

Suriname 22 Aug - 5 Sep 2023

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### **Introduction**

This trip reports consists of 23 pages and will conform to the following format: An introduction, including admin and logistics, day to day itineraries, highlighting regional specialities and species of interest, followed by a consolidated species list and a summary. The group of 4 decided to travel to Suriname following an idea hatched by Dave and Paul. Not a generally well visited country for most but the tour would not disappoint. Costs of flights etc varied but all up, for an extended 16-day trip the cost was roughly £3.5k per person - a lot cheaper than similar trips run to Guiana by bird tour companies. For those looking for luxury to use a Star Wars quote: “Move on, this is not the birding destination you are looking for”. Food was functionally, predictable - chicken, fish, rice, beans, noodles, pasta, and variations thereof. That said, nobody was ill during the trip so all in all a good result. In Paramaribo at the end of the tour, options were more varied, even pork was available, however some preferred to resort to the favoured burger.

### **Admin & Logistics**

Fieldguides:

*The birds of Suriname* – out of print, but a good book containing many good plates – the guide had one.

*The birds of Brazil* – contains most but not all species.

*The birds of Northern South America* – contains all species.

All records for the trip were entered into Ebird.

All food, transport and accommodation were dealt with by the ground agent – Birding Suriname and was arranged through the website: [Birding In Suriname - Otte Ottema \(planktonik.com\)](http://planktonik.com) . The company was excellent and there were no issues with the way the tour was run.

### **The Guides**

Ashraf and Ralf were excellent and earned their money. Well connected (which is essential in keeping up with the latest bird news), knowledgeable and very friendly it was a pleasure to spend time with them. Very knowledgeable regarding all Suriname wildlife, Ralf was extremely honed with night birding as the species seen below will attest. Without the guides' knowledge of calls and habitat we wouldn't have been so successful. Thanks Ashraf and Ralf!



***With 1 endemic species and many Guianan shield, range restricted species, lying at the Northern tip of South America with Paramaribo as its capital Suriname is a great destination for those interested in South American birds.***

### **Day 1 – 21 Aug (Travel)**

Following the group travelling from Luton and Newcastle on 21 Aug, all met at Amsterdam for the following days' early flight to Paramaribo, Suriname with KLM. It started with a Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture and ended with a House Sparrow, many more sought-after species were seen in between along with some fantastic habitats and some memorable moments were enjoyed.

### **Day 2 - 22 Jan (Arrival, Airport Perimeter and Forest)**

After meeting the local guide, we were plunged into tropical birding in the heat and humidity which was the shape of things to come. We were transported in a Toyota Land Cruiser, which was enough room for 4 and the luggage when necessary. Traversing the tracks on the Airport's perimeter the first birds seen soaring were Lesser Yellow-headed Vultures and along the fence line Red-breasted Meadowlarks and White-headed Marsh Tyrants. Under the fence in the shade was a lone Grassland Sparrow, with only 1 other being seen after it. 5 or 6 Collared Plovers ran around the sandy tracks as

we moved towards the forest. Swallow-winged Puffbirds were common, and our first target was encountered with a Black Manakin showing well and soon another perched in front of us; a Saffron-crested Tyrant Manakin. Eventually after hearing a Musician Wren sing for some time, it gave itself up, sat on a small tree stump and sang openly – a good start. Purple-throated Fruitcrows moved, calling high above us. As we headed back, we stopped to view a pair of Black Hawk Eagles and a Short-tailed Hawk soared above us. A Crested Bobwhite was seen and as we tried to view it, it flushed and flew to deep cover never to be seen again. The 6 or so Lesser Nighthawks in a nearby wood were more obliging as were a small group of Cayenne Jays. As everyone was feeling the effects of the travel, with the light fading it was onto Cola Creek, after changing some money where the only Burrowing Owl of the trip was added along with the first Yellow-headed Caracara. Arriving at our first accommodation, after dinner, unpacking and a shower it was time for an early night in preparation for tomorrow's early start.

### **Day 3 – 23 Aug (Cola Creek)**

Cola Creek so named as a previous American camp or the black river water flowing through it – take your pick. There were several basic chalets sleeping 4 in 2 bedrooms with a kitchen, toilet, and shower. We used one which was perfectly functional but in no way luxury, however it did have aircon, something that we would come to crave later in the trip. Breakfast was a self-catering affair, with lunch being taken in the central dining area and dinner being delivered by the guide to the chalet as we were late back.

We were out at first light and one of the first birds we saw was the only Golden-spangled Piculet of the trip. As we walked the area, common birds such as Great Kiskadees, Tropical Mockingbirds, and Kingbirds were soon ignored to focus on Piratic, Sulphury Flycatchers and Grey-crowned Flycatchers, alongside Southern Beardless Tyrannulets and Yellow-bellied Elaenias. We were soon distracted by a distantly perched Pied Puffbird. Golden-winged and Brown-throated Parakeets called and flew above us along with several Green-rumped Parrotlets. Along the river, White-winged Swallows, Grey-breasted Martins and our first Short-crested Flycatcher showed on a veranda rail. The highlight was a pair of Point-tailed Palmcreepers, typically in the nearby Palms.

As we continued to look along the fringes of the wood, a Green-tailed Jacamar was seen and soon 2 prospecting a nest hole. A Green-backed Trogon was above and quickly located as it called and eventually a Painted Tody Flycatcher was seen by some. We retired for lunch and a break from the heat. There was little point birding in the middle of the afternoon as we had noted a considerable drop off in bird activity post 11 am, and this was the normal situation throughout the trip.

We started out again at 1530 and walked the perimeter of the resort's fence. An open area with scattered large trees, attracted many birds as the trees provided good lookout points. The first Laughing and Bat Falcons were seen, and a smart White-throated Toucan was close by. As it became dark the first Owling attempt took place, with a result, 2 Black-banded Owls were seen and another heard. A highlight and fitting conclusion to day 3.

### **Day 4 – 24 Aug (Am - Krake Weg area and nearby forest tracks. Pm Airport and Forest, Berlin area)**

We departed Cola Creek early for Krake Weg. A road lined with large trees and low vegetation. The area produced some spectacular birding and the first species seen was a Smoky-fronted Tody Flycatcher, a species only possible in 2 locations in Suriname. An obliging Coraya Wren sang openly, and a pair of Blue-headed Parrots called as they passed above. In the surrounding trees a pair of Paradise Jacamars were scoped, as the group were distracted by a flyover and eventually perched stunning male Pompador Cotinga. It was joined by an equally eye catching male Spangled Cotinga.

Black-tailed and Guianan Trogons called and were eventually located. A family of Crimson Topaz showed well, if from the gloom of the forest where their full glory could not be appreciated until they flew across the road. We left the main track and finally stopped on a side track, after a short walk a Spotted Puffbird posed for the camera at close range and a known stakeout produced the often-difficult Bronzy Jacamar. Finally departing the area, we stopped for a calling bird which was identified and a small group of Pale-breasted Spinetails were seen well.

In the afternoon we left for the airport tracks once more although little of note was added and the targeted Blue-backed Manakin wasn't seen. We continued onto Berlin where a Black-faced Dacnis was added to the growing list. We ended the day looking for and eventually seeing a pair of Russett-crowned Crakes – no easy task and a pair of Black-spotted Barbets put in a brief appearance. Later in the evening following dinner, we were introduced to Ralf who would be our guide for the next week. He immediately produced the goods finding a fine pair of Tropical Screech Owls in the Cola Creek grounds – another good end to the day!



Tropical Screech Owl

#### **Day 5 – 25 Aug (Powoka Savannah, transit and Brownsberg)**

We left Cola Creek for Brownsberg but pausing at Powoka Savannah to look for Pale-bellied Mourner, which we'd missed in 2 previous stakeouts. As we arrived a Spectacled Thrush was seen, and several Red-legged Tinamous were heard but not seen. A frustrating couple of hours followed, but eventually a Mourner was heard calling. It came closer and eventually 2 of this difficult species were seen and scoped, however the long-awaited bird can only be described as underwhelming. We arrived at Brownsberg having seen all the usual suspects along the road. We stopped just short of Brownsberg to look at a feeding flock attracted by an ant swarm. Soon, Black-throated, Rufous-throated and the charming Guianan Warbling Antbird were located. If this was indicative of what Brownsberg had to offer, things were looking up. Brownsberg is a small government owned camp with individual bungalows with 4 bedrooms sleeping 2, with a self-contained kitchen, shower, and toilet. Perfectly adequate if not very tired and basic – again no luxuries here and what is more, alarmingly no A/C, which began to make life uncomfortable when trying to sleep.

The first bird we saw at Brownsberg were the famous Grey-winged Trumpeters feeding on rice at the edge of the forest, another family down for Dave, leaving him 9 to see. We began to walk the tracks in the area first seeing a Greyish Mourner. It was quiet until we heard a Geen Oropendola. Always difficult to locate in the canopy, Ralf eventually got one in the scope – I don't know how. In any event the bird was seen calling and displaying high above through a narrow window in the foliage. A forest clearing produced several Red-throated Caracaras and a Red-necked Woodpecker.

We returned to the accommodation, had dinner, and went Owling again. Ralf more than delivered once more, first hearing and locating a Foothill Owl and whilst watching this a Tawny-bellied Owl started to call nearby, and Ralf quickly located this as well. Good Work! You earned your tip today.



Foothill Screech Owl



Tawny-bellied Screech Owl

### **Day 6 – 26 Aug (Brownsberg Trails)**

We walked the trails around Brownsberg all day. Hot and humid it was worth the effort. However, before we left and following breakfast, a fruiting tree outside our bungalow produced some great birds. Green, Purple and Red-legged Honeycreepers were the most numerous, joined initially by a Waved Woodpecker and a Screaming Phia. We continued to watch, and a Golden-olive Woodpecker arrived closely followed by a Fulvous-crested Tanager. In the tree above sat a Guianan Puffbird. A very productive start to the day.

As we were leaving the camp area, the only Ruddy Pigeon of the trip displayed and eventually perched to allow good scope views. A Marail Guan also fed in an adjacent tree and fed actively. Reaching another clearing deeper into the forest, we paused for a feeding Hummer, which gave excellent views proving to be Black-eared Fairy. As we paused 2 Grey-breasted Sabrewings also fed nearby. Calls alerted the guide, and we were soon onto an Amazonian Antshrike. Canopy species were evident high up but acceptable views were obtained of Pygmy Antwren, Guianan Tyrannulet, Grey Antwren, and White-lored Tyrannulet. A cracking White-Hawk put in the briefest of flyovers.

As we continued deeper into the forest, a Black-faced Antthrush was eventually located closely followed by a stunning Ferruginous-backed Antbird. Above us a Black-throated Trogon took a while to reveal itself. The final bird of the morning's tally was a McConnell's Flycatcher prior to returning for lunch. During the lunch break at least 8 Swallow-tailed Kites and an adult King Vulture were above the accommodation over the reservoir which sat below us.

The afternoon commenced with a familiar walk and after about a kilometre a mixed feeding flock was encountered. Some frantic birding ensued and eventually views were achieved of most of the species in the flock. A Fulvous Shrike Tanager was stunning and a Tawny-headed Greenlet flitted about. A White-throated Manakin was seen, and a White-breasted Wood Wren was coaxed to the front of the wood. After considerable persistence from the guide, flight views and then brief perched views of a Lined Forest Falcon was a highlight. Sadly, with the light fading and several birds heard but not seen it was the end of another enjoyable day.

### **Day 7 – 27 Aug (Brownsberg Trails)**

We drove to some tracks further away today. Prior to departing a Collared Puffbird took some finding but eventually posed well for the appreciative group. As we were leaving the camp area a

Black Currasow was seen briefly in the forest close to the road. Composite views of the bird were acceptable noting the ID features, but it showed its full glory when it walked across the road in front of the vehicle. The only one seen well during the trip. Alighting from the vehicle to walk the tracks the call of a small bird alerted the guide, and a Short-tailed Pygmy-Tyrant was in the bag. Across the track a Guianan Schiffornis showed well in the gloom. A small adjacent track revealed a Helmeted Pygmy-Tyrant, and then the call of a White-eyed Tody-Tyrant gave it away. A male a female Black-throated Antshrike took some effort to see with the female being a far better-looking bird than the male.

The afternoon saw us returning to a previously visited area where a feeding flock had been seen and proved to be a very wise choice. We walked a little further into a clearing down a slope and watched from there. We stayed about 2 hours. The first bird was a Buff-cheeked Greenlet, simultaneously 3 or 4 Todd's Antwren were high above us in the canopy feeding and calling actively. A Mouse-coloured Antshrike reacted with a little persuasion and Black-banded and Guianan Woodcreepers flew in and climbed the high trees – as they do. Bird of the day and perhaps one of the birds of the trip was a stunning and difficult to find Sharpbill which perched openly for several minutes with everyone attaining excellent scope views. This was even a lifer for Ralf the guide, highlighting its difficulty, he was delighted. Back to camp for coffee and dinner.

#### **Day 8 - 28 Aug (Brownsberg Viewpoint, Transit and Fredsberg)**

Prior to a transit day to Fredberg, our next destination for 4 nights we walked to a viewpoint behind the accommodation. We sat here for about an hour or so. White-banded Swifts, the first of the trip could be unusually seen from above amongst the more common Short-tailed Swifts. A dark phase Short-tailed Hawk sailed by, and several Honeycreepers and Hummingbirds were mobbing an area below us. We had previously heard an Amazonian Pygmy Owl but were unable to locate it, despite great efforts. Amazingly, Dave eventually located the bird, and it was relatively close. We scoped, photographed, and enjoyed the bird for some time before it was time to pack the vehicle and depart. Fittingly as we were leaving on the track another small group of Grey-winged Trumpeters were seen.

Fredsberg is a privately owned camp, named after the founder "Fred" its former name being Zintete. It attracts tourists seeking a jungle experience and primates primarily. It has several on suite cabins utilising river water and a general-purpose sleeping room with camp beds. Luckily, we were accommodated in the "luxury" accom. There is a central kitchen and dining area, and it must be said the chefs and food was exceptional. The journey to Fredsberg necessitated travelling along 2 long rough forest tracks totalling about 30 Kms. Stopping to refuel, Ralf purchased some airtime and made his mobile a hotspot. Having been in the wilderness for 4 days, we all contacted our partners to let them know we were still alive, caught up on emails and bird news and of course submitted Ebird records. By the time we reached our destination we were greeted by a Greater Yellow-headed Vulture. With all thoroughly achy and sore we had lunch, a brew, and a well-earned break.

All feeling a bit jaded after the torturous journey we birded the new camp area with some success. A pair of Capuchinbirds were seen by most above in the canopy and the only Yellow-margined Flycatcher of the trip was seen well. 3 Chapman's Swifts were seen and Screaming Phias were heard everywhere. We walked to a plant with an orange flowering area favoured by feeding Hummingbirds. Rufous-breasted Hermit, Reddish Hermit and Glittering-throated Emerald were seen but the undoubted stars of the show were a female and then a resplendent male Tufted Coquette. As birds began to fly to roost, several Red-fan Parrots perched and moved on and the male Purple-breasted Cotinga perched high in front of us was a welcomed gift and finale to the day.

No aircon was now playing a part, constantly sweating, showering, and sweating made sleeping difficult and all were feeling the effects of the lack of sleep the next day.

#### **Day 9 - 29 Aug (Fredberg Cock of the Rock Lek and trails near accom)**

Despite fatigue – the show must go on! It had been agreed that the Guianan Cock-of-the-Rock lek area should be visited as soon as possible, which would allow a return visit should it prove unsuccessful. We needn't have been concerned. We journeyed early to the area, parked and walked for about 15 minutes in the forest to a small rocky outcrop where a rudimentary screen had been erected. Not to worry almost immediately a male was spotted. Even in the gloom of the dark forest the gaudy orange plumage could be seen clearly. 1 male was joined by another 2 and their semi-display was watched for about 45 minutes. A fantastic experience. We left the area for the vehicle pausing to photograph a very obliging Double-banded Pygmy-Tyrant. Above us a Plumbeous Pigeon perched on a dead tree and allowed us to study the white eye and features of the species in detail.

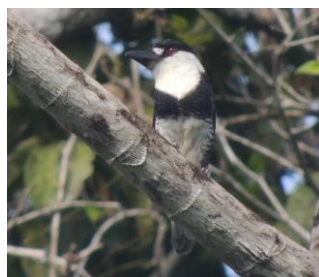
The return to the camp was punctuated by several well-chosen stops. We observed the area and listened for calls. The first produced a Dark-bellied Cuckoo, Paradise, and Brown Jacamars. The second by a bridge delivered a Long-tailed Tyrant and 2 White-banded Swallows with 3 White-winged Swallows.

In the afternoon we walked to the nearby bridge that we'd stopped at on our return in the morning via some forest tracks and the "main road". A Spot-winged Antbird was a bonus and a Great Jacamar showed briefly high above. Along the road a group of Black-headed Parrots were stunning, as was a showy White-crowned Manakin. 2 Scarlet Macaws greeted us at the bridge. Across the road a small group of noisy Painted Parakeets added to the occasion. As we waited on the bridge a Crimson Topaz showed its colours well alongside a pair of Green-tailed Jacamars. High in a tree opposite a Gold-sided Euphonia, looking all black eventually decided to turn and show why it gained its name and several smaller Honeycreepers mobbed a Rufous-crowned Peppershrike. As dusk fell, we waited for the main event. Soon enough several Short-tailed Nighthawks emerged from their roosts and started to hawk over the river. A known location, a pair of Spectacled Owls, called and showed well in the spotlight. Back to camp for a delicious late-night supper, a brew, and a sweaty bed under a mozzie net.

#### **Day 10 – 30 Aug (Fredberg Trails, General Area and Night Drive)**

Up and at um! Travelling to a Capuchinbird lek for a better look hopefully. Near the previous Cock-of-the-Rock lek but a little further on. We stopped on route for a couple of Dusky Parrots and a Dot-winged Antbird. Anyway, success at least 2 birds called – a crazy noise for a bird and showed well at times. 2 Cock-of-the-Rock females were also seen nearby. As we departed, a Guianan Puffbird posed and a Wing-barred Piprites was located nearby. On our return we stopped for a perched Black Nunbird, sheltering from the heat which is what we were about to do.

Guianan Puffbird



Re-hydrating ourselves, lunching and heading for the shade and a shower we recommenced activity at about 1500 as usual. After hearing a bird call and searching intently for about 30 minutes Mark managed to find the song post that the Spotted Antpitta was singing from with everyone securing exceptional views of the bird. Another Great Jacamar showed better on this occasion and after days of the “quest” a small group of Red-billed Pied Tanagers were seen high in the canopy, calling, and perching for all to see, but especially Dave, reducing his required bird families to 8 left to see.



Red-billed Pied Tanager

We went on another night drive with Ralf a little further afield to a location where he'd had success previously. It turned out to be an exceptional night. Arriving at a clearing a White-winged Potoo responded, and a silhouette was seen several times before unbelievably the bird perched atop a dead tree and the spotlight revealed the large white wing patch. Soon after a Common Potoo did the same coming to rest nearby also showing well in the spotlight. As if that wasn't enough Ralf had heard a Crested Owl which had come closer and was calling. We walked down a track for a couple of hundred meters and Ralf declared “There it is”. To the left above us on a bare branch was a magnificent Crested Owl. Happy we began the drive to camp only to stop in another clearing where a Blackish Nightjar was calling and landed in front of us on some rough ground – amazing! The drive back to camp flushed another 3 Blackish Nightjars and 3 Common Pauriques. Ralf really was exceptional at locating night birds.



Crested Owl



Blackish Nightjar

#### **Day 11 – 31 Aug (Fredberg Trails and Night Drive)**

The day began by staking out a known Zigzag Heron haunt. Unfortunately, the Heron didn't play the game but consequently we saw a Black-chinned Antbird, American Pygmy Kingfisher, and a Green and Rufous Kingfisher. With no Heron, we moved on to the usual trails and searching for new birds. As we walked, we heard and then saw a Rufous-rumped Foliage-gleaner, Wedge-billed and Straight-billed Woodcreepers and a Black-necked Aracari. A Ruddy Spinetail proved tricky but eventually was



seen amongst the leaf litter. Lunch provided a welcome break from the humidity, and we were ready once more for the afternoon's jolly.

The afternoon started well with a pair of Guianan Streaked Antwrens outside the dining room. A White-fringed and Rufous-bellied Antwren were soon added to the tally although took some time to see well. An Ocre-lore Flatbill showed well but briefly, whilst above us were calls of a canopy warbler and after some focussed searching a cracking male Rose-breasted Chat revealed itself, the star of the afternoon. As we were walking to the camp a Cocoa Thrush was above us in a palm. In the clearing near camp a pair of Epulate Orioles rested briefly in the treetops, with Silver-beaked, Palm and Blue Grey Tanagers being ever present.

In the evening we journeyed further afield where Ralf had previously been successful. We basically stopped along the forest track in the middle of nowhere and Ralf played a Long-tailed Potoo recording. Almost immediately a bird responded at some distance. Very soon, the silhouetted Long-tailed Potoo flew over us down the main drag. It returned and was spotlighted as it performed another flyby. Another very lucky encounter thanks to Ralf's in-depth knowledge of the area.

#### **Day 12 – 1 Sep (Fredberg Trails and Transit to Paramaribo)**

As we began to walk a new bird for the trip in the form of a flyover Capped Heron. Despite hearing a Yellow-billed Jacamar for several days we were still unable to get onto one and this was ultimately the one that got away. To be fair we searched hard, heard a Trilling Gnatwren but there was little to add and so we departed Fredberg with fond memories for Paramaribo.

The journey was interrupted by a few stops which produced close views of Black-tailed Tityras, a Bat Falcon and a Grey-lined Hawk. We arrived at the hotel, checked in, enjoyed a hot shower, aircon and a brew. Later we had dinner, and all was well with the world.

#### **Day 13 – 2 Sep (River, Warapa Creek and Warapa Creek Shore)**

The long-awaited boat trip along the river and down Warapa Creek to the sea had arrived. We boarded the boat – well, I say a boat, sort of with the typical outboard motor, no shade and the usual water seeping in through the seams. In any event it made the trip. As we sped down the main river towards Warapa Creek entrance, a Brown Pelican and the expected Heron species were seen. On dead snags overlooking the river and, in a tree, a little further on was one of the targets for the day, several Rufous Crab Hawks looked unperturbed by our presence. Suriname is one of the easiest places to see this species. As we continued a raised concrete platform housed hundreds of waders. Semipalmated Plovers and Sandpipers by enlarge but a least 2 White-rumped Sandpipers were identified. Spotted Sandpipers were ubiquitous along the river and the creek, however a group of 3 Hudsonian Whimbrels were the only ones encountered. Several Greater Anis flew across the river and perched as we passed with at least 40 Orange-winged Parrots flying to and fro above us.

Rufous Crab Hawk



3As we entered the mangrove lined Warapa Creek, it was necessary to duck and dive to avoid the hanging roots and branches. Not always successful at speed, inevitably some took some pain. Traversing the narrow channel in the more open areas patient observation produced our first Arrowhead Piculet, a fine male and only Suriname endemic. A little further on a range restricted Blood-coloured Woodpecker showed well and was appreciated by the group. We paused for a good looking Black-crested Antshrike but were soon distracted and onto a Streaked Flycatcher.

As we cleared the mangroves and the area opened out, many dead trees were lining the channel to the sea. Lineated Woodpeckers and a Brown-crested Flycatcher observing from its lookout. A Willet flew across the boat, the only 1 observed. As we reached the sea and mudflats, there was a bit of a wader fest but not before observing several Ospreys, a few Magnificent Frigatebirds and the much-sought Scarlet Ibis, three of which flew across the front of the boat. Waders included, Greater Yellowlegs, Ruddy Turnstone, Least Sandpiper, Semipalmated Sandpiper and Plover.

We began our return journey as the tide was dropping, stopping after a short while for a Red-crowned Woodpecker. A little later Ashy-headed Greenlets showed well as did a Spotted Tody-Flycatcher all adding to the total which was nearing 300 for the trip. We stopped for lunch at the converted Bakki plantation house. This also had a museum which was very interesting and with aircon, so we were more than happy to enjoy the exhibits, talk and A/C.

Following the short interval birding commenced around the area of the lunch stop. Buff-breasted Wren, Wattled Jacanas were seen along with a nesting pair of Spotted Tody-Flycatchers. A lifer was added with a fine Finsch's Euphonia and a pair of Black-headed Donacobius and Olive-grey Saltators were added. As we sped back along the river, a brief pause produced a Large-billed Tern perched on a snag in the river and several Laughing Gulls passed the boat. Unfortunately, no Guianan Dolphins were seen but several more Magnificent Frigatebirds were seen.

#### **Day 14 – 3 Sep (Paramaribo River, Crake Stakeout, Henry Fernandez Weg or Road to the Sea and Peperpot Reserve Night Walk)**

A short stop at the river produced brief views of a Least Bittern and Purple Gallinule. A Yellow-chinned Spintail sat up well and Orange-winged Parrots with smaller numbers of Green-rumped Parrotlets passed above us. Continuing to a housing estate and a stakeout, an Ash-throated Crake was persuaded to cross a cow field into the open allowing for good views. On to Henry Fernandes Weg or as it is known "The Road to the Sea" ending in a Hindu temple and access to the mud flats. Pausing half-way along the road we watched a wood for a Slender-billed Kite which did not appear.

However, the time was not wasted. A beautiful male Long-winged Harrier passed in front of us. As we spent time here a Masked Yellowthroat and several Pied Water Tyrants were seen. Of the raptors that did appear a Black-collared Hawk was first, followed by A Roadside Hawk, Crested Caracaras, a perched Laughing Falcon and the only Greater Black Hawk of the trip. Walking along the road a Bicoloured Conebill showed well, and a Spot-breasted Woodpecker was scoped. A Northern Mouse-coloured Tyrannulet showed at close range and a pair of Cinereous Becards were present. Familiar waders were present on the mudflats along with 10 Scarlet Ibis and a few Yellow-billed Terns patrolled the bay.

The night walk was partially successful. We arrived in the light to witness Yellow-rumped Caciques and Crested Oropendallas flying to roost as a couple of Carib Grackles hung around and a male Cinereous Becard was in a nearby tree. As it darkened, we walked the tracks with a local guide seeing several species of Snakes and hearing a Green Ibis and Black-banded Owl. We left earlier than the other participants who were more successful later in the evening.

#### **Day 15 – 4 Sep (Peperpot Reserve, Chocopot and Road to the Sea)**

Early morning, we returned to the Peperpot Reserve to bird it properly. Birds were present everywhere, so we attempted to focus on new species. Birds were coming thick and fast, a pair of Cinnamon Attilas, a Little Cuckoo and a Cinnamon-breasted Woodcreeper. Calling and skulking a pair of Plain-crowned Spinetails were challenging with a White-winged Becard less so. The only Lesser Kiskadees were also seen near the visitor centre. Along the trails another Arrowhead Piculet with Blood-coloured Woodpeckers appearing numerous. We heard but could not locate a Riverbank Warbler but in searching found a White-browed Antbird and the only Hooded Tanagers of the trip were added here. We came across a flock of birds mobbing what was probably a snake allowing for great views of Striped Woodcreepers, Buff-breasted Wren, Black-crested Antshrike and Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet. Blackish Antbird was seen shortly after. As we headed for the exit a Cream-coloured Woodpecker showed well and behaved for the camera.



Cream-coloured  
Woodpecker

Following lunch where we added Grey Plovers, we headed to Chocopot, a known lek of the Crimson-hooded Manakin. At least 3 males were seen almost immediately. A beautiful bird hopping from

side to side on its display branch eventually attracting a female. A Great Potoo was roosting above us, appearing like a branch and was a welcomed addition to the “Nightbirds” list.

We returned to the Road to the Sea and were greeted by a male Long-winged Harrier once more and amongst the Vultures the only Zone-tailed Hawk of the trip. Snail Kites were again present in reasonable numbers along the road. We stopped under a tower for shade and were soon observing, Blue-Black Grassquits, Red-breasted Meadowlarks and a lone Northern Mouse-coloured Tyrannulet. A pair of Yellow Orioles was a great find here, a bird that many wanted to see, and a pair of White-lined Tanagers posed openly. As we were heading away from the area a Limpkin was seen flying down a drainage channel and unfortunately landed out of site.



Crimson-hooded Manakin



Great Potoo

### **Day 16 – 5 Sep (Transit stops, Cola Creek area & Flight home)**

We journeyed back to the Paramaribo airport area stopping on route and near Cola Creek where we stopped for a shower prior to the 1555 KLM flight to Amsterdam, where we parted and caught our respective uneventful flights to Luton and Newcastle. Two new birds were added, a lifer for most – the Plumbeous Euphonia and 4 Least Grebes, the only ones seen. Another Green and Rufous Kingfisher was seen well with another adult King Vulture near Cola Creek and a brief view of a Russett-crowned Crake.

Farewells and thanks to Ashraf for his great efforts and a professionally operated tour, and we were on our way back to the welcome UK heatwave and a Brown Booby at Seaton Snook and onto the next bird and planning for the next trip.....

### **Summary**

Excellent! You miss some, you see lots. Some birds you thought would be easy aren't and those you thought you had no chance of seeing you do – that's birding. By no means a luxurious holiday but a very enjoyable one. For the more intrepid birder, prepared to tolerate a little discomfort and inconvenience the rewards are there to be had. Suriname is under visited and that's understandable given the accommodation and food limitations but from a purely birding perspective it is a fantastic destination, and I can wholeheartedly recommend it.

### **Consolidated Species List**

Key: Red – Endemic/ \*Not seen by all participants / Heard Only

Common Name	Scientific Name	Comments
Great Tinamou *	Tinamous major	1 seen flying across the road transiting from Fredberg to Paramaribo
Red-legged Tinamou	Crypturellus erythropus	4 heard at Powoka Savannah on the 25th
Marail Guan	Penelope marail	1 at Brownsberg on 26th
Black Currasow	Crax alector	1 crossing the road at Brownsberg on 27th
Crested Bobwhite	Colinus crisatus	1 seen briefly at Paramaribo airfield on the 1 <sup>st</sup> day
Lesser Nighthawk	Chordeiles acutipennis	At least 6 seen on the first day at Paramaribo airfield
Short-tailed Nighthawk	Lurocalis semitorquatus	Several at the bridge near Brownsberg camp
Blackish Nightjar	Nyctipolus albicollis	1 perched and several flushed at Fredberg
Common Pauraque	Nyctidromus	
Great Potoo	Nyctibius grandis	1 at a day roost in Chocopot
Long-tailed Potoo	Nyctibius aethereus	1 West of Fredberg camp on 30th
Common Potoo	Nyctibius griseus	Several heard and one perched West of Fredberg camp on 29th
White-winged Potoo	Nyctibius Leucopterus	1 perched West of Fredberg camp on 29th
Fork-tailed Palmswift	Tachornis squamata	Common & Widespread
Band-rumped Swift	Chaetura spinicaudus	Several seen throughout
Chapman's Swift	Chaetura chapmani	Only 3 seen at Fredberg on 28 <sup>th</sup> – probably under recorded
Short-tailed Swift	Chaetura brachyura	The most common Swift seen throughout
Lesser-swallow-tailed Swift	Panyptila cayennensis	1s and 2s seen firstly at Berlyn on 24th
Crimson-Topaz	Topaza pella	A family at Krake Weg and 1 at Fredberg bridge
Ruby Topaz	Chrysolampis mosquitos	2 on the 24 <sup>th</sup> at the Airport Forest
White-necked Jacobin	Florisuga Mellivora	1s seen in suitable habitat
Rufous-breasted Hermit	Glaucis hirsutus	1 at Fredberg Camp and 1 at Peperpot Reserve
Reddish Hermit	Phaethornis ruber	2 at Fredberg on 28 <sup>th</sup>
Straight-billed Hermit	Phaethornis bourcieri	Several seen in suitable habitat not as common as Long-tailed
Long-tailed Hermit	Phaethornis superciliosus	Very common at a colony not far from Brownsberg camp
Black-eared Fairly	Heliostyris auratus	1 at a clearing in Brownsberg on 26 <sup>th</sup>
Green-tailed Goldenthrout	Polytmus theresiae	1s seen in open country savannah
Black-throated Mango	Anthracothorax nigricollis	Males & Females seen throughout
Tufted Coquette	Lophornis ornatusi	Male & Female at Fredberg Camp
Grey-breasted Sabrewing	Campylopterus largipennis	1 & 2s seen in forested areas
Fork-tailed Woodnymph	Thalurania furcate	One of the most common hummers, seemingly encountered anywhere
Glittering-throated Emerald	Chionomesa fimbriata	As Fork-tailed Woodnymph
Rufous-throated Sapphire	Hylocharis sapphirine	Several seen but a male seen well feeding at Fredberg camp
Greater Ani	Crotophaga major	5 seen on the Warapa Creek boat trip
Smooth-billed Ani	Crotophaga ani	Small gaggles seen in roadside vegetation throughout
Striped Cuckoo	Tapera naevia	1 calling openly on the Road to the Sea on 4 <sup>th</sup>
Little Cuckoo	Coccyua minuta	1 seen at Peperpot Reserve on 4 <sup>th</sup>
Squirrel Cuckoo	Piaya cayana	1s seen throughout in suitable habitat
Black-bellied Cuckoo	Piaya melanogasteri	1 seen in Fredberg on the main track returning from the Cock-of-the-Rock lek
Rock/Feral Pigeon	Columba livia	Common around towns
Scaled Pigeon	Patagioenas speciosa	1 at Powoka Savannah on 25 <sup>th</sup> was scoped

Pale-vented Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas cayennensis</i>	Small groups seen in the Savannah
Plumbeous Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas plumbea</i>	Heard in several places and 1 scoped in Fredberg on 29 <sup>th</sup>
Ruddy Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas subvinacea</i>	1 displaying and perched at Brownsberg
Common Ground Dove	<i>Columbina passerina</i>	Seen throughout
Ruddy Ground Dove	<i>Columbina talpacoti</i>	As above
White-tipped Dove	<i>Leptolila verreauxi</i>	1 seen at Coco Creek on 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Grey-fronted Dove *	<i>Leptolila rufaxilla</i>	2 flushed from a track in Fredberg
Russett-crowned Crake	<i>Anurolimnas viridis</i>	2 at Berlyn and 1 near Cola Creek on the last day
Ash-throated Crake	<i>Musterlirallus albicollis</i>	1 at a regular location in a housing estate towards the Road to the Sea
Purple Gallinule	<i>Porthyrrio martinica</i>	1 immature seen along the river in Paramaribo
Grey-winged Trumpeter	<i>Psophia crepitans</i>	Several small groups seen along the trails at Brownsberg on various dates
Least Grebe	<i>Tacybaptus dominicus</i>	4, 2 adults & 2 Juvs in one location behind Coco Creek on the last day
Limpkin *	<i>Aramus guarauna</i>	1 seen along the road to the sea on 4 <sup>th</sup>
Black-bellied Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	7 seen at lunch at the back of Peperpot Reserve
Semipalmated Plover	<i>Charadrius semipalmatus</i>	Numerous in suitable habitat
Collared Plover	<i>Charadrius collaris</i>	A party of 5 or 6 seen on Paramaribo Airfield perimeter track on 2 days only
Wattle Jacana	<i>Jacana jacana</i>	1s & 2s seen in lowlands along river courses and ponds
Hudsonian Whimbrel	<i>Numenius hudsonicus</i>	3 seen along the river towards Warapa Creek on 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept
Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	Fairly common on mudflats
Least Sandpiper	<i>Calidris minuta</i>	At least 5 seen on mudflats at the seaward end of Warapa Creek
White-rumped Sandpiper	<i>Calidris fuscicollis</i>	At least 2 amongst other waders along the river in Paramaribo
Semipalmated Plover	<i>Calidris pusilla</i>	Common and numerous on mudflats
Spotted Sandpiper	<i>Actitis macularius</i>	Ubiquitous along the river and Warapa Creek
Greater Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>	Numerous on mudflats
Lesser Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa flavipes</i>	1 flew over the Road to the Sea
Willet	<i>Tringa semipalmata</i>	1 in Warapa Creek
Laughing Gull	<i>Larus atricilla</i>	Numerous along the rivers and towards the sea
Cayenne Tern *	<i>Thalasseus acuflavidus eurygnathus</i>	3 birds flying at the Hindu Temple at the end of the Road to the Sea
Large-billed Tern	<i>Phaetusa simplex</i>	1 on the river returning from Warapa Creek
Yellow-billed Tern	<i>Sterula superciliaris</i>	Several in the bay at the end of the Road to the Sea
Brown Pelican	<i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i>	Only 2 seen along the river adjacent to Paramaribo
Magnificent Frigatebird	<i>Fregata magnificens</i>	Several seen at the end of Warapa Creek and along the river off Paramaribo
Green Ibis	<i>Mesembrinibus cayennensis</i>	1 heard on the night walk in Peperpot Reserve
Scarlet Ibis	<i>Eudocimus ruber</i>	3 at the end of Warapa Creek and 10 on the mudflats at the end of the Road to the Sea
Least Bittern *	<i>Lxobrychus exilis</i>	1 along the river in Paramaribo on 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	4 seen perched by the jetty in Paramaribo
Yellow-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax violacea</i>	As above

Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata striata</i>	Numerous along water courses
Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis ibis</i>	20-30 with cattle along the Road to the Sea
Great Egret *	<i>Ardea alba egetta</i>	2 seen on the Warapa Creek boat trip
Capped Heron	<i>Piherodius pileatus</i>	1 flyover at Fredberg on 1 <sup>st</sup> Sep
Tricoloured Heron	<i>Egretta tricolor</i>	Singles on mudflats
Little Blue Heron	<i>Egretta caerulea</i>	Common on mudflats and along the river
Snowy Egret	<i>Egretta thula</i>	As above
King Vulture	<i>Sarcoramphus papa</i>	Several adults seen throughout and 1 immature bird at Brownsberg
Black Vulture	<i>Coragyps atratus</i>	Common and Widespread
Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura ruficollis</i>	Common and Widespread
Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture	<i>Cathartes burrovianus</i>	Common and Widespread
Greater Yellow-headed Vulture	<i>Cathartes melambrotus</i>	The least common and usually with Lessers in singles
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	4 at the end of Warapa Creek and a couple of flyovers elsewhere along the river
Black Hawk-Eagle	<i>Spizaetus tyrannus</i>	2 on the first afternoon at Paramaribo airport perimeter track
Swallow-tailed Kite	<i>Elanoides forficatus</i>	10 or more seen at Brownsberg were probably migrants
Double-toothed Kite	<i>Harpagus bidentatus</i>	1 perched in Brownsberg following monkeys as is its MO
Long-winged Harrier	<i>Circus buffoni</i>	1 bird seen on 2 days along the Road to the Sea
Plumbeous Kite	<i>Ictinia plumbea</i>	1 sighted over Krake Weg
Black-collared Hawk	<i>Busarellus nigricollis</i>	2 seen over the woods along the Road to the Sea
Snail Kite	<i>Rostrhamus sociabilis</i>	Common over roadside pools along the Road to the Sea
Rufous Crab Hawk	<i>Buteogallus aequinoctialis</i>	Several along the river and Warapa Creek
Savannah Hawk	<i>Buteogallus meridionalis</i>	A displaying pair along the Road to the Sea
Great Black Hawk	<i>Buteogallus urubitinga</i>	1 perched in woods along the Road to the Sea on 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Roadside Hawk	<i>Rupornis magnirostris</i>	The most common raptor seen everywhere
White-tailed Hawk	<i>Geranoaetus albicaudatus</i>	1 on the first afternoon soaring over the airfield
White Hawk	<i>Pseudastur albicollis</i>	1 at Brownsberg briefly and a close individual at Fredberg
Grey-lined Hawk	<i>Buteo nitidus</i>	1s seen and widespread
Short-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo brachyurus</i>	2 seen one close flyby at the Brownsberg Viewpoint
Zone-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo albonotatus</i>	1 soaring with Vultures over the Road to the Sea on 4 <sup>th</sup>
Burrowing Owl	<i>Athene cunicularia</i>	1 only on roadside sand heaps whilst transiting to Cola Creek on day 1
Amazonian Pygmy Owl	<i>Glaucidium hardyi</i>	1 from the Brownsberg viewpoint on 28 <sup>th</sup>
Tropical Screech-Owl *	<i>Megascops choliba</i>	A pair in the Coco Creek grounds
Foothill Screech-Owl	<i>Megascops roraimae</i>	1 close to the behind the accom at Brownsberg
Tawny-bellied Screech-Owl	<i>Megascops watsonii</i>	1 approx 100m from the above
Spectacled Owl	<i>Pulsatrix perspicillata</i>	A pair from the bridge at Fredberg
Crested Owl	<i>Lophotrix cristata</i>	Several heard and one seen at close range west of Fredberg camp
Black-banded Owl	<i>Ciccaba huhula</i>	2 seen at Cola Creek and another heard. Also heard in Peperpot reserve on 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Black-tailed Trogon	<i>Trogon melanurus</i>	A few seen in suitable habitat

Green-backed Trogon	Trogon viridis	A male at Cola Creek, several others in suitable habitat and one in Peperpot Reserve
Guianan Trogon	Trogon violaceos	A pair at Krake Weg
Black-throated Trogon	Trogon Rufus	1 at Brownsberg
Amazon Kingfisher	Chloroceryle amazona	Several seen nearby watercourses
American Pygmy Kingfisher	Chloroceryle aenea	At least 4 seen near suitable water side habitats
Green Kingfisher	Chloroceryle americana	1s seen at various waterside locations
Green and Rufous Kingfisher	Chloroceryle inda	2 seen, 1 at the Brownsberg Zigzag Heron site and one whilst transiting from Fredberg to Paramaribo on the 1 <sup>st</sup>
Ringed Kingfisher	Megaceryle torquata	1 at Cola Creek on the first day and another 2 during the week
Brown Jacamar	Brachygalba lugubris	
Yellow-billed Jacamar	Galbula ruficauda	Heard at Fredberg several times but not seen
Green-tailed Jacamar	Galbula galbula	Relatively common throughout
Bronzy Jacamar	Galbula leucogastra	Only 2 a known stakeout off the Krake Weg
Paradise Jacamar	Galbula dea	Several pairs seen throughout in suitable habitat
Great Jacamar	Jacamerops aureus	2 seen and surprisingly difficult to see for a large bird – both at Brownsberg, probably the same bird
Guianan Puffbird	Notharchus macrorhynchos	1 at Brownsberg, 1 at Fredberg and 1 on 4 <sup>th</sup> near Cola Creek
Pied Puffbird	Notharchus tectus	1 at Cola Creek and 1 at Brownsberg
Spotted Puffbird	Bucco tamatia	1 cracker in the Krake Weg area
Collared Puffbird	Bucco capensis	1 calling and seen well behind the accom at Brownsberg
Black Nunbird	Monasa atra	Several at Fredberg
Swallow-winged Puffbird	Chelidoptera tenebrosa	Common & Widespread in lowland savannah
Black-spotted Barbet	Capito niger	2 at Berlyn & 2 at Brownsberg
Green Aracari	Pteroglossus viridis	1s & 2s seen throughout
Black-necked Aracari	Pteroglussus aracari	As above
Guianan Toucanet	Selenidera piperivora	A pair on the main track out of Brownsberg at the 1Km sign
Channel-billed Toucan	Ramphastos vitellinus vitellinus	Singletons seen in widespread locations
White-throated Toucan	Ramphastos tucanus tucanus	2 birds seen, 1 at Coco Creek and 1 at Brownsberg on 27 <sup>th</sup>
Golden-spangled Piculet	Picumnus exilis	1 on the second day at Cola Creek was the only one
Arrowhead Piculet	Picumnus minutissimus	A male at Warapa Creek and a pair in Peperpot Reserve
Yellow-tufted Woodpecker	Melanerpes cruentatus	Small groups seen and widespread
Red-crowned Woodpecker	Melanerpes rubricapillus	1 seen in Warapa Creek
Blood-coloured Woodpecker	Dryobates sanguineus	1 in Warapa Creek and common at Peperpot Reserve
Golden-collared Woodpecker	Dryobates cassini	Fairly common and widespread
Yellow-throated Woodpecker	Piculus flavigula	1 in Brownsberg at close range whilst searching for a Black-faced Antthrush
Golden-olive Woodpecker	Colaptes rubiginosus	1 feeding in the fruiting tree outside the accom at Brownsberg
Spot-breasted Woodpecker	Colaptes punctigula	1 scoped on the Road to the Sea near the Hindu Temple
Waved Woodpecker	Celeus undatus	A pair in the fruiting tree outside the accom at Brownsberg



Cream-coloured Woodpecker	<i>Ceelus flavus</i>	1 at Fredberg and 1 sitting up at close range in Peperpot Reserve on 4 <sup>th</sup>
Lineated Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus lineatus</i>	Fairly common and widespread
Red-necked Woodpecker	<i>Campephilus rubricollis</i>	At Brownsberg and Fredberg usually in pairs – 3 sightings
Crimson-crested Woodpecker	<i>Campephilus melanoleucos</i>	1 at Cola Creek on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> day was the only one
Red-throated Caracara	<i>Ibycter americanus</i>	Heard and seen regularly at Brownsberg
Crested Caracara	<i>Caracara plancus</i>	3 over the wood on the Road to the sea
Yellow-headed Caracara	<i>Milvago chimachima</i>	Common and widespread
Laughing Falcon	<i>Herpetotheres cachinnans</i>	Seen regularly in lowland Savannahs with trees
Lined-forest Falcon	<i>Micrastur gilvicollis</i>	1 seen flying and perched at Brownsberg
Bat Falcon	<i>Falco ruficularis</i>	Singles seen on large dead trees – widespread
Golden-winged Parakeet	<i>Brotogeris chrysoptera</i>	Common flyovers throughout, mainly in the lowlands
Caica Parrot	<i>Pyrilia caica</i>	A small group flew over at Fredberg
Dusky Parrot	<i>Pionus fuscus</i>	1s & 2s at Fredberg
Blue-headed Parrot	<i>Pionus menstruus</i>	Pairs flying over at Krake Weg and Fredberg
Mealy Parrot	<i>Amazona farinose</i>	A couple of flyovers at Fredberg
Orange-winged Parrot	<i>Amazona amazonica</i>	The most common Parrot, seen almost everywhere in large numbers
Green-rumped Parrotlet	<i>Forpus passerines</i>	Seen in small groups mainly in the lowlands
Black-headed Parrot	<i>Pionites melanocephalus</i>	A small group of this smart Parrot were scoped along the main track at Fredberg
Red-Fan Parrot	<i>Deroytyus accipitrinus</i>	Flyovers and a couple of perched birds in Fredberg
Painted Parakeet	<i>Pyrrhura picta</i>	Several flyovers and a perched group at the bridge in Fredberg
Brown-throated Parrot	<i>Eupsittula pertinax</i>	Several scoped at Cola Creek
Red-bellied Macaw	<i>Orthopsittaca manilatus</i>	2 perched at Cola Creek on the 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Scarlet Macaw	<i>Ara macao</i>	3 birds, all at the Fredberg bridge on two occasions
Red-shouldered Macaw	<i>Diopsittaca nobilis</i>	Very common at Cola Creek
White-eyed Parakeet	<i>Psittacara leucophthalmus</i>	1 by the roadside when transiting to Brownsberg
Plain-brown Woodcreeper	<i>Dendrocolaptes picumnus</i>	1 at Brownsberg on 25 <sup>th</sup>
Wedge-billed Woodcreeper	<i>Glypharynychus spirurus</i>	Fairly common and widespread
Cinnamon-throated Woodcreeper	<i>Dendrexetastes rufigula</i>	1 at Peperpot Reserve
Black-banded Woodcreeper	<i>Dendrocolaptes picumnus</i>	1 at Brownsberg on 27 <sup>th</sup>
Striped Woodcreeper	<i>Xiphorhynchus obsoletus</i>	A pair mobbing a snake a Peperpot Reserve
Chestnut-rumped Woodcreeper	<i>Xiphorhynchus pardalotus</i>	Several at Brownsberg on several dates
Buff-throated Woodcreeper	<i>Xiphorhynchus guttatus</i>	3 at Brownsberg
Straight-billed Woodcreeper	<i>Dendroplex picus</i>	2 at Fredberg on the 31 <sup>st</sup>
Guianan Woodcreeper	<i>Lepidocolaptes albolineatus</i>	1 flew in whilst watching the Sharpbill at Brownsberg
Point-tailed Palmcreeper	<i>Berlepschia rikeri</i>	A pair at Cola Creek
Rufous-rumped Foliage Gleaner	<i>Philydor erythrocercum</i>	1 in a mixed feeding flock at Brownsberg
Rufous-tailed Foliage Gleaner	<i>Philydor erythrocercum ochrogaster</i>	1 in woods at Fredberg

Yellow-chinned Spinetail	<i>Certhiaxis cinnamomeus</i>	A few, 1 showed well along the river in Paramaribo
Plain-crowned Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis gujansis</i>	3 or 4 at Peperpot Reserve
Pale-breasted Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis albescens</i>	2 at Krake Weg
Ruddy Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis rutilans</i>	1 at Fredberg low in leaf litter
Dot-winged Antwren	<i>Microrhopias quixensis</i>	1 at Fredberg
Brown-bellied Stipplethroat	<i>Epinercophylia gutturalis</i>	1 at Brownsberg on 27 <sup>th</sup>
Pygmy Antwren	<i>Myrmotherula brachyura</i>	1 at Brownsberg on 26 <sup>th</sup> s
Guianan Streaked-Antwren	<i>Mymotherula surinamensis</i>	A pair near the accom at Fredberg
White-flanked Antwren	<i>Mymotherula axillaris</i>	1 at Brownsberg & 1 at Peperpot Reserve
Grey Antwren	<i>Mymotherula menetriesii</i>	1 at Brownsberg
Southern White-fringed Antwren	<i>Formicivora grisea</i>	1 at Krake Weg and 1 at Brownsberg
Rufous-bellied Antwren	<i>Iseria guttata</i>	A pair at Fredberg on the afternoon of the 31 <sup>st</sup>
Dusky-throated Antshrike	<i>Thamnomanes ardesiacus</i>	A pair at Brownsberg
Cinereous Antshrike	<i>Thamnomanes caesius</i>	1 at Brownsberg & Fredberg
Todd's Antwren	<i>Herpsilochmus stictocephalus</i>	3 in a valley at Fredberg
Barred Antshrike *	<i>Thamnomanes doliatus</i>	1 at Krake Weg
Mouse-coloured Antwren	<i>Thamnophilus murinus</i>	1 at Brownsberg & Fredberg
Northern Slaty-Antshrike	<i>Thamnophilus punctatus</i>	1 at Krake Weg on 24 <sup>th</sup>
Amazonian Antshrike	<i>Thamnophilus amazonicus</i>	1 at Brownsberg
Black-crested Antshrike	<i>Sakesphorus canadensis</i>	1 male at Warapa Creek and 2 at Peperpot Reserve
Fasciated Antshrike	<i>Cymbilaimus lineatus</i>	2 at Fredberg
Black-throated Antshrike	<i>Freerickena viridis</i>	1 at Brownsberg & Fredberg
Rufous-throated Antbird	<i>Gymnopithys rufigula</i>	1 at Brownsberg
Guianan Warbling-Antbird	<i>Hypocnemis cantator</i>	1 at Brownsberg several others heard
Blackish Antbird	<i>Ceromacroides nigrescens</i>	3 at Peperpot Reserve
Dusky Antbird	<i>Cercomacroides tyrannina</i>	1 at Krake Weg & 1 at Brownsberg
Grey Antbird	<i>Ceromacra cinerascens</i>	1 at Brownsberg
Ferruginous-backed Antbird	<i>Myrmoderus ferrugineus</i>	1 stunner at Brownsberg
Black-chinned Antbird	<i>Hypocnemoides melanopogon</i>	1 at the Zigzag Heron stakeout in Brownsberg
Spot-backed Antbird	<i>Hylophylax naevius</i>	1 at Fredberg
White-browed Antbird	<i>Myrmoborus leucophrys</i>	At least 2 at Peperpot Reserve, 1 seen well
Black-headed Antbird	<i>Percnostola rufifrons</i>	2 at Brownsberg on 25 <sup>th</sup>
Black-faced Antthrush	<i>Formicarius analis</i>	1 at Brownsberg
Spotted Antpitta	<i>Hylopezus macularius</i>	1 at Fredberg
Wing-barred Piprites	<i>Piprites chloris chloris</i>	1 near the Cock-of-the-Rock lek
Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet	<i>Tyrannulus elatus</i>	1 at Cola Creek
Yellow-bellied Elaenia	<i>Elaenia flavogaster</i>	1 at Cola Creek
Plain-crested Elaenia	<i>Elaenia cristata</i>	1 at Krake Weg on 24 <sup>th</sup>
Rufous-crowned Elaenia	<i>Elaenia ruficeps</i>	1 at Krake Weg & 1 at Brownsberg
White-lored Tyrannulet	<i>Ornithion inermis</i>	A pair high up at Brownsberg prospecting a nest
Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet	<i>Camptostoma obsoletum</i>	1 at Cola Creek and 1 at Peperpot Reserve

Northern Mouse-coloured Tyrannulet	Nesotricus incomtus	2 along the Road to the Sea on 2 dates
Guianan Tyrannulet	Zimmerius acer	2 at Brownsberg
Mcconnell's Flycatcher	Mionectes macconnelli	1s at Fredberg on 2 dates
Short-tailed Pygmy Flycatcher	Myiornis ecaudatus	1 at Brownsberg
Smoky-fronted Tody-Flycatcher	Poecilatriccus ecaudatus	1 at Krake Weg
Double-banded Tody Tyrant	Lophotriccus vitiosus	1 near the Cock-of-the-Rock lek Fredberg
White-eyed Tody Tyrant	Hermitriccus zosterops	1 at Brownsberg on territory on 27 <sup>th</sup>
Helmeted Pygmy-Tyrant	Lophotriccus galeatus	1 at Brownsberg near the above, several others heard elsewhere
Spotted Tody-Flycatcher	Todirostrum maculatum	1 along Warapa Creek and a pair at the lunch stop nest building
Common Tody-Flycatcher	Todirostrum cinereum	Several seen throughout
Painted Tody-Flycatcher	Todirostrum pictum	1 at Cola Creek and a pair at Fredberg
Yellow-margined Flycatcher	Tolmomyias assimilis	1 at Fredberg
Grey-crowned Flycatcher	Tolmomyias poliocephalus	3 at Cola Creek and 1 at near the Cock-of-the-Rock lek
Ochre-lore Flatbill	Tolmomyias flaviventris	1 at Fredberg on 31 <sup>st</sup>
Pied Water-Tyrant	Fluvicola pica	Fairly common around Paramaribo's wetlands
White-headed Marsh Tyrant	Arundinicola leucocephala	Common around marshes and water courses
Long-tailed Tyrant	Colonia colonus	2, only seen at Fredberg bridge
Piratic Flycatcher	Legatus leucophaeus	Common in lowlands around Cola Creek, several seen elsewhere in suitable habitat
Rusty-margined Flycatcher	Myiozetetes cayanensis	Common & Widespread
Great Kiskadee	Pitangus sulphuratus	The most common bird – everywhere
Lesser Kiskadee	Philohydor lictor	Only 2 at Peperpot Reserve on 4 <sup>th</sup>
Yellow-throated Flycatcher *	Conopias parvus	1 at Cola Creek
Streaked Flycatcher	Myiodynastes maculatus	2 seen 1 at Krake Weg & 1 at Warapa Creek
Boat-billed Flycatcher	Megarynchus pitangua	Several seen in lowland savannah
Sulphury Flycatcher	Tyrannopsis sulphurea	Only at Cola Creek on 2 dates
Variiegated Flycatcher	Empidonomus varius	Only 1 at Cola Creek
Tropical Kingbird	Tyrannus melancholicus	Everywhere – Common
Fork-tailed Flycatcher	Tyrannus savana	At least 8 flying over the Road to the Sea on the 4 <sup>th</sup> must have been migrants
Greyish Mourner	Rhytipterna simplex	1 at Brownsberg and 1 at Fredberg
Pale-bellied Mourner	Rhytipterna immunda	2 at Powoka Savannah on the 25 <sup>th</sup>
Dusky-capped Flycatcher	Myiarchus tuberculifer	2 at Brownsberg
Short-crested Flycatcher	Myiarchus ferox	Cola Creek and Peperpot Reserve
Brown-crested Flycatcher	Myiarchus tyrannulus	1 at Warapa Creek
Cinnamon Atilla	Attila cinnamomeus	Several only at Peperpot Reserve
Guianan-Cock-of-the-Rock	Rupicola rupicola	3 males at the lek area in Fredberg on 29 <sup>th</sup> & 2 females 2 days later nearby
Purple-throated Fruitcrow	Querula purpurata	3 or 4 in the forest behind the airport and a couple heard at Fredberg
Capuchinbird	Perissocephalus tricolor	2 near Fredberg camp and 2 or 3 around the lek in Fredberg
Screaming Phia	Lipaugus vociferans	1 in the fruiting tree at Brownsberg and heard and seen everywhere in Fredberg
Spangled Cotinga	Cotinga cayana	A male and female in trees along Krake Weg
Purple-breasted Cotinga	Cotinga cotinga	1 perched above us in Fredberg
Pompador Cotinga	Xipholena punicea	A stunning male and a female along the Krake Weg and females seen elsewhere

Saffron-crested Tyrant-Manakin	<i>Neopelma chrysocephalum</i>	This sought after bird was not much to look at, however, 1 on the first day in the woods at the airport and 1 at Krake Weg
White-throated Manakin *	<i>Corapipo gutturalis</i>	1 Female came to the fruiting tree behind the accom at Brownsberg
Black Manakin	<i>Xenopipo atronitens</i>	1 on the first day in the airport woods and 1 in the Krake Weg area
White-fronted Manakin	<i>Lepidothrix serena</i>	2 females, Both in the Brownsberg area
White-bearded Manakin	<i>Manacus manacus</i>	2 females in the Krake Weg area
Crimson-hooded Manakin	<i>Pipra aureola</i>	A highlight, at least 3 males and a female in the lek area at Chocopot on 4 <sup>th</sup>
White-crowned Manakin	<i>Pseudopipra pipra</i>	1 male at Fredberg and 1 in transit between Fredberg and Paramaribo
Golden-headed Manakin	<i>Ceratopira erythrocephala</i>	A breathtaking male at Cola Creek and a female in the Krake Weg area
Sharpbill	<i>Oxyruncus cristatus</i>	Very unexpected – 1 in a Brownsberg valley on 27 <sup>th</sup> was a great find
Black-tailed Tityra	<i>Tityra cayana</i>	Several birds seen throughout
Black-crowned Tityra	<i>Tityra inquisitor</i>	1 at Cola Creek
Guianan Schiffornis	<i>Schiffornis olivacea</i>	1 at Fredberg
Cinereous Mourner	<i>Laniocera hupopyrra</i>	3, 1 at Brownsberg & a pair on the Road to the Sea
White-winged Becard	<i>Pachyramphus polychopterus</i>	1 at Peperpot Reserve on the 4 <sup>th</sup>
Green-backed Becard	<i>Pachyramphus viridis</i>	1 or 2 at Fredberg bridge
Pink-throated Becard	<i>Pachyramphus minor</i>	1 female at Krake Weg
Rufous-browed Peppershrike	<i>Cyclarhis gujanensis</i>	1 being mobbed at Fredberg bride and 1 at Krake Weg
Ashy-headed Greenlet	<i>Hylophilus pectoralis</i>	2 along the Warapa Creek
Tawny-crowned Greenlet	<i>Tunchiornis ochraceiceps</i>	2 at Brownsberg
Buff-cheeked Greenlet	<i>Pachysylvia musciacapina</i>	1 at Brownsberg
Chivi Vireo	<i>Vireo Chivi</i>	1 at the airport forest and 1 at Brownsberg viewpoint
Cayenne Jay	<i>Cyanocorax cayanus</i>	Small groups at the airport perimeter track and Cola Creek only
White-winged Swallow	<i>Tachycineta albiventer</i>	Small numbers seen throughout
White-banded Swallow	<i>Atticora fasciata</i>	2 or 3 of this smart Swallow at Fredberg bridge on a few occasions
Southern Rough-winged Swallow	<i>Stelgidopteryx ruficollis</i>	Several seen at Krake Weg and elsewhere
Brown-chested Martin	<i>Progne tapera</i>	Just 1, consorting with the next species over the Road to the Sea
Grey-breasted Martin	<i>Progne chalybea</i>	Common & widespread
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Several small groups seen at widespread locations
Black-capped Donacobius	<i>Danacobius atricapilla</i>	A pair seen at the lunch stop on the Warapa Creek boat trip
House Wren		At least 4 seen Widespread in suitable lowland habitat
Coraya Wren	<i>Pheugopedius coraya</i>	2 along Krake Weg – 1 seen well
Buff-breasted Wren	<i>Cantorchillus leucotis</i>	Heard everywhere, seen well in a couple of places, 1 at Bakki Plantation, lunch stop Warapa boat trip
White-breasted Wood-Wren	<i>Henicorhina leucosticte</i>	Several heard – 1 seen well at Brownsberg

Musician Wren	<i>Cyphorhinus arada</i>	Several heard – 1 showing and singing well on the first day at the airport forest
Tropical Gnatcatcher	<i>Polioptila plumbea plumbea</i>	Several seen at least 2 at Cola Creek
Tropical Mockingbird	<i>Mimus gilvus</i>	Common & widespread
White-necked Thrush	<i>Turdus albicollis</i>	2 seen at Brownsberg only
Pale-breasted Thrush	<i>Turdus leucomelas</i>	Common & widespread
Cocoa Thrush	<i>Turdus fumigatus</i>	1 seen high in a palm on 2 dates at Brownsberg
Spectacled Thrush	<i>Turdus nudigenis</i>	1 at Powoka Savannah
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	A few at habitations, petrol stations and the Hindu Temple at the end of the Road to the Sea, at least 4 at the airport when departing
Plumbeous Euphonia	<i>Euphonia plumbea</i>	The last lifer one seen on a stop transiting from Fredberg to Paramaribo and 1 near Cola Creek on the last day
Finsch's Euphonia	<i>Euphonia finschi</i>	1 male seen at Bakki Plantation after lunch
Violaceous Euphonia	<i>Euphonia violacea</i>	The most often seen especially at Cola Creek, although never common
Golden-sided Euphonia	<i>Euphonia cayennensis</i>	1 seen at the Fredberg bridge
Grassland Sparrow	<i>Ammodramus humeralis</i>	1s only at the airfield track at Paramaribo
Eastern Meadowlark	<i>Sturnella magna</i>	Several the airfield track at Paramaribo
Red-breasted Meadowlark	<i>Leistes militaris</i>	Common on the airfield track and along the Road to the Sea
Crested Oropendala	<i>Psarocolius viridis</i>	Anywhere in suitable habitat, particularly common at Peperpot Reserve coming to roost
Green Oropendala	<i>Psarocolius viridis</i>	1 superbly found in the scope by Ralf, displaying at Brownsberg
Yellow-rumped Cacique	<i>Cacicus cela</i>	Seen almost anywhere
Red-rumped Cacique	<i>Cacicus haemorrhous</i>	Not as common as above but widespread
Yellow Oriole	<i>Icterus nigrogularis</i>	Only 2 seen on the 4 <sup>th</sup> along the Road to the Sea
Epulate Oriole	<i>Icterus pyrrhopterus</i>	2 pairs at Fredberg on 2 separate dates
Giant Cowbird	<i>Molothrus oryzivorus</i>	At least 4 at Cola Creek
Shiny Cowbird	<i>Molothrus bonariensis</i>	Behind the Eco Hotel in Paramaribo were the first, several more at nearby locations
Carib Grackle	<i>Quiscalus lugubris</i>	2 at Peperpot Reserve going to roost on 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 1 more there the next day
Masked Yellowthroat	<i>Geothlypis aequinoctialis</i>	1 along the Road to the Sea
Red-billed Pied Tanager	<i>Lamprospiza melanoleuca</i>	Small groups at Fredberg and one such group seen well there on the 30 <sup>th</sup>
Riverbank Warbler	<i>Myiothlypis rivularia</i>	At least 2 heard at Peperpot Reserve
Rose-breasted Chat	<i>Granatellus pelzelni</i>	A male heard and seen well in the canopy at Fredberg
Hooded Tanager	<i>Nemosia pileate</i>	2 only at Peperpot Reserve on the 4 <sup>th</sup>
Green Honeycreeper	<i>Chlorophanes spiza</i>	Several seen throughout, usually consorting with the next 2 species
Purple Honeycreeper	<i>Cyanerpes caeruleus</i>	Seen throughout but not as common as the next species
Red-legged Honeycreeper	<i>Cyanerpes cyaneus</i>	Widespread, the most common of the Honeycreepers
Blue Dacnis	<i>Dacnis cayana</i>	Singles usually with feeding groups of Honeycreepers
Black-faced Dacnis	<i>Dacnis lineata</i>	A solitary bird at Berlyn on the 24 <sup>th</sup>
Olive-Grey Saltator	<i>Saltator olivascens</i>	2 at Bakki Plantation and 1 along the Road to the Sea

Buff-throated Saltator	Saltator maximus	1 at Powoka Savannah and 1 near Fredberg bridge
Bananaquit	Coereba flaveola	Singles seen in widespread locations
Blue-black Grassquit	Vklatinia jacarina	Fairly common in lowland savannah habitats
Fulvous-crested Tanager	Tachyphonus surinamus	2 coming to a fruiting tree in Fredberg
White-lined Tanager	Tachyphonus rufus	Singles at Brownsberg, 1 at Peperpot Reserve and a pair along the Road to the Sea
Red-shouldered Tanager	Tachyphonus pboenicus	1 at Krake Weg and 1 at Powoka Savannah
Fulvous Shrike-Tanager	Lanio fulvus	1 at the same location at Brownsberg on 2 dates
Silver-beaked Tanager	Ramphocelus carbo	One of the most common birds throughout
Wing-barred Seed eater	Sporophila americana	Widespread in suitable habitat
Bicoloured Conebill	Conirostum bicolor	1 seen along the Road to the Sea near the Hindu Temple
Black-faced Tanager	Schistochlamys melanopsis	Singles seen only at the airport forest and savannah area
Blue-grey Tanager	Thraupis episcopus	Common & Widespread
Palm Tanager	Thraupis Palmarum	Equally as common as Blue-grey & Silver-beaked
Turquoise Tanager	Tangara Mexicana	Singles seen in lowland locations and 1 at Fredberg bridge
Opal-rumped Tanager	Tangara vellia	Heard at Cola Creek and 1 seen at Fredberg returning from the Cock-of-the-Rock lek

## Summary

350 species were seen with additional birds heard. Inevitably not everyone in the group saw every species but such are the vagaries of birding. Having said that, in the main the group's cohesion ensured nearly everyone saw most birds well.

Not the destination for you if you require any sort of luxury! However, for the birder who can tolerate a little discomfort and inconvenience the rewards are well worthwhile. Fantastic, habitats and environments provide a wealth of birds and experiences. All added considerably to their life lists although not their girths, as food like accommodation is functional and not luxurious. Everybody's thanks must go to Dave Horton for doing the leg work and pulling everything together. Providing a well organised and priced tour - amazing value for money for sure. Amongst a sea of amazing birds, it's difficult to pick one out but for being in the moment and the unexpected joy of seeing a White-winged Potoo fly in and perch in front of us was very memorable.

## Butterflies

Smooth Banded Sister	King Swallowtail	Blue Morpho
Golden Morpho	Red Peacock	White Peacock
Mangrove Buckeye	Statira Sulphur	Orange Spotted Tiger
Ringless Blue Cracker	Long-tailed Skipper *	Tropical Leafwing *
Aoede Longwing *	Sara's Longwing *	Giant Hairstreak *

## Dragonflies & Damselflies

Ornate Helicopter Damselfly	Red Pondhawk	Tawny Pennant *
Fine-banded Amberwing	Dark-winged Skimmer	Carmine Skimmer
Tropical Wood Skimmer *	Red-tailed Skimmer	

## Reptiles

Spectacled Caiman	Parrot Snake	Common Cipo Snake
Brown Labaria Snake	Cloudy Snail-eating Snake	Collared Tree Runner
Green Iguana	Golden Tegu	Giant Ameiva
Tropical House Gecko	Striped Forest Whiptail *	Convict's Tree Frog
Granular Toad	Suriname Toad	Bathroom Frog

## Mammals

Kinkajou	Golden-handed Tamarin	Red Howler Monkey	Black Spider Monkey *
Common Squirrel Monkey	Wedge Capped Capuchin	Brown Capuchin	Guianan Saki Monkey *
Pale-throated Three-toed Sloth	Red-rumped Agouti	Neotropical Pygmy Squirrel	Red Brocket Deer