Caiman crocodilus*)—The more common caiman; we saw it at the Ogle Airport and along the Rupununi River.

**Golden Rocket Frog** (*Anomaloglossus beebei*)—Several of these Guyanan endemics were found in water-filled leaf bases of bromeliads at various Kaieteur Falls overlooks.

**Crested Toad** (likely *Rhinella martyi*)—One was seen as we descended the hillside below the canopy walkway at Atta Rainforest Lodge.

**Treefrog** (cf. *Hypsiboas* sp.)—A treefrog, likely this genus, landed on Jane's hat as we ducked under a treefall during the Harpy boat trip.

#### BUTTERFLIES AND NOTABLE INSECTS (4 species recorded-many others ignored in favor of birds):

**Red Postman** (*Heliconius erato*)—Edge of main highway near Surama EcoLodge.

**A tigerwing butterfly** (cf. *Mechanitis* sp.)—Edge of main highway near Surama EcoLodge.

**Variable Cracker** (*Hamadryas feronia*)—Forest trail close to Caiman House.

**Morpho sp.** (cf. *Morpho helenor*?)—Various forested sites; roadside and along trails. Several possible species.