TRAVEL
We travelled with Air France from Manchester-Paris-Sao Paulo -Porto Seguro on the way out and from Fortaleza—Sao Paulo-Paris-Manchester on the way back. Because of the reduced number of flights we had a wait of 14.5 hours in Paris on the 12th and nearly 5 hours in Sao Paulo the next day. We should have flown direct from Fortaleza to Paris but Air France cancelled our flight which had gone from being daily to once a week. Fortunately we were able to book alternative flight which gave us a 4.5 hour stay in Sao Paulo and nearly 9 hours in Paris. All better than not flying at all!

Masks had to be worn from the minute we stepped into Manchester airport.

No problem with the flights except for the lack of toilets on the Air France flights and refusal to serve food or drinks on the flight to Porto Seguro because of “turbulence” which was non-existent – we were seated right at the front and had to put up with the smell of food being heated up and then not served. Incidentally, Air France have now stopped serving drinks, even in Business Class, on short flights. Because of Covid.

COVID IN BRAZIL
We checked the Brazilian Government website before leaving to check on all the restrictions which were very reassuring but not necessarily adhered to! Masks are supposed to be worn by everyone when out of the home and this was mostly adhered to when walking about but when in shops etc people stuck to the rules 100%. Hand-sanitiser was provided in shops, restaurants etc and was very often monitored. We had our temperatures taken several times too.

HOTELS
N.B. No bottled water provided in hotels!
Best Western Shalimar Pria Hotel, Porto Seguro. Everything you would expect from this chain. Lovely buffet breakfast.
Posada Primavera, Camacan. Basic but clean and had all we required. On same site as a petrol station and café/restaurant. Helpful people.
Pousada Casa de Geleia, Lencois. Wonderful! We had one of several rooms with a large verandah looking out onto the gardens. Bird feeders. Delicious and plentiful breakfast. Highly recommended!
Pousada Por do Sol, Canudos. Motel style rooms off a courtyard. Had all we needed except water! The elderly lady owner was very apologetic and it was sorted the next day. Nice spot and lovely breakfast.
Sítio Pau Preto, Potengi. Owned and run by a birder and his mother. Great spot with feeders. Loved having tree frogs in our room – special bonus 😊 Lovely people. Recommended.
Hotel Pedro dos Ventos, Quixada. Nice hotel/restaurant with 2 pools and resident Pygmy nightjars.
Hotel Chale das Montanhas, Guaramiranga. Lovely chalet style accommodation away from the town centre on a hill. Lovely gardens.
Mega Aeroporto Hotel, Fortaleza. Cheap and near the airport. Hidden away behind a massive metal shutter. No food. Slippy floors and lethal shower surface. Toiletries provided. Not the best of areas. We probably wouldn’t stay there again.

LOGISTICS AND GUIDING
Having already enjoyed 2 lockdown birding trips to Mexico where we felt safer than in England, we decided to see where else we could go to make up for our cancelled trips! Brazil would let us in so after a bit of googling we sent off a couple of e-mails and sat back, fingers crossed. Brazil Birding Experts, our first choice, were fairly quick to respond and although not up and running yet, said they would see what they could do! Ciro Albano was free and willing to guide us on our chosen 17 day
itinerary so long as we did it in reverse order so we booked the flights there and then. Perfect. 😊 Of course, it didn’t all go quite according to plan with various flights being cancelled and lodges/trails closed but we managed to work round them. We can’t thank Ciro and Olivia enough for organising this trip under difficult circumstances and Ciro in particular for all the driving and guiding. We covered over 4,000 kms on this trip and it wasn’t all easy driving either. Ciro is a confident driver who is used to driving long distances in all weather conditions, on all surfaces and in mad traffic. His vehicle, a Mitsubishi Pajero, was plenty big enough for us and our luggage and was very comfortable. Made for the job and disgustingly dirty outside by the end of the tour! Ciro’s expertise as a guide is well-known and well-founded. No complaints whatsoever, just admiration for his skills. His English is perfect and he was always helpful and attentive to our needs. So impressed were we that we booked another trip for next year. But that was before Brazil barred us and Boris said we couldn’t go on holiday! The best laid plans.....

SUMMARIZED ITINERARY
Day 1: Porto Seguro. AM and PM birding
Day 2: Porto Seguro. AM and PM birding
Day 4: Serra Bonita Reserve. AM and PM birding
Day 5: Camacan (Serra Bonita)-Boa Nova (290kms). AM birding, transfer
Day 6: Boa Nova. AM and PM birding
Day 7: Boa Nova (Pocoes). AM and PM birding
Day 8: Boa Nova-Chapada Diamantina (450kms).Transfer PM birding
Day 9: Chapada Diamantina (Lencois). AM and PM birding
Day 10: Chapada Diamantina-Praio do Forte (465kms) AM birding, transfer, PM birding
Day 11: Praio do Forte-Canudos (450kms) AM birding, transfer, PM birding
Day 12 Canudos-Potengi (420kms) AM birding, transfer, PM birding
Day 13: Potengi Crato-Quixada (350kms). AM birding, transfer, PM birding
Day 14: Quixada-Guaramiranga (110kms). AM birding, transfer, PM birding
Day 15: Guiramanga-Fortaleza (120kms). AM birding, transfer, departure.
We did not follow this to the t but were happy to let Ciro make amendments as and when necessary.

DIARY
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12TH
Travel. Up at 2h15. Manchester Airport pretty deserted with only 4 flights leaving early. Nightmare at security – don’t ask!
No problems with the flight except for the lack of toilets on that particular plane. Constant queues.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13TH
More travel. No problems apart from lack of fluids and nourishment on the plane! Lovely sunshine when we finally arrived in Porto Seguro. We got a taxi to the hotel for 25 real and the rest of the day was our own! Quick change and off we went to buy water and explore. We happened upon an ice-cream shop so had to try it out. Delish and cheap. That was lunch taken care of. 😊 Back to the hotel then birding in the little park across the road. Very pleasant with plenty of Tropical mockingbirds, Rufous-bellied thrush, Saffron finch and others. We sat by the pool later watching the Black vultures circling overhead and with the advent of dusk, there were plenty of parakeets and parrots flying over to their roosts. We ate at the hotel – a very reasonable 117 reals for fresh mango juice, a salad and a delicious fish stew.
MONDAY, DECEMBER 14TH
Fully refreshed after a good night’s sleep but the constant stream of traffic outside was a bit unexpected! Lockdown??
Buffet breakfast at the hotel was also a huge surprise with the Covid restrictions. Loads of choice, beautifully presented. You had to sanitise your hands and wear a mask of course plus use a disposable plastic glove when handling serving utensils etc. A House wren came to join us, which was nice! 😊
It was rather grey and breezy as we set off to visit the High City, a nearby historic colonial village but not for long! Good job no-one had told me beforehand about the 200+ steps up there! It was very touristy and the car parks at the top were already far from empty! The houses are still lived in and it was a lovely spot. Very interesting. Guided tours in English were available. We managed to find a few birds too! Masked water tyrant, Great kiskadee, Campo troupial, Tropical kingbird, Black vultures, Pale-breasted thrush, Bananaquit, Ruddy ground dove and a hummingbird. It was quite hot and sunny by the time we retraced our steps and went to the little park again. Whilst I was sitting on a bench, a lady paused to tell me to look after my camera or someone would steal it. Very nice of her.
We added Peach-fronted and Plain parakeet to our list here as well as Caatinga cachalote, House sparrow and the spectacular Red-cowled cardinal spotted by Roland.
We later had a wander through town and another ice-cream ;) spotting Syaca tanager on the telegraph wires.
A later walk around the hotel grounds and little park netted us a Plain-bellied emerald on her nest and Palm tanager.
Ciro had arrived just as we were going out and we agreed to meet up later for dinner and to get acquainted.

PRE-CIRO BIRDS
Bananaquit
Black Vulture
Caatinga Cacholote (Endemic)
Campo troupial
Great Kiskadee
House Sparrow
House Wren
Masked Water Tyrant
Pale-breasted Thrush
Palm Tanager
Peach-fronted Parakeet
Plain Parakeet (Endemic)
Plain-bellied Emerald
Red-cowled Cardinal (Endemic)
Ruddy Ground Dove
Rufous-bellied Thrush
Saffron Finch
Sayaca Tanager
Tropical Kingbird
Tropical Mockingbird
19 birds seen today of which 2 were lifers

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15TH. DAY ONE
5h00 start.
There had been some rain overnight – always good to freshen things up and the birds respond better too.
Off to Veracel, a private reserve. The owners plant eucalyptus trees so maintaining this reserve is their way of giving something back. Unfortunately, we could only bird the road. The trails were closed. Covid again. Ciro brought coffee and some rubbish hotel sandwiches but remembered my hard-boiled eggs and had also brought nuts, salami, extra juice and a huge mango!! We were so pleased that Ciro likes his coffee as much as we do because that big flask was forever appearing and sustaining us during the whole of our trip!

It was a great morning with lots of birds seen: **Red-rumped cacique, Swallow-winged puffbird, Rufous-tiled jacamar, Lesser woodcreeper, Reddish hermit, Blond-crested woodpecker, Sooretema antshrike, Moustached wren, Common potoo, Kinglet manakin, Ochre-breasted flatbill, Screaming piha .....** A great start 😊 Lunch was at Rabanete, a self-service buffet in town. Excellent food and lots of choice. You get your plate weighed when you have filled it so only pay for what you have taken. Coffee included, juice and dessert extra. We had lunch at similar places practically every day. Excellent idea. As were the ones with barbecues which had meat joints cooked on spits. Lunch was followed by a rest period and we went out again around 15h30. The birding was a lot quieter as it always is but we had some great views of lovely birds such as **White-chinned sapphire, Black-necked aracari, Yellow-green grosbeak.** We stayed out until dusk and I had my first ever view of **Scissor-tailed nightjar** having dipped on it in India. What a cracker! We also saw **Short-tailed nighthawk** but not the **White-winged potoo.** At one point, totally without warning, Ciro stepped up and disappeared into the dense undergrowth and we of course had to follow but it was full of scratchy things grabbing you and your clothes and wrapping themselves round your feet. We wondered where on earth he was going when all was revealed as we enjoyed excellent views of a **Black-capped screech owl.** Great end to the day’s birding with lots of **Parauque** on the road too.

Over dinner, Ciro said that we would be leaving after lunch tomorrow instead of the next day as we had already got most of our target birds.

80 birds seen today of which 12 were lifers.

Bahia Antwren (Endemic)
Bananquit
Band-tailed Antwren (Endemic)
Black Vulture
Black-capped Becard
Black-capped Screech Owl
Black-necked Aracari
Blond-crested Woodpecker
Blue Dacnis
Blue-backed Manakin
Blue-chinned Sapphire
Brown-chested Martin
Buff-throated Saltator
Buff-throated Woodcreeper
Burnished-buff Tanager
Chivi Vireo
Common Potoo
Eared Pygmy Tyrant
Grey-breasted Martin
Grey-crowned Flatbill
Greyish Mourner
Grey-rumped Swift
Guira Cuckoo
House Sparrow
King Vulture
Kinglet Manakin (Endemic)
Lesser Woodcreeper
Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture
Moustached Wren
Ochre-lobed Flatbill
Ochre-marked Parakeet (Endemic)
Opal-rumped Tanager
Orange-bellied Euphonia
Orange-winged Amazon
Pauraque
Peach-fronted Parakeet
Plain Parakeet (Endemic)
Plain Xenops
Reddish Hermit
Red-headed Manakin
Red-legged Honeycreeper
Red-rumped Cacique
Red-stained Woodpecker
Roadside Hawk
Rufous-bellied Thrush
Rufous-tailed Jacamar
Rufous-winged Antwren
Saffron Finch
Scaled Dove
Scaled Pigeon
Scissor-tailed Nightjar
Screaming Piha
Sepia-capped Flycatcher
Shiny Cowbird
Short-crested Flycatcher
Short-tailed Nighthawk
Silvery-flanked Antwren
Smooth-billed Ani
Social Flycatcher
Sooretama Slaty Antshrike (Endemic)
Southern Crested Caracara
Southern Rough-winged Swallow
Squirrel Cuckoo
Swallow-winged Puffbird
Trilling Gnatwren
Tropical Kingbird
Tropical Mockingbird
Turkey Vulture
Turquoise Tanager
Violaceous Euphonia
Violet-capped Woodnymph
Wedge-billed Woodcreeper
White Woodpecker
White-chinned Sapphire
White-crowned Manakin
White-winged Cotinga (Endemic)
Yellow-bellied Elaenia
Yellow-green Grosbeak
Yellow-throated Woodpecker
Zone-tailed Hawk

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16TH. DAY TWO**

5h00 start again
Off to Veracel again. Much quieter. Breakfast on arrival again – a few Capucin monkeys passing through. Very happy indeed with the Hook-bill hermits and the Black-headed berryeater which is super rare! East Brazilian pygmy owl was determined not to be seen but patience paid off! 😊. We had a look at the mangroves in town before lunch – what a racket those Mangrove rail make and what an unlikely spot to find them in!!
Off to Canacan after another excellent lunch. Quiet roads and lovely scenery but difficult to stay awake!
We arrived mid-afternoon and although our room was basic, it was perfectly adequate. We would normally have stayed on the reserve but the owners and guide there were all shielding.
After the necessary coffee, we went off to Fazenda Paris and a trail there. Excellent birds: White-eared parakeets, as we arrived then Ringed woodpecker, White-shouldered fire-eye, Yellow-fronted woodpecker amongst others. Nice little crop too when we stopped by some lakes: Green kingfisher, Chopi blackbird, Brown-chested martins, White-throated seedeaters, Only a Ferruginous pygmy owl and a Pale-breasted thrush by the river though.
Excellent meal at the restaurant next to our lodgings: beef or chicken at every meal! Copious amounts of food and tasty too. We had local juice made from the pith round cocoa seeds. This town was made rich by cocoa and chocolate but disease killed all the plants off and it is very poor now.
Not a lot of mask wearing going on except when going into shops/restaurants etc.
We set up the scope tonight to look at Saturn and Jupiter in the run up to the Great Conjunction.
Excellent views.

66 birds seen today of which 9 were lifers and 32 new to the list.

Band-tailed Hornero (Endemic)
Bat Falcon
Black Vulture
Black-headed Berryeater (Endemic)
Blackish Rail
Black-throated Trogon
Blue Dacnis
Blue-black Grassquit
Blue-headed Parrot
Boat-billed Flycatcher
Brown-chested Martin
Brown-winged Schiffornis
Campo Troupial (Endemic)
Chestnut-capped Blackbird
Chopi Blackbird
East Brazilian Pygmy Owl
Ferruginous Pygmy Owl
Great Egret
Great Kiskadee
Green Kingfisher
Grey-breasted Martin
Grey-rumped Swift
Hook-billed Hermit (Endemic)
House Sparrow
Little Blue Heron
Mangrove Rail
Masked Water Tyrant
Ochre-marked Parakeet (Endemic)
Pale-breasted Thrush
Palm Tanager
Peach-fronted Parakeet
Picazuro Pigeon
Reddish Hermit
Red-headed Manakin
Red-legged Honeycreeper
Red-rumped Cacique
Red-stained Woodpecker
Ringed Woodpecker
Roadside Hawk
Ruddy Ground Dove
Rufous-bellied Thrush
Rufous-throated Sapphire
Rufous-winged Antwren
Saffron Finch
Sayaca Tanager
Smooth-billed Ani
Snowy Egret
Social Flycatcher
Southern Crested Caracara
Southern Lapwing
Southern Rough-winged Swallow
Streaked Xenops
Swallow-winged Puffbird
Tropical Kingbird
Turkey Vulture
Violaceous Euphonia
Western Cattle Egret
White-chinned Sapphire
White-eared Parakeet (Endemic)
White-shouldered Fire-eye
White-throated Seedeater (Endemic)
White-winged Cotinga (Endemic)
Yellow-crowned Night Heron
Yellow-fronted Woodpecker
Yellow-rumped Cacique
Zone-tailed Hawk

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17TH DAY THREE
Breakfast at 4h40. Ciro was already there making toasties and there was ham, cheese, bananas, apples, yoghourt drinks and a bowl of hard-boiled eggs.
Off to Serra Bonita with its sub montane forest. We saw a lot of stuff on the way. *Yellow-headed caracara, Golden-capped parakeets*, a trio of performing *Black-capped donacorbia, Crane hawk and*
a Common gallinule were new for the list. Almost as soon as we turned off for the reserve we saw Tataupa tinamou! Was this a good omen?

We drove a bit higher up before we got out and started birding and there was a veritable frenzy when we reached the top and Ciro played the Ferruginous owl call. We didn’t know where to look first! Black-necked aricari, Grey-hooded Attila, Spot-billed toucanet, Pink-legged graveteiro, Blue manakin, Crescent-chested antbird had already made it onto the list along with many others, now they were joined by Sooty grassquit, Long-tailed tyrant, Frilled coquette..... We went back down to the area round the lodges but were soon defeated by the rain. It got quite grim but was fine when we got lower down and came across Pintailed manakin, Lesser woodcreeper and others. What an amazing morning’s birding though! ☺

Massive but thin steaks for lunch and a bit of a rest before going back out for some lowland birding. Our greatest surprise was the Banded cotinga calmly sitting in a cecropia not far from a disgustingly smelly dead donkey. The light wasn’t best but we had time for a good look and a few photos before he took off again. ☺ Blue-winged parrot, Striped cuckoo, Yellow-chinned spinetail, Green-barred woodpecker were some of the other birds seen. An amazing 124 species seen today 19 of them being lifers. Just fantastic ☺

124 birds seen today of which 19 were lifers and 78 new to the list.

Bahia Spinetail (Endemic)
Bahia Tyrannulet (Endemic)
Bananaquit
Banded Cotinga (Endemic)
Band-tailed Hornero (Endemic)
Black Vulture
Black-capped Donacobius
Black-capped Foliage-gleaner
Black-necked Aracari
Black-throated Grosbeak
Black-throated Mango
Blue Dacnis
Blue Manakin
Blue-and-white Swallow
Blue-black Grassquit
Blue-winged Parrotlet
Boat-billed Flycatcher
Bran-colored Flycatcher
Brown-chested Martin
Caatinga Cacholote (Endemic)
Chalk-browed Mockingbird
Chestnut-bellied Euphonia
Chestnut-capped Blackbird
Chestnut-crowned Becard
Chopi Blackbird
Common Gallinule
Crane Hawk
Crescent-chested Puffbird (Endemic)
Crested Oropendola
Drab-breasted Bamboo Tyrant
Eared Pygmy Tyrant
East Brazilian Chachalaca (Endemic)
Ferruginous Pygmy Owl
Flame-crested Tanager
Frilled Coquette (Endemic)
Golden-capped Parakeet (Endemic)
Great Kiskadee
Green Kingfisher
Green-backed Trogon
Green-barred Woodpecker
Green-headed Tanager
Grey-breasted Martin
Grey-hooded Attila (Endemic)
Grey-rumped Swift
Guira Cuckoo
Least Grebe
Lesser Kiskadee
Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture
Lineated Woodpecker
Long-tailed Tyrant
Magpie Tanager
Maroon-bellied Parakeet
Masked Water Tyrant
Neotropical Cormorant
Pale-browed Treehunter (Endemic)
Pallid Spinetail (Endemic)
Palm Tanager
Pink-legged Graveteiro (Endemic)
Pin-tailed Manakin (Endemic)
Plain-winged Woodcreeper
Plumbeous Antvireo (Endemic)
Plumbeous Pigeon
Red-cowled Cardinal (Endemic)
Red-crowned Ant Tanager
Reddish Hermit
Red-rumped Cacique
Red-stained Woodpecker
Rock Dove
Ruddy Ground Dove
Rufous Gnateater
Rufous Hornero
Rufous-bellied Thrush
Rufous-browed Peppershrike
Rufous-brown Solitaire
Rufous-headed Tanager (Endemic)
Rufous-tailed Jacamar
Rufous-winged Antwren
Saffron Finch
Salvadori’s Antwren (Endemic)
Sayaca Tanager
Scale-throated Hermit
Shiny Cowbird
Short-crested Flycatcher
Smooth-billed Ani
Social Flycatcher
Sombre Hummingbird (Endemic)
Sooty Grassquit
Southern Crested Caracara
Spot-backed Antshrike
Spot-billed Toucanet
Spot-breasted Antvireo (Endemic)
Star-throated Antwren (Endemic)
Striated Heron
Striated Softtail (Endemic)
Striped Cuckoo
Surucua Trogon
Swallow-winged Puffbird
Tataupa Tinamou
Thrush-like Wren
Tropical Kingbird
Tropical Pewee
Variegated Flycatcher
Violaceous Euphonia
Violet-capped Woodnymph
Wattled Jacana
White-bellied Seedeater
White-eyed Foliage-gleaner
White-eyed Parakeet
White-necked Thrush
White-shouldered Fire-eye
White-throated Seedeater (Endemic)
White-throated Spadebill
White-wedged Piculet
White-winged Swallow
Yellow Tyrannulet
Yellow-bellied Seedeater
Yellow-chinned Spinetail
Yellow-green Grosbeak
Yellow-headed Caracara
Yellow-legged Thrush
Yellow-lored Tody-Flycatcher (Endemic)
Yellow-olive Flatbill
Yellow-rumped Cacique
Zone-tailed Hawk

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18TH. DAY FOUR
Up at 3.40 for breakfast and an early start as we headed back to a trail on the Serra Bonita reserve barely stopping on the way except for 2 Grey-cowled wood rail on the road! We made one further stop on our way up by a “garden” and here we saw the fabulous Green-headed tanager and had a brief but better look at a Rufous-crowned tanager. The trail started out well once you had got through the grass but got worse as you got further along because it hadn’t been used or maintained and we turned round when it was semi-blocked. The Spot-winged wood quail were very vocal but uncooperative though we did see the gorgeous White bibbed antbird, the attractive White collared foliage gleaner and the energetic White-breasted manakins!! We struggled to get good views of such canopy birds as Lemon-chested greenlet and didn’t have the best views of Pectoral
sparrows but the Blue manakin was lovely though we only saw female Pin-tailed manekins (lots of). Nice walk.

Time now to head off to Boa Nova stopping at the Restaurante Boa Bom in Itabuna for lunch and also for a few birds such as White-breasted meadowlark and White-headed marsh tyrant and by water looking for ducks — we only found White-faced whistling ducks and some Brazilian teal. Then, to our surprise, Ciro turned off for the Three-toed jacamar trail which we thought we were going to leave out, having already seen this bird. It is a long, steep, difficult “road” up and I pity anyone who has to walk up it! Terrible underfoot in places and we were fair thrown about in the car! We stopped for the stunning Cottinga puffbird but then carried on up to the top where we got our Jacamar x3 plus other goodies such as Black-billed scythebill. Excellent views of him 😊 More female Pin-tailed manakins!! Lovely scenic views.

Other brief stops brought us more Whistling ducks and 2 White monjita. A quick look from the river bridge before going to the hotel netted us Grey-breasted martins, 3 Campo flicker, Pissouro pigeons, Large elaenia, Caatinga cachalote and Black-capped donacobius. Loved the entrance arch to Boa Nova with its massive Slender antbirds! Our hotel was above a shop and whilst we had no choice of food, what we were served was plentiful and very tasty!

94 birds seen today of which 11 were lifers and 33 new to the list.

Amethyst Woodstar
Azure-shouldered Tanager (Endemic)
Bananaquit
Black Vulture
Black-billed Scythebill
Black-capped Donacobius
Black-necked Aracari
Black-throated Grosbeak
Blue Dacnis
Blue Manakin
Boat-billed Flycatcher
Brazilian Teal
Brown-chested Martin
Caatinga Cacholote (Endemic)
Caatinga Puffbird (Endemic)
Campo Flicker
Campo Troupial (Endemic)
Cattle Tyrant
Chalk-browed Mockingbird
Chestnut-backed Antshrike
Chestnut-capped Blackbird
Chopi Blackbird
Common Gallinule
Ferruginous Antbird (Endemic)
Ferruginous Pygmy Owl
Frilled Coquette (Endemic)
Gilt-edged Tanager (Endemic)
Golden-capped Parakeet (Endemic)
Golden-crowned Warbler
Great Egret
Great Kiskadee
Green-backed Becard
Green-backed Trogon
Green-headed Tanager
Grey-breasted Martin
Grey-cowled Wood Rail
Grey-fronted Dove
Guira Cuckoo
House Sparrow
Large Elaenia
Lemon-chested Greenlet
Lesser Woodcreeper
Long-tailed Tyrant
Masked Water Tyrant
Pallid Spinetail (Endemic)
Palm Tanager
Pectoral Sparrow
Picazuro Pigeon
Picui Ground Dove
Pied-billed Grebe
Pin-tailed Manakin (Endemic)
Planalto Tyrannulet
Plumbeous Antvireo (Endemic)
Red-necked Tanager (Endemic)
Ruddy Ground Dove
Rufescent Tiger Heron
Rufous Hornero
Rufous-bellied Thrush
Rufous-breasted Hermit
Rufous-browed Peppershrike
Rufous-headed Tanager (Endemic)
Saffron Finch
Scaled Dove
Scale-throated Hermit
Shiny Cowbird
Smooth-billed Ani
Social Flycatcher
Sombre Hummingbird (Endemic)
Southern Crested Caracara
Southern Lapwing
Spot-billed Toucanet
Squirrel Cuckoo
Streak-capped Antwren
Streaked Flycatcher
Three-toed Jacamar (Endemic)
Tropical Kingbird
Turkey Vulture
Variegated Flycatcher
Violet-capped Woodnymph
Wattled Jacana
Western Cattle Egret
White Monjita
White-bearded Manakin
White-bibbed Antbird (Endemic)
White-browed Blackbird
White-collared Foliage-gleaner (Endemic)
White-faced Whistling Duck
White-headed Marsh Tyrant
White-wedged Piculet
Yellow Tyrannulet
Yellow-headed Caracara
Yellow-lobed Tody-Flycatcher (Endemic)
Yellow-olive Flatbill
Yellow-rumped Cacique

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19TH. DAY FIVE

A plentiful early breakfast for a 5.00 a.m. start.

Forest roadside birding was on this morning’s agenda and I really enjoyed it. Plenty of walking! Highlights were Gilt-edged tanager, Male woodstar (that throat!!), Channel-billed toucan, Golden speckled piculet, Red-crowned ant-tanager, Three-toed jacamar - first record for this area!! 😊 – Spotted piculet with its red crown and finally male Pin-tailed manakin 😊 We next drove further up the road to a marshy area and got to see an Ash-throated crake who very obligingly ran across the road for us. Bare-throated bellbird was calling incessantly (as they do) but remained out of sight. 😊

It was pretty hot by the time we left.

Roland and I had a little walk round town after lunch and I had my picture taken for posterity with 2 snowmen and Father Christmas 😊 These were part of the lovely Christmas decorations. Nice little town with its cobbled streets, traditional buildings, horses wandering about and men on horseback. Such a contrast to modern towns and you felt like you had stepped back in time. Very nice. Atmospheric.

We went back out at 3 to a natural hummingbird garden full of ground cacti whose blooms open in the afternoon. We had been looking forward to this since we first read about it. The owners are a birding/photographer couple. It is great that they have bought this unique piece of land and are preserving it for future generations. They have also created their own garden and are gradually improving facilities (toilets, birdfeeders) for visitors. Besides the hummingbirds, we also saw Slender antbird, Shiny cowbird, Streaked xenops, Violaceous euphonia, Yellow-bellied seedeater, Tawny-crowned pygmy tyrant, Scaled dove, Red-cowed cardinal, Sooty-fronted spinetail, Silvery-cheeked antshrike, Grey piliated finch, Grassland yellow finch, Grassland sparrow, Blue-winged macaws White-throated seedeater, Cactus parakeet. The cactus garden itself was beautiful with other flowers growing there too and the hummingbirds (Swallow-tailed, Sapphire-spangled emerald, Ruby topaz, Glittering emerald) were stunning. It was dark and lightning as we left and a Crab-eating fox crossed the road in front of us. The Christmas decorations looked even better all lit up!

119 birds seen today of which 21 were lifers and 45 new to the list.

Amethyst Woodstar
Ash-throated Crake
Bahia Spinetail (Endemic)
Bananaquit
Black Jacobin
Black Vulture
Black-throated Mango
Blue Dacnis
Blue-and-white Swallow
Blue-black Grassquit
Blue-winged Macaw
Boat-billed Flycatcher
Brazilian Tanager (Endemic)
Brazilian Teal
Brown-chested Martin
Burnished-buff Tanager
Burrowing Owl
Caatinga Cacholote (Endemic)
Caatinga Parakeet (Endemic)
Campo Flicker
Chalk-browed Mockingbird
Channel-billed Toucan
Chestnut-crowned Becard
Cinnamon Tanager (Endemic)
Common Tody-Flycatcher
Dubois's Seedeater (Endemic)
Euler's Flycatcher
Ferruginous Antbird (Endemic)
Flame-crested Tanager
Fork-tailed Tody-Tyrant (Endemic)
Gilt-edged Tanager (Endemic)
Glittering-bellied Emerald
Golden-capped Parakeet (Endemic)
Golden-chevroned Tanager (Endemic)
Golden-crowned Warbler
Golden-spangled Piculet
Grassland Sparrow
Grassland Yellow Finch
Great Kiskadee
Green-winged Saltator
Grey Pileated Finch
Grey-breasted Martin
House Sparrow
House Wren
Large Elaenia
Lesser Woodcreeper
Little Woodpecker
Maroon-bellied Parakeet
Masked Water Tyrant
Masked Yellowthroat
Moustached Wren
Orange-headed Tanager
Pale Baywing (Endemic)
Pale-breasted Thrush
Pale-legged Hornero
Palm Tanager
Picazuro Pigeon
Picui Ground Dove
Pin-tailed Manakin (Endemic)
Piratic Flycatcher
Purple-throated Euphonia
Red-cowled Cardinal (Endemic)
Red-crowned Ant Tanager
Reddish Hermit
Red-legged Honeycreeper
Rio de Janeiro Antbird (Endemic)
Roadside Hawk
Ruby-topaz Hummingbird
Ruddy Ground Dove
Rufous Hornero
Rufous-bellied Thrush
Rufous-collared Sparrow
Rufous-fronted Thornbird
Saffron Finch
Sapphire-spangled Emerald
Sayaca Tanager
Scaled Dove
Scale-throated Hermit
Shiny Cowbird
Short-crested Flycatcher
Silvery-cheeked Antshrike (Endemic)
Slender Antbird (Endemic)
Smooth-billed Ani
Social Flycatcher
Sombre Hummingbird (Endemic)
Sooty Grassquit
Sooty-fronted Spinetail
Southern Beardless Tyrannulet
Southern Rough-winged Swallow
Spot-breasted Antvireo (Endemic)
Spotted Piculet (Endemic)
Squirrel Cuckoo
Streaked Xenops
Striated Softtail (Endemic)
Swainson's Flycatcher
Swallow-tailed Hummingbird
Swallow-winged Puffbird
Tawny-crowned Pygmy Tyrant
Three-toed Jacamar (Endemic)
Tropical Kingbird
Tropical Pewee
Tufted Antshrike
Turkey Vulture
Ultramarine Grosbeak
Variable Antshrike
Variegated Flycatcher
Versicolored Emerald
Violaceous Euphonia
Violet-capped Woodnymph
Whiskered Myiobius
White Monjita
White-browed Blackbird
White-crested Tyrannulet
White-necked Thrush
White-throated Seedeater (Endemic)
Yellow Tyranntule
Yellow-bellied Seedeater
Yellow-lobed Tody-Flycatcher (Endemic)
Yellow-olive Flatbill

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20TH. DAY 6

Breakfast at 4h40. Overcast to start with and more roadside birding but in a different forested area of “mata-da-cipo” vegetation with huge bromeliads. Lots of old friends but new ones included Sick’s Swift, Glittering-throated Emerald nesting right next to a very prickly cactus, Narrow-billed Antwren, Black-capped Antwren, Planato Slaty-antshrike, Olivaceous Woodcreeper, Narrow-billed Woodcreeper, White-winged Becard, Creamy-bellied Thrush, Tropical Parula, Chestnut-vent ed Conebill, Tropical Gnatcatcher. Splendid displays from both Slender Antbird and Silvery-cheeked Antshrike couples. 😊 A brilliant start to the day and at our next spot we enjoyed excellent views of Dark-billed Cuckoo, Caatinga Puffbird again and also Great Antshrike, Grey-headed Spinetail, Long-billed Wren, Suiriiri flycatcher, Mouse-coloured Tyrannulet, Greenish Elaenia and so on! We were frustrated by Small-billed Tinamou we could hear calling but who just wouldn’t come out to say hello.

As we drove to a river we came across a really cute family of 5 Burrowing Owls and then 2 more on posts. 😊 We had cracking views of 2 Rufous-sided Crakes then headed back towards town stopping only to look for and see White-bellied Nothura then for the Tinamou again which were really close to us but were frightened away by 2 lads with a motorbike. Ciro had been very busy on his phone this morning and now told us that in a change of plan we were having an early lunch then setting off a day early for Lencois. No stops except for toilets, coffee and to photograph a rather stunning rock formation/mountain. We were approaching an area of very different scenery now with its scrubby vegetation and highlands - We arrived at the Pousada Casa de Gelaia around 6 and what a lovely place it was too. It occupies quite a large area and with upwards of 10 rooms and quite large gardens with a stream, carp pool and bird feeders. Our room had a large verandah in front and we were the only people staying.

It had been a long drive for Ciro in heavy traffic with total nutters and often on bad roads. The lorry drivers were the worst but there was a total disregard from everyone for speed limits, no overtaking signs, in fact all signs!!! Scary stuff but Ciro handled it confidently and didn’t take unnecessary risks.

He and his wife, Chris, picked us up at 7 and we went to eat at a very nice restaurant in town. Lencois is only small, old and touristy. Normally it would be packed out at this time of year but fortunately for us, it was fairly quiet.

83 birds seen today of which 9 were lifers and 23 new for the list.

Bananaquit
Band-tailed Hornero (Endemic)
Black Vulture
Black-billed Scythebill
Black-capped Antwren
Black-necked Stilt
Blue Dacnis
Blue-black Grassquit
Brazilian Teal
Brown-chested Martin
Burnished-buff Tanager
Burrowing Owl
Caatinga Cacholote (Endemic)
Caatinga Parakeet (Endemic)
Caatinga Puffbird (Endemic)
Cattle Tyrant
Chalk-browed Mockingbird
Chestnut-vented Conebill
Chivi Vireo
Chopi Blackbird
Common Gallinule
Creamy-bellied Thrush
Dark-billed Cuckoo
Glittering-bellied Emerald
Glittering-throated Emerald
Grassland Yellow Finch
Great Antshrike
Great Egret
Great Kiskadee
Greenish Elaenia
Grey Pileated Finch
Grey-headed Spinetail (Endemic)
Hooded Tanager
House Sparrow
Large Elaenia
Least Grebe
Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture
Little Woodpecker
Long-billed Wren (Endemic)
Mouse-colored Tyrannulet
Narrow-billed Antwren (Endemic)
Narrow-billed Woodcreeper
Pale Baywing (Endemic)
Pale-legged Hornero
Picazuro Pigeon
Picui Ground Dove
Planalto Slaty Antshrike (Endemic)
Planalto Tyrannulet
Red-cowled Cardinal (Endemic)
Rock Dove
Ruby-topaz Hummingbird
Ruddy Ground Dove
Rufous Hornero
Rufous-collared Sparrow
Rufous-sided Crake
Saffron Finch
Sapphire-spangled Emerald
Sayaca Tanager
Scaled Dove
Shiny Cowbird
Sick's Swift
Silvery-cheeked Antshrike (Endemic)
Slender Antbird (Endemic)
Smooth-billed Ani
Southern Crested Caracara
Southern Lapwing  
Streaked Flycatcher  
Suiriri Flycatcher  
Swainson’s Flycatcher  
Swallow-tailed Hummingbird  
Tropical Gnatcatcher  
Tropical Kingbird  
Tropical Parula  
Variegated Flycatcher  
Western Cattle Egret  
White Monjita  
White-bellied Nothura  
White-browed Blackbird  
White-crested Tyrannulet  
White-faced Whistling Duck  
White-lined Tanager  
White-winged Becard  
Yellow-bellied Seedeater

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21ST. DAY 7
Ciro and Chris joined us for breakfast at 5 and very good it was too! We were off to the “highlands” today to look for the enigmatic **Hooded Visorbearer**. The weather looked pretty grim with lots of low cloud but it stayed more-or-less fine until we reached “the spot” then it started to rain! Fortunately it didn’t persevere but the poor light meant we didn’t get the best views or photos of this bird who was very obligingly circling us and happy to perch now and again. Other birds we saw on the walk included **Grey-backed tachuri**, **Wedge-tailed grassfinch**, **Rufous-winged antshrike**, **Pale-throated pampa finch**, **Plenalto’s hermit**, **Sincora antwren**, **Plain crested elaenia** and **Black-chested buzzard-eagle**. Ciro’s Ferruginous pygmy owl created a veritable frenzy when we got back to our starting point with **Blue dacnis**, **Mouse-coloured tyrannulet**, **Gilt-edged tanager**, **House wren** and others coming to investigate!

Time now for coffee and fruit before moving to a “viewpoint” which was closed due to Covid – still great views of the highlands though and we had a bit of a wander near there looking for the **Blue finch** in the stunted bushes. We dipped on that but found **Black-throated saltator**, **Collared crescentchest** et al.

A spot of sunny roadside birding with different, greener habitat was quite fruitful with **Caatinga antwren**, **Grey-eyed greenlet**, **Ultramarine grosbeak**, **Southern beardless tyrannulet**, a fluffy **Caatinga antshrike***, **Pale-breasted spinetail**, **Hepatic tanager**, **Biscutate swift** appearing on the list for the first time.

Lunch at a local self-service (Cabana do Louro) was followed by a rest though Roland and I found the garden was too much of a temptation! We had a walk round then settled by the stream and feeders for a while watching mainly the beautiful **Red-cowled cardinals**. Roland also got a lifer namely **Variable oriole**.

Ciro returned at 3 without Chris who was busy. We went off to some local humid forest looking mainly for **Helmeted manakin**. We had an exciting ride visiting various spots, bumping up and down and driving through a few rivers :O Great fun. At one point, we had our manakin zinging about like crazy but not perching long enough to get a photo. Crazy bird! Our efforts were finally rewarded at the last known spot where a lone male treated us to an unprecedented display!! Just fabulous 😊 and so close! **White-naped jay** was another lifer as was **Flavescent warbler**.

We moved now to higher ground from which we could see Saturn and Jupiter, today being the Great Conjunction. It was less spectacular than we had expected. We sipped our coffee whilst waiting for
Nighthawks but none came our way. We fared better with *Parauque, Rufous nightjar* and lots of *Little nightjar* plus a *Common potoo* which flew straight at me, landing just above my head! 😊

*Currently Barred antshrike with IOC, soon to be split.*

73 birds seen today of which 21 were lifers and 26 new for the list.

Barred Antshrike
Biscutate Swift
Black Vulture
Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle
Black-throated Saltator
Blue Dacnis
Blue-and-white Swallow
Boat-billed Flycatcher
Burnished-buff Tanager
Caatinga Antwren (Endemic)
Caatinga Cacholote (Endemic)
Caatinga Parakeet (Endemic)
Cattle Tyrant
Chopi Blackbird
Cinnamon Tanager (Endemic)
Collared Crescentchest
Common Potoo
Creamy-bellied Thrush
Flavescent Warbler
Gilt-edged Tanager (Endemic)
Glittering-bellied Emerald
Golden-crowned Warbler
Great Kiskadee
Green-winged saltator
Grey Pileated Finch
Grey-backed Tachuri (Endemic)
Grey-eyed Greenlet
Helmeted Manakin
Hooded Tanager
Hooded Visorbearer (Endemic)
House Sparrow
House Wren
Lesser Elaenia
Little Nightjar
Mouse-colored Tyrannulet
Neotropical Palm Swift
Pale Baywing (Endemic)
Pale-breasted Spinetail
Pale-breasted Thrush
Paraurque
Picui Ground Dove
Plain-crested Elaenia
Planalto Hermit
Red Tanager
Red-cowled Cardinal (Endemic)
Ruddy Ground Dove
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22ND. DAY 8
Hellfire! What a morning!!
Off to the Cerrado, about an hour’s drive away. Not looking promising as we set off but the sun had come out by the time we arrived at our first spot just the other side of Palmeiries, another very interesting-looking town with cobbled streets and traditional buildings. At the roadside we had lovely views of Spotted piculet, and our target birds: Broad-billed hummingbird and the stunning Sao Francisco sparrow 😊
Onwards to the Cerrado and completely different habitat: stunted trees and bushes, totally white sand. Fabulous views of the hills! Within minutes we had clocked up a Ruby topaz and 3 female Hooded visorbearer as well as a Rufous-crowned sparrow when a Horned sungem flew in, hovering right in front of us!! Oh my goodness! What a beauty! I was totally gobsmacked and we just couldn’t take our eyes/cameras off him! What a wonderful 5 minutes or so and the morning just kept on giving: White-vented violetear, Lesser wagtail tyrant, Rufous-sided pygmy tyrant, Shrike-like tanager, Plumbeous seedeater, Yellow-billed blue finch, Campo flicker, another family of Burrowing owls and as we drove away, 3 Red-legged seriema wandered onto the road!!! 😊 An amazing morning surrounded by stunning scenery. So happy but tired!
After lunch, Roland and I wandered into Lencois for a look round and to buy some postcards. We didn’t linger as it was so hot and he wanted to have a rest whilst I preferred to sit in the garden and do a bit more birdwatching.
Forest birding was again on the agenda later and lady luck was with us again: Rusty margined guan x2, Pectoral sparrow (good views this time), Ochre-backed woodpecker, Guida tanager, Grey elaenia, Ochre-fronted tody flycatcher, Scaled woodcreeper and Pale-bellied tyrant manakin were all lifers.
Note to self: 35 degrees is too hot!!

78 birds seen today of which 11 were lifers and 20 new for the list.

American Kestrel
Bananaquit
Biscutate Swift
Blue Dacnis
Blue Finch
Blue-backed Manakin
Boat-billed Flycatcher
Broad-tipped Hermit (Endemic)
Brown-chested Martin
Burnished-buff Tanager
Burrowing Owl
Caatinga Antwren (Endemic)
Caatinga Parakeet (Endemic)
Campo Flicker
Chestnut-vented Conebill
Chivi Vireo
Chopi Blackbird
Cinnamon Tanager (Endemic)
Eared Dove
Glittering-bellied Emerald
Glittering-throated Emerald
Golden-crowned Warbler
Great Kiskadee
Green-winged Saltator
Grey Elaenia
Grey-backed Tachuri (Endemic)
Guira Tanager
Hooded Tanager
Hooded Visorbearer (Endemic)
Horned Sungem
House Sparrow
House Wren
Lesser Wagtail-Tyrant
Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture
Mouse-colored Tyrannulet
Neotropical Palm Swift
Ochre-backed Woodpecker (Endemic)
Ochre-faced Tody-Flycatcher
Olivaceous Woodcreeper
Pale Baywing (Endemic)
Pale-bellied Tyrant-Manakin
Pale-breasted Thrush
Pectoral Sparrow
Picui Ground Dove
Plain-crested Elaenia
Planalto Slaty Antshrike (Endemic)
Plumbeous Seedeater
Red-cowled Cardinal (Endemic)
Red-legged Seriema
Roadside Hawk
Rock Dove
Ruby-topaz Hummingbird
Rufous-bellied Thrush
Rufous-browed Peppershrike
Rufous-collared Sparrow
Rufous-sided Pygmy Tyrant
Rusty-margin Guan
Sao Francisco Sparrow (Endemic)
Sayaca Tanager
Scaled Dove
Scaled Woodcreeper (Endemic)
Shiny Cowbird
Shrike-like Tanager
Southern Beardless Tyrannulet
Southern Crested Caracara
Southern Lapwing
Spotted Piculet (Endemic)
Streaked Flycatcher
Streaked Xenops
Tropical Gnatcatcher
Tropical Kingbird
Ultramarine Grosbeak
Variable Oriole
White-bearded Manakin
White-lined Tanager
White-naped Jay (Endemic)
White-vented Violetear
Yellow-headed Caracara

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23RD. DAY 9
We had a Ferruginous pygmy owl calling outside our room as we were getting ready for our 5am breakfast and a Short-tailed nightjar by the decking! 😊
We had a long drive to Arua in front of us and only made 4 stops en-route, for Pectoral antwren, coffee, lunch and to buy some pineapples. Fortunately, the roads were much less busy than the other day. We saw some amazing fields of cacti en-route! So many and so big!
We arrived at Arua around 2pm. It was rather hot and humid. Our cabin was great and we had time to have a walk around the gardens and watch the feeders before we went out on a couple of trails with our host. We didn’t see many birds but had good views of White-lored tyrannulet, Planalto woodcreeper, Black-cheeked gnateter, as well as 2 Double-toothed kite and had the Fringe-backed fire eye flying round us but too shy/awkward to pose for a photo. We then went to see the rare endemic Maned sloth who was sitting right at the top of a tree. Not good views but at least we saw him! Golden-capped parakeets came to the trees near the entrance gate but unfortunately no Aricari or Toucans were around.
For dinner we had fresh fish with pineapple and sweet jacket potatoes cooked over the fire – absolutely delicious.
43 birds seen today of which 3 were lifers and 5 new for the list.

Bahia Antwren (Endemic)
Bananaquit
Black Vulture
Black-cheeked Gnateater (Endemic)
Blue Dacnis
Buff-throated Saltator
Burnished-buff Tanager
Cattle Tyrant
Chalk-browed Mockingbird
Chivi Vireo
Chopi Blackbird
Double-toothed Kite
Fringe-backed Fire-eye (Endemic)
Glittering-throated Emerald
Golden-capped Parakeet (Endemic)
Great Egret
Great Kiskadee
Grey-breasted Martin
House Sparrow
Ochre-lored Flatbill
Pale-breasted Thrush
Palm Tanager
Pectoral Antwren
Pectoral Sparrow
Picazuro Pigeon
Picui Ground Dove
Planalto Woodcreeper
Purple-throated Euphonia
Red-legged Honeycreeper
Rock Dove
Sayaca Tanager
Short-tailed Nighthawk
Smooth-billed Ani
Snowy Egret
Southern Crested Caracara
Southern Lapwing
Tropical Kingbird
Turkey Vulture
Violaceous Euphonia
Western Cattle Egret
White-chinned Sapphire
White-lored Tyrannulet
Yellow-headed Caracara

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24TH. DAY 10
Breakfast at 4h30 was courtesy of a very impressive delivery service! We each had a bag with an assortment of goodies in it including a teabag! Beautifully presented too. It was still dark when we set off for a high-speed drive along the coast. :0 Beautiful sunrise. Caught a boat near Siribanha to go looking for Rufous crab hawk in the mangroves. We saw one at the first place we stopped though the views weren’t great and we had a couple fly over at another spot but our best views were from the boat as we watched 2 perched, one of whom was eating a crab!! Who’d have thought!! Bi-coloured conebill showed well and we had several waders near the pier including 2 Little wood rail who had a bit of a spat before going off quite happily together. We were able to watch them for a
good few minutes as they were either unaware of us or more likely used to human presence. **Ruddy turnstone, Spotted sandpiper, Limpkin, Hudsonian whimbrel, Willet, Semi-palmated plover, Plain-bellied emerald** and **Amazon kingfisher** were also new for today’s list and then as we had coffee before leaving, **Straight-billed woodcreeper**, another lifer, was spotted nearby. Our first **Snail kite** was seen by a lagoon we stopped at a little further on.

We had a long journey ahead of us to Canudos. Torrential rain when we stopped for an absolutely delicious lunch!!

We arrived at the Pousada Por do Sol mid-afternoon.* Right on the edge of town with lovely views over the valley. No water, unfortunately, much to our hostess’s embarrassment. Just one of those things. Could have been worse! We dumped our stuff and went off to do a bit of birding (what else?). Hot and very dry. Cacti and spiky bushes and very quiet indeed. **Blue-crowned parakeets** flew over but did not land. There were quite a few **Eared doves** and we had 3 more lifers: **White-breasted starthroat, Red-shouldered spinetail** and **Southern scrub flycatcher**. Back to **Chalk-browed mockingbird** now we were away from the coast.

We had to eat in town tonight but there wasn’t much choice! Pizza or pizza … the place we chose agreed to make me a salad and Roland got something with loads of prawns then we had our first taste of Acai, a dish made with the frozen and mashed fruit of the acai palm. Tasty! 😊

Still no water when we got back.

*Had it not been for Covid, we would have been staying in the lodge inside the Lear’s Macaw Reserve.

56 birds seen today of which 6 were lifers and 17 new for the list.

Amazon Kingfisher
Bicolored Conebill
Black Vulture
Black-necked Stilt
Blue-crowned Parakeet
Brazilian Teal
Burrowing Owl
Caatinga Cacholote (Endemic)
Caatinga Parakeet (Endemic)
Cattle Tyrant
Chalk-browed Mockingbird
Eared Dove
Glittering-bellied Emerald
Golden-capped Parakeet (Endemic)
Great Egret
Great Kiskadee
Green Kingfisher
Grey-breasted Martin
Guira Cuckoo
House Sparrow
Hudsonian Whimbrel
Limpkin
Little Blue Heron
Little Wood Rail (Endemic)
Mangrove Rail
Pale-breasted Thrush
Plain-bellied Emerald
Red-shouldered Spinetail (Endemic)
Ringed Kingfisher
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25\textsuperscript{TH}. DAY 11

Our Christmas present was water! And Lear's macaws ..... We had a 4.00am start so we could be in the Lear's macaw spot before they started moving. It was a little chilly as we stood there waiting though we did of course have coffee and snacks courtesy of Ciro (bless that man). It even tried to rain at one point but fortunately came to nothing and we soon saw our first macaws flying or perched on bushes or cacti. After a while we moved to the canyon bathed in the early morning sunlight where we were able to watch these beautiful birds in flight and on the red sandstone cliff sides. An amazing sight. 😊 Many flew away – those left were breeding pairs and every so often they would disappear into a hole or have a friendly squabble or just generally behave in an entertaining way, as parrots do .... very noisily! Amazing to think that this species, whose population had “disappeared” was rediscovered in 1978 by the ornithologist Helmut Sick and named after the poet Edward Lear. We had seen Scissor-tailed nightjar and Burrowing owls on our way to the Reserve and there were more nightjars when we parked. Other birds seen during the morning included Cliff flycatcher, Cliff swallow, an Aplomado falcon with its kill (lizard), Black-chested buzzard-eagle, Blue-crowned parakeets, Rufous-collared sparrow. All too soon, it was time to leave and head back to our posada where our hostess and her daughter had prepared a delicious breakfast for us and then we were on the road again. We had a mixed bag of weather on our way to Potengi with some torrential rain! At one of the service stations there were Orange-fronted yellow finch bobbing about in the rafters!

When we stopped for lunch we found that all the self-service restaurants were closed – different state, different rules. Then we came to Exu with a roundabout at the entrance featuring cowboys and a priest. It transpired that this was cowboy country and that the priest was Father Cicero, venerated by many in the area. There were also wall paintings and a museum dedicated to Luiz
Gonzaga, a famous singer, musician and poet born here in 1912. Fortunately for us, the Churrascaria Sabor do Sertao on the other side of town was open. Good food but they had sold out of lamb. Stops by water brought one new bird—Cocoi heron. Roland also pointed out a rather lovely Rufescent tiger heron, one of only 2 sightings on this trip. We arrived at our next Pousada around 4 and were very warmly welcomed by Bob* and his mother in their family owned lodge. Two cute Ferruginous pygmy owls and a family of marmosets were also on hand to greet us 😊 We had time to sit and relax for a while drinking coffee and eating some local fruit whilst watching the bird feeders before walking down to the small lake to see what was around. Not a lot at that time of day but we clocked up 2 more lifers: Black-bellied antwren and Least nighthawk. Solitaire black cacique and White-tipped dove had also been seen before turning up the road to Bob’s. Tea was served in the family dining-room and afterwards I found a Cane toad on the verandah. These toads are native to Central and South America and not Africa as many people think. Bob pointed out an Opossum 😊 as we retired for the night. It was lovely to hear the sounds of insects and creatures of the night from our room. We attributed the strange sounds in our room to a gecko or something of that ilk in the roof.

*Bob is also a birdguide but he didn’t go out with us.

54 birds seen today of which 5 were lifers and 9 new for the list

Aplomado Falcon
Black Vulture
Black-bellied Antwren
Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle
Black-necked Stilt
Blue-crowned Parakeet
Brazilian Teal
Burrowing Owl
Caatinga Parakeet (Endemic)
Chalk-browed Mockingbird
Cliff Flycatcher
Cocoi Heron
Common Gallinule
Eared Dove
Ferruginous Pygmy Owl
Great Antshrike
Great Egret
Great Kiskadee
Greater Wagtail-Tyrant
Grey Pileated Finch
Grey-breasted Martin
House Sparrow
Lear’s Macaw (Endemic)
Least Grebe
Least Nighthawk
Long-billed Wren (Endemic)
Neotropic Cormorant
Neotropical Palm Swift
Orange-fronted Yellow Finch
Picui Ground Dove
Red-cowled Cardinal (Endemic)
Red-legged Seriema
Ringed Kingfisher
Rufescent Tiger Heron
Rufous-browed Peppershrike
Rufous-collared Sparrow
Scissor-tailed Nightjar
Smooth-billed Ani
Snowy Egret
Solitary Cacique
Southern Crested Caracara
Southern Lapwing
Swallow-tailed Hummingbird
Tropical Gnatcatcher
Tropical Kingbird
Turkey Vulture
Wattled Jacana
Western Cattle Egret
White-bellied Nothura
White-faced Whistling Duck
White-headed Marsh Tyrant
White-throated Seedeater (Endemic)
White-tipped Dove

SATURDAY DECEMBER 26TH. DAY 12
Breakfast at five and a tree frog!! Made our day to find a tree frog in the room – completely unexpected! 😊 So were the Guinea pigs on the road outside. Today was Aaripe day but we first stopped further along Bob’s road to look in the trees there and were rewarded with Plain-breasted ground-dove and White-naped xenopsaris. There was nothing new when we turned off to look at some patches of water but then a Purple gallinule, our first, was spotted. At the Aaripe viewpoint we had lovely views of Tawny piculet and Crested becard. White-naped jay were calling but remained unseen.
As we approached the water park, there were signs saying you had to pre-book, which we hadn’t done. We were however allowed in after some discussion. It was mercifully quiet and we were accompanied to where the forest walk (blocked off) began. Our target bird here was the Araripe manakin. We struggled to find one and then Roland spotted one who didn’t want to pose for photos but we were eventually rewarded at another spot and were able to feast our eyes on this beautiful little bird. Black-tailed flycatcher was also present. It was very busy when we left with people queuing down the road to get in. Crato next for a quick supermarket shop and lunch in town: Mae Chico Gourmet. Not the best but OK. When we got back to Bob’s we had a couple of hours to ourselves and the discovery of 3 more tree frogs explained the funny noises we had heard – I think it was them behind the washbasin. We were now in a very hot, dry area and they obviously liked to hide in the bathrooms where it would be cool and possibly damp. We tried to film them walking but it was a hopeless task!
We went up the reservoir later on where Copper seedeater and Grassland yellow finch were new in the dry fields as well as another White-bellied nothura. Off next to look for and find Great xenops with its upturned bill. 😊
No mammals tonight. Just our frogs 😊
83 birds seen today of which 9 were lifers and 15 new for the list.

Aplomado Falcon
Araripe Manakin (Endemic)
Bananaquit
Barn Swallow
Black Vulture
Black-bellied Antwren
Black-necked Stilt
Black-tailed Myiobius
Blue Dacnis
Blue-black Grassquit
Brazilian Teal
Brown-crested Flycatcher
Burrowing Owl
Caatinga Cacholote (Endemic)
Caatinga Parakeet (Endemic)
Caatinga Puffbird (Endemic)
Campo Trouipial (Endemic)
Chestnut-capped Blackbird
Chestnut-vented Conebill
Cocoi Heron
Common Gallinule
Common Tody-Flycatcher
Copper Seedeater
Crested Becard
Eared Dove
Euler’s Flycatcher
Ferruginous Pygmy Owl
Glittering-bellied Emerald
Great Egret
Great Kiskadee
Great Xenops (Endemic)
Greater Wagtail-Tyrant
Green Kingfisher
Green-barred Woodpecker
Greenish Elaenia
Grey Pileated Finch
Hooded Tanager
House Sparrow
House Wren
Large Elaenia
Least Grebe
Limpkin
Mouse-colored Tyrannulet
Ochraceous Piculet (Endemic)
Ochre-cheeked Spinetail
Orange-headed Tanager
Pale Baywing (Endemic)
Pale-breasted Thrush
Pale-legged Hornero
Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant
Picui Ground Dove
Pied-billed Grebe
Plain-breasted Ground Dove
Planalto Hermit
Purple Gallinule
Red-cowled Cardinal (Endemic)
Roadside Hawk
Rufous-browed Peppershrike
Rufous-tailed Jacamar
Sayaca Tanager
Scaled Dove
Smooth-billed Ani
Snail Kite
Snowy Egret
Southern Beardless Tyrannulet
Southern Crested Caracara
Southern Lapwing
Squirrel Cuckoo
Striated Heron
Stripe-backed Antbird
Stripe-tailed Yellow Finch
Tropical Gnatcatcher
Tropical Kingbird
Turkey Vulture
Variegated Flycatcher
Wattled Jacana
Western Cattle Egret
White-bellied Nothura
White-faced Whistling Duck
White-naped Xenopsaris
White-throated Seedeater (Endemic)
White-winged Swallow
Yellow-chinned Spinetail

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27TH. DAY 13
Breakfast at 5h30. Two Water rail outside. Back to the reservoir area because Bob had said there were Masked duck there. We did eventually see them but it wasn’t easy and Ciro was very patient! Black-headed water tyrant was also new 😊 Off next to one of Bob’s spots for White-browed antpitta which led us a bit of a dance but at least we saw him! Silvery-cheeked antshrike was much more co-operative! Quite a lot of skinny cattle (and cowboys) in this impoverished arid area with its typical sercao houses. It would be interesting to see this area during the wet season when everything bursts into life again.

Off to Quixada next – a fair old drive and some of it on very bumpy roads! We had one coffee stop and a couple by water but only saw the usual suspects plus a couple of Wood stork and Savannah hawk. At one point, 7 suicidal Guira cuckoo flew right in front of us and we were really lucky not to hit any of them. 😥 As always, some lovely scenery and then we came to an astounding area of monoliths. We had never seen anything like it before 😊 and the best was yet to come! We stopped at a barbecue place, the Restaurante Pe de Serra, for lunch. Heaving but we managed to find a table not too hemmed in and we were only 3 miles away from our next hotel which was also very busy but also very noisy mostly with day/weekend visitors enjoying the pools and dining facilities. Our room was lovely with a large verandah which looked mostly onto scrub and a small pool suitable for birds rather than swimming! It was roasting hot – 36 degrees – so I installed myself there with my book, bins and camera. Very soon, a large woodpecker landed on a tree right in front of me Crimson crested – but I didn’t see anything else of note apart from a lovely Marmoset family 😊 We went out together around 15h30 to look for the Pygmy nightjars. Absolutely amazing that they should choose
to live on rock in the middle of a busy hotel area! A walk round the area produced several entertaining **White-naped jay**, 3 **White-browed guan**, some **Grey-cowled wood rail**, **Broad-tipped hermit**, **White-browed blackbird** and, at last, a male **Scarlet-throated tanager**! Worth the wait 😊 By the time we went to eat, the hotel was practically deserted and much, much quieter!

*56 birds seen today of which 4 were lifers and 8 new for the list*

American Kestrel
Bananaquit
Black Vulture
Black-backed Water Tyrant
Black-necked Stilt
Brazilian Teal
Broad-tipped Hermit (Endemic)
Caatinga Cacholote (Endemic)
Caatinga Parakeet (Endemic)
Cattle Tyrant
Chestnut-capped Blackbird
Cocoi Heron
Common Gallinule
Crimson-crested Woodpecker
Eared Dove
Glittering-bellied Emerald
Great Egret
Great Kiskadee
Grey-cowled Wood Rail
Guira Cuckoo
House Sparrow
Least Grebe
Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture
Masked Duck
Pale Baywing (Endemic)
Picui Ground Dove
Pygmy Nightjar (Endemic)
Red-cowled Cardinal (Endemic)
Roadside Hawk
Rufous-collared Sparrow
Savanna Hawk
Scaled Dove
Scarlet-throated Tanager (Endemic)
Silvery-cheeked Antshrike (Endemic)
Smooth-billed Ani
Snail Kite
Snowy Egret
Southern Crested Caracara
Southern Lapwing
Squirrel Cuckoo
Striated Heron
Swallow-tailed Hummingbird
Tropical Gnatcatcher
Tropical Kingbird
Turkey Vulture
Wattled Jacana
Western Cattle Egret
White-browed Antpitta (Endemic)
White-browed Blackbird
White-browed Guan (Endemic)
White-faced Whistling Duck
White-naped Jay (Endemic)
White-throated Seedeater (Endemic)
White-tipped Dove
Wood Stork
Yellow-headed Caracara

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28TH. DAY 14
5h30 saw us having a bit of a walk round the immediate area. The nightjars were still there but in a different spot and there were at least 7 guans down by the reservoir. A family of Black-chested buzzard-eagles was soaring above the closest monolith. Wonderful views 😊 Little woodpecker and Rufous-bellied thrush were also seen.
After breakfast we drove up to the top of the nearest monolith and the launch site for hand and paragliders. This is a very popular area for these people and many records have been set. Lovely views but none of us was tempted to have a go! We decided we’d stick to more birding on the way back down and a walk in the scrub. Golden green woodpecker went on today’s list along with Tawny piculet, Chalk-browed mockingbird, Tropical gnatcatcher (just one or two), Shiny cowbird, Variegated finch and then a pair of beautiful Pearl kites – excellent views and we even saw them mating. 😊 Other birds included Plain-breasted ground-dove, Plenalto’s slaty antshrike, Sooty-fronted spinetail, Black-bellied antwren, and Common tody flycatcher. It was fair hotting up (33 degrees) as we loaded up the car and set off again through an absolutely stunning area of the most wonderful monoliths. Unfortunately, we only had time to stop once or twice, both times by reservoirs. The first one was full of Snowy and Great egrets (what a sight!) and the second one, by Ciro’s favourite monolith was full of Neotropic cormorants! There were of course a few other waders but Pied lapwing was the only new bird.
As we got closer to Guaramiranga and the road started to climb the undergrowth and trees got greener and much more lush and the temperature had dropped to a mere 28 degrees when we arrived at our lovely accommodation: a chalet on a hillside. Our hosts had a beautiful garden – very envious! They had Palm tanagers on their feeders and Fork-tailed woodnymph was visiting the flowering hedges by the chalets. Red-necked tanager and Guianan tyrannulet were also close by. Time for a rest (or a bit of birdwatching) before we went out again at 14h30 to a protected area of forest with nesting boxes for Grey-fronted parakeets. These stunning birds had become critically endangered by 2010 (deforestation and poaching) and thanks to Fabio Nunes and other conservationists, a scheme was created which would encourage locals in this area to put up nest boxes on their land, preserve the habitat and protect these birds. This has resulted in an amazing resurgence of this species in the wild and its status has risen to endangered rather than decreasing to become extinct. A heart-warming story 😊 There were only a few around when we arrived but we went for a short walk into the woods where we saw Red-billed scythebill, Blue-crowned trogon, Ochre-cheeked spinetail, Band-tailed manakin and Plenalto’s tyrannulet. Some stunning views 😊 Unfortunately, by the time we got back to the open area, the light was fading and we didn’t get the views or photos we had hoped for of the parakeets. We were also disappointed not to have seen Yellow-chevroned parakeets perched – we had only seen them flying. So off we went to see if we i.e.Ciro, could find some in the palms where they roost. Success, not in the best light, but we did see some! 😊
When we got back to Guaramiranga, this picturesque little town was starting to fill up with tourists arriving for the New Year presumably. Ciro knew a good restaurant (Studio 70) and fortunately it was both open and quiet and better than La Taberna where we had lunch 😊.

70 birds seen today of which 4 were lifers and 11 new for the list.

Band-tailed Manakin
Barred Antshrike
Black Vulture
Black-bellied Antwren
Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle
Black-necked Stilt
Blue-black Grassquit
Blue-crowned Trogon
Brazilian Teal
Burnished-buff Tanager
Caatinga Parakeet (Endemic)
Campo Troupial (Endemic)
Cattle Tyrant
Ceara Gnateater (Endemic)
Chalk-browed Mockingbird
Common Gallinule
Common Tody-Flycatcher
Fork-tailed Woodnymph
Glittering-bellied Emerald
Golden-crowned Warbler
Golden-green Woodpecker
Great Antshrike
Great Egret
Great Kiskadee
Grey Pileated Finch
Grey-breasted Parakeet (Endemic)
Grey-cowled Wood Rail
Guianan Tyrannulet
House Sparrow
House Wren
Least Grebe
Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture
Little Woodpecker
Long-billed Wren (Endemic)
Neotropic Cormorant
Ochraceous Piculet (Endemic)
Ochre-cheeked Spinetail
Pale-legged Hornero
Palm Tanager
Pearl Kite
Pied Plover
Plain-breasted Ground Dove
Planalto Tyrannulet
Purple-throated Euphonia
Pygmy Nightjar (Endemic)
Red-billed Scythebill
Reddish Hermit
Red-necked Tanager (Endemic)
Roadside Hawk
Rufous-bellied Thrush
Sayaca Tanager
Scaled Dove
Shiny Cowbird
Smooth-billed Ani
Snowy Egret
Sooty-fronted Spinetail
Southern Crested Caracara
Southern Lapwing
Squirrel Cuckoo
Striated Heron
Tropical Gnatcatcher
Tropical Kingbird
Turkey Vulture
Variegated Flycatcher
Wattled Jacana
White-browed Guan (Endemic)
White-faced Whistling Duck
White-naped Jay (Endemic)
White-winged Swallow
Yellow-chevonred Parakeet

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29TH. DAY 15

Our last day 😊😊
Coffee and bananas at 5h30 turned out to be slightly more substantial with toasties for the men and hard-boiled eggs for me. Only 20 degrees and I was frozen sitting outside with goose-pimply arms!! Fortunately I had a long-sleeved shirt in the car so I was a bit warmer when we started with some roadside birding. Windy and very quiet and a startling moment when a Rufous-tailed jacamar shot out of the bank right in front of me! Obviously had a nest in there. Guans were calling but we didn’t see any nor did we see the toucanets we had hoped for. Buff-breasted tody-tyrant showed well though as did Ciera woodcreeper. Ciro decided to leave and drive higher up where it was very windy – not the best for birding but couldn’t be helped. We could hear toucanets calling but we struggled to see them in the dense trees which were very high and swaying about. The birds were obviously reluctant to fly or perch at the top. We did manage to see a pair of Gould’s toucanet but the views were far from ideal. Such is life. Short-tailed antthrush and Rufous-breasted leaftossuer made up for our disappointment though and Sick’s swift were flying low so we saw them very well. Time for a proper breakfast, pack and load up the car and Ciro asked if we would like to go back to the Grey-breasted parakeet spot so of course we said yes, not just for better views of them but so we could have a longer walk in the woods, which we did. Much better views of both male and female Blue-crowned trogon plus another Gould’s toucanet! Ceara gnateater flew out so fast he nearly speared Ciro! White-browed guans were feeding and we had lovely views of a Squirrel cuckoo in his entirety. White-throated spadebill posed very nicely. Altogether a very pleasant walk.

The highlight however was the parakeets in the sunshine – glorious colours. 😊 A lovely note to finish on as we set off for Fortaleza and one last blow-out at the Fogo Campeiro.

Our hotel, which we had booked because it was cheap and near to the airport turned out to be concealed behind a huge metal roller shutter. Weird. Ciro advised us not to go out again and we didn’t!! It was really sad saying goodbye to him because he was such a lovely chap and an absolutely fantastic guide. We spent an amazing 2 weeks with him, seeing an incredible 420 different species of
birds of which 152 were lifers. We covered 4,277kms and saw some absolutely stunning scenery – so many different habitats too. Just wonderful. We had been so impressed we had already booked a return trip ..... whether or not we will be back in 2021 is of course another matter altogether! Fingers firmly crossed.

41 birds seen today of which 5 were lifers and 6 new for the list.

Bananaquit
Black Vulture
Blue-crowned Trogon
Buff-breasted Tody-Tyrant (Endemic)
Buff-throated Woodcreeper
Burnished-buff Tanager
Campo Troupial (Endemic)
Ceara Gnateater (Endemic)
Ceara Woodcreeper (Endemic)
Gould’s Toucanet
Grey-breasted Parakeet (Endemic)
Grey-headed Spinetail (Endemic)
House Sparrow
House Wren
Mouse-colored Tyrannulet
Ochraceous Piculet (Endemic)
Pale-breasted Thrush
Palm Tanager
Piratic Flycatcher
Reddish Hermit
Roadside Hawk
Rock Dove
Ruby-topaz Hummingbird
Ruddy Ground Dove
Rufous-breasted Leaf-tosser
Rufous-tailed Jacamar
Sayaca Tanager
Short-tailed Antthrush
Sick’s Swift
Smooth-billed Ani
Social Flycatcher
Southern Crested Caracara
Southern Rough-winged Swallow
Squirrel Cuckoo
Tropical Kingbird
Variable Antshrike
White-browed Guan (Endemic)
White-faced Whistling Duck
White-throated Spadebill
White-winged Swallow
Yellow-chevroned Parakeet
FULL BIRD LIST

Amazon Kingfisher
American Kestrel
Amethyst Woodstar
Aplomado Falcon
Araripe Manakin - E
Ash-throated Crake
Azure-shouldered Tanager - E
Bahia Antwren - E
Bahia Spinetail - E
Bahia Tyrannulet - E
Bananaquit
Banded Cotinga - E
Band-tailed Antwren - E
Wing-banded Hornero - E
Band-tailed Manakin
Barn Swallow
Caatinga Antshrike - E
Bat Falcon
Bicolored Conebill
Biscutate Swift
Black Jacobin
Black Vulture
Black-backed Water-Tyrant
Black-bellied Antwren
Black-billed Scythebill
Black-capped Antwren
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Broad-tipped Hermit - E
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Golden-capped Parakeet - E
Golden-chevroned Tanager - E
Golden-crowned Warbler
Golden-green Woodpecker
Bahia Piculet - E
Gould's Toucanet
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Great Egret
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Guira Tanager
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Hooded Tanager
Hooded Visorbearer - E
Hook-billed Hermit - E
Horned Sungem
House Sparrow
Southern House Wren
American Whimbrel
King Vulture
Kinglet Manakin - E
Large Elaenia
Indigo Macaw - E
Least Grebe
Least Nighthawk
Lemon-chested Greenlet
Lesser Elaenia
Lesser Kiskadee
Lesser Wagtail-Tyrant
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Little Nightjar
Little Wood-Rail
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Pale Baywing - E
Pale-bellied Tyrant-Manakin
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Pale-breasted Thrush
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Pale-legged Hornero
Pallid Spinetail - E
Palm Tanager
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Peach-fronted Parakeet
Pearl Kite
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Plain-crested Elaenia
Plain-winged Woodcreeper
Planalto Hermit
Planalto Slaty-Antshrike - E
Planalto Tyrannulet
Planalto Woodcreeper
Plumbeous Antvireo - E
Plumbeous Pigeon
Plumbeous Seedeater
Purple Gallinule
Purple-throated Euphonia
Pygmy Nightjar - E
Hepatic Tanager
Red-billed Scythebill
Red-cowled Cardinal - E
Red-crowned Ant-Tanager
Reddish Hermit
Red-headed Manakin
Red-legged Honeycreeper
Red-legged Seriema
Red-necked Tanager
Red-rumped Cacique
Red-shouldered Spinetail - E
Red-stained Woodpecker
Ringed Kingfisher
Ringed Woodpecker
Rio de Janeiro Antbird - E
Roadside Hawk
Rock Pigeon
Ruby-topaz Hummingbird
Ruddy Ground-Dove
Ruddy Turnstone
Rufescent Tiger-Heron
Rufous Crab Hawk
Rufous Gnateater
Rufous Hornero
Rufous Nightjar
Rufous-bellied Thrush
Rufous-breasted Hermit
Ceara Leaftosser - E
Rufous-browed Peppershrike
Rufous-brown Solitaire
Rufous-collared Sparrow
Rufous-fronted Thornbird
Rufous-headed Tanager - E
Rufous-sided Crake
Rufous-sided Pygmy-Tyrant
Rufous-tailed Jacamar
Rufous-throated Sapphire
Rufous-winged Antshrike
Rufous-winged Antwren
Rusty-margined Guan
Saffron Finch
Salvadori's Antwren - E
Sao Francisco Sparrow - E
Sapphire-spangled Emerald
Savanna Hawk
Sayaca Tanager
Scaled Dove
Scaled Pigeon
Scaled Woodcreeper - E
Scale-throated Hermit
Scarlet-throated Tanager - E
Scissor-tailed Nightjar
Screaming Piha
Semipalmated Plover
Sepia-capped Flycatcher
Pale-throated Pampa-Finch - E
Shiny Cowbird
Short-crested Flycatcher
Short-tailed Antthrush
Short-tailed Nighthawk
White-banded Tanager
Sick's Swift
Silvery-cheeked Antshrike - E
White-flanked Antwren
Sincora Antwren - E
Slender Antbird - E
Smooth-billed Ani
Snail Kite
Snowy Egret
Social Flycatcher
Solitary Black Cacique
Sombre Hummingbird
Sooretama Slaty-Antshrike - E
Sooty Grassquit
Sooty-fronted Spinetail
Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet
Southern Caracara
Southern Lapwing
Southern Rough-winged Swallow
Southern Scrub-Flycatcher
Spot-backed Antshrike
Spot-billed Toucanet
Spot-breasted Antvireo - E
Spotted Piculet - E
Spotted Sandpiper
Squirrel Cuckoo
Star-throated Antwren - E
Straight-billed Woodcreeper
Streak-capped Antwren
Streaked Flycatcher
Streaked Xenops
Striated Xenops
Striated Softtail - E
Stripe-backed Antbird
Stripe-breasted Starthroat - E
Striped Cuckoo
Stripe-tailed Yellow-Finch
Suiriri Flycatcher
Surucua Trogon
Swainson’s Flycatcher
Swallow-tailed Hummingbird
Swallow-winged Puffbird
Tataupa Tinamou
Tawny-crowned Pygmy-Tyrant
Three-toed Jacamar - E
Thrush-like Wren
Long-billed Gnatcather
Tropical Gnatcatcher
Tropical Kingbird
Tropical Mockingbird
Tropical Parula
Tropical Pewee
Tufted Antshrike
Turkey Vulture
White-bellied Tanager - E
Ultramarine Grosbeak
Variable Antshrike
Variable Oriole
Variegated Flycatcher
Versicolored Emerald
Violaceous Euphonia
Violet-capped Woodnymph
Wattled Jacana
Wedge-billed Woodcreaper
Wedge-tailed Grass-Finch
Cattle Egret
Whiskered Flycatcher
White Monjita
White Woodpecker
White-bearded Manakin
White-bellied Nothura
White-bellied Seedeater
White-bibbed Antbird - E
White-browed Antpitta - E
White-browed Meadowlark
White-browed Guan - E
White-chinned Sapphire
White-collared Foliage-gleaner - E
White-crested Tyrannulet
White-crowned Manakin
Maroon-faced Parakeet - E
White-eyed Foliage-gleaner
White-eyed Parakeet
White-faced Whistling-Duck
White-headed Marsh Tyrant
White-lined Tanager
White-lored Tyrannulet
White-naped Jay - E
White-naped Xenopsaris
White-necked Thrush
White-shouldered Fire-eye
White-throated Seedeater - E
White-throated Spadebill
White-tipped Dove
White-vented Violetear
White-wedged Piculet
White-winged Becard
White-winged Cotinga - E
White-winged Swallow
Willet
Wood Stork
Yellow Tyrannulet
Yellow-bellied Elaenia
Yellow-bellied Seedeater
Yellow-chevroned Parakeet
Yellow-chinned Spinetail
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron
Yellow-fronted Woodpecker
Yellow-green Grosbeak
Yellow-headed Caracara
Yellow-legged Thrush
Gray-headed Tody-Flycatcher - E
Yellow-olive Flycatcher
Yellow-rumped Cacique
Yellow-throated Woodpecker
Zone-tailed Hawk