



ANN AND ROLAND GO BIRDING IN BRAZIL

OCTOBER 31ST – NOVEMBER 11TH 2012

TRAVEL

We flew with Air France from Manchester to Paris then Paris to Rio de Janeiro then the reverse to get home again. The flights were on time except on the last leg when we were delayed by them having to remove luggage from the hold because some passengers had not boarded. Not the airline's fault! The in-flight meals between Manchester and Rio were good and the seats were as comfortable as could be expected! The total cost was £741 each.

Transferring gates at Charles de Gaulle was a nightmare. Even though they were in the same terminal we had to walk miles and catch a shuttle train so make sure you leave enough time between flights if going for this option.

It took one and a half hours to disembark from the plane and clear immigration at Rio. There are two queues: one for Brazilians and one for foreigners. Once through, we were greeted by car-hire girls literally hanging over their desks touting for custom and waving leaflets at us! One could have been mis-led.....

ACCOMMODATION

We stayed at REGUA <http://www.regua.co.uk> for 6 nights and at Serra Dos Tocanos <http://www.serradostucanos.com.br> for 4 nights.

We had the best room at REGUA at no extra cost and opted for the all-inclusive option (200US\$ per person per night) which gave us full-board accommodation, transfers, guiding and excursions included. It was great value and a fabulous place to stay. No complaints whatsoever, only praise. Except for the rain! ☺ And the lack of benches round the wetlands!

We had the best room at Serra Dos Tocanos and it cost us 240US\$ per night for full-board accommodation but no trips or transfers. Some people staying there at the same time as us claimed to have been offered better deals than this, particularly the Americans and Canadians. The trips are quite expensive and the guiding is not as good as at REGUA. The small rooms were like cells. Ours was large and had a balcony allegedly overlooking the feeders but in reality the view was blocked by a massive palm tree! The big downside was the continuous sound of traffic from the trunk road which is by the side of the lodge. You cannot ever get away from this, even on the trails or at night. It is also a very dangerous road with frequent accidents occurring! There is a swimming-pool but the water was dirty and had stuff floating in it (twigs etc). Free Wi-fi is available next to the pool because that is where the router is. The food was mostly good and plentiful.

In retrospect, we would have stayed at SDT for 2 nights and REGUA for 8, staying at SDT first.

DAY ONE, WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 31st

We were met at the airport by a smiling Alcenir who gave us a warm welcome and drove us to REGUA in their air-conditioned minibus. It was a lovely sunny day and the scenery was stunning. On arrival at the Lodge we were shown to our room by Kameliya, the volunteer housekeeper and left to relax and unpack. We had a big balcony and went straight out there – great view across the garden, wetlands and mountains. And the newly-finished Canopy Tower. A sudden shout from Roland alerted me to the presence of 2 **Channel-billed Toucans** in a neighbouring tree and we had excellent views as they flew in front of us. What a bird to start the holiday with! There are feeders in the gardens and we watched those for a while before going downstairs to enjoy a coffee before lunch. The lounge and dining-room are open and spacious with comfortable seating and a good library. Tea, coffee, fruit and water are always available. There is also a nice swimming-pool and a moth-wall. Lunch was good as were all the meals and dessert was provided at both lunch-time and evening. Kameliya “hosted” the meals which was a nice touch. We found her to be very likeable and efficient – a credit to REGUA and to herself. We were indeed impressed with the affability of everyone we came in contact with during our stay from the gardener right through to Nicholas. A high standard of professionalism and warm personalities leading to an excellent, peaceful atmosphere.

We went out for a walk round the wetlands with Leo in the afternoon. He is very quiet and reserved but an excellent guide. Unfortunately the extreme heat and humidity were too much for me and we returned to the lodge after a couple of hours. We had, however, seen over 40 birds in that time including a cute young **Common Potoo** We also saw Capybaras, both in and out of the water. Strange creatures!

Caiperinhas are served on the verandah each evening at about 17h30 and whilst we opted not to partake it was pleasant sitting there watching the feeders and making the acquaintance of the other guests. Dinner was delicious and was brought forward to 6 to allow for a night-birding trip which we were able to join. Timing is crucial – you have to be in place at exactly the right time so off we went dead on 7 to look for **Giant Snipe** and owls. We had to climb through a barbed-wire fence and trek through a field full of cowpats for the snipe but had excellent views of it caught in the beam from Adilei’s spotlight. Then we went off to look for the **Tawny-browed Owl** and whilst we weren’t immediately successful, we did see the handsome chap well. As soon as we got back we went to bed! We had 3 different screens/doors to the balcony and opted to use just the screen as we both love listening to the night-time sounds of cicadas etc, not that we managed to stay awake for more than a couple of minutes!

Regua Grounds

Burnished-buff Tanager	Tangara cayana
Channel-billed Toucan	Ramphastos vitellinus
Yellow-headed Caracara	Milvago chimachima
Picazuro Pigeon	Patagioenas picazuro
Swallow-tailed Hummingbird	Eupetomena macroura
Ruddy Ground-Dove	Columbina talpacoti
Pale-breasted Thrush	Turdus leucomelas
Black Jacobin	Florisuga fusca
Black Vulture	Coragyps atratus
Glittering-bellied Emerald	Chlorostilbon aureoventris

Regua Wetlands

Blue Dacnis	Dacnis cayana
Saffron Finch	Sicalis flaveola
Great Kiskadee	Pitangus sulphuratus
Common Moorhen (Gallinule)	Gallinula chloropus
Southern Rough-winged Swallow	Stelgidopteryx ruficollis
Masked Water-Tyrant	Fluvicola nengeta

Social Flycatcher	Myiozetetes similis
Sayaca Tanager	Thraupis sayaca
Brazilian Teal	Amazonetta brasiliensis
Brown-chested Martin	Progne tapera
Neotropic Cormorant	Phalacrocorax brasilianus
Chestnut-backed Antshrike	Thamnophilus palliatus
Yellow-chinned Spinetail	Certhiaxis cinnamomea
Short-crested Flycatcher	Myiarchus ferox
Palm Tanager	Thraupis palmarum
White-chinned Sapphire	Hylocharis cyanus
Southern Lapwing	Vanellus chilensis
Purple Gallinule	Porphyrio martinica
Wattled Jacana	Jacana jacana
Common Potoo	Nyctibius griseus
White-faced Whistling-Duck	Dendrocygna viduata
Black-bellied Whistling-duck	Dendrocygna autumnalis
Yellow-lored (Grey-headed) Tody-Flycatcher	Todirostrum poliocephalum
Capped Heron	Pilherodius pileatus
White-headed Marsh-Tyrant	Arundinicola leucocephala
Masked Duck	Nomonyx dominica
Least Grebe	Tachybaptus dominicus
Red-rumped Cacique	Cacicus haemorrhous
Blue-winged Parrotlet	Forpus xanthopterygius
Great Egret	Ardea alba
Cattle Egret	Bubulcus ibis
White-bellied Seedeater	Sporophila leucoptera
Chestnut-capped Blackbird	Chrysomus ruficapillus
Black-capped Donacobius	Donacobius atricapilla
Tropical Kingbird	Yrannus melancholicus
Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture	Cathartes burrovianus
Striped Cuckoo	Tapera naevia
Campo Flicker	Colaptes campestris
Smooth-billed Ani	Crotophaga ani
White-barred Piculet	Picumnus cirratus
Small-billed Elaenia	Elaenia parvirostris
Turkey Vulture	Cathartes aura
REGUA Evening	
Giant Snipe	Gallinago undulata
Tawny-browed Owl	Pulsatrix koeniswaldiana

DAY TWO, THURSDAY NOVEMBER 1st

Breakfast was at 6 for us followed by a walk round the Wetlands and the Brown Trail with Adilei. What a fantastic guide! His English is limited but he is a really nice chap and knows the names of all the birds in English. We saw umpteen species of bird including a **Whistling Heron** sitting on its nest plus Caymen, Marmoset and Capybaras.

It had rained during the night and it was much fresher but overcast which suited me. We were out from 6h30 til just after 13h00 then went back out at 14h00 again with Adilei and accompanied by Mario, a Brazilian who was there for the photographs. We set out on the Waterfall Trail but had to turn back because of the rain. Roland and I had ponchos and Adilei had an umbrella but Mario had no coat and no protection for his camera. Poor man was soaked! We have a great photo of me with

a tiny frog Adilei caught sitting on my shoulder! It took an hour to get from the Lodge to the start of the trail because we kept stopping for birds ☺ and we walked for about two hours in the forest. When we got back we socialised over coffee and met Nichoas and Raquel and sorted out a plan for the next few days. It was still raining at bed-time. No chance of Nightjars.

REGUA Wetlands and Brown Trail

White-bearded Manakin	<i>Manacus manacus</i>
Violaceous Euphonia	<i>Euphonia violacea</i>
Greenish Elaenia	<i>Myiopagis viridicata</i>
Blond-crested Woodpecker	<i>Celeus flavescens</i>
Chestnut-vented Conebill	<i>Conirostrum speciosum</i>
Palm Tanager	<i>Thraupis palmarum</i>
Saffron Finch	<i>Sicalis flaveola</i>
Whistling Heron	<i>Syrigma sibilatrix</i>
Red-rumped Cacique	<i>Cacicus haemorrhous</i>
Smooth-billed Ani	<i>Crotophaga ani</i>
Pale-breasted Thrush	<i>Turdus leucomelas</i>
Social Flycatcher	<i>Myiozetetes similis</i>
Southern Rough-winged Swallow	<i>Stelgidopteryx ruficollis</i>
Wing-banded (Tail-banded) Hornero	<i>Furnarius figulus</i>
Masked Water-Tyrant	<i>Fluvicola nengeta</i>
Black-bellied Whistling-duck	<i>Dendrocygna autumnalis</i>
White-faced Whistling-Duck	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>
Capped Heron	<i>Pilherodius pileatus</i>
Shiny Cowbird	<i>Molothrus bonariensis</i>
Guira Cuckoo	<i>Guira guira</i>
Ruddy Ground-Dove	<i>Columbina talpacoti</i>
Ringed Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle torquatus</i>
Brazilian Tanager	<i>Ramphocelus bresilius</i>
Sayaca Tanager	<i>Thraupis sayaca</i>
Tropical Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus melancholicus</i>
Yellow-chinned Spinetail	<i>Certhiaxis cinnamomea</i>
Glittering-throated Emerald	<i>Amazilia fimbriata</i>
Yellow-bellied Elaenia	<i>Elaenia flavogaster</i>
Cattle Tyrant	<i>Machetornis rixosa</i>
White-chinned Sapphire	<i>Hylocharis cyanus</i>
Yellow Tyrannulet	<i>Capsiempis flaveolus</i>
Neotropic Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax brasilianus</i>
Small-billed Elaenia	<i>Elaenia parvirostris</i>
Burnished-buff Tanager	<i>Tangara cayana</i>
Rufous-tailed Jacamar	<i>Galbula ruficauda</i>
White-barred Piculet	<i>Picumnus cirratus</i>
Yellow-lored (Grey-headed) Tody-Flycatcher	<i>Todirostrum poliocephalum</i>
Blue-winged Parrotlet	<i>Forpus xanthopterygius</i>
Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
Snowy Egret	<i>Egretta thula</i>
Channel-billed Toucan	<i>Ramphastos vitellinus</i>
Piratic Flycatcher	<i>Legatus leucophaeus</i>
Chestnut-backed Antshrike	<i>Thamnophilus palliatus</i>
White-winged Becard	<i>Pachyramphus polychopterus</i>
Greater Ani	<i>Crotophaga major</i>
White-headed Marsh-Tyrant	<i>Arundinicola leucocephala</i>

Great Kiskadee
Common Tody-Flycatcher
Southern Lapwing
Brazilian Teal
Chestnut-capped Blackbird
Short-crested Flycatcher
Yellow-breasted Flycatcher
Muscovy Duck
Lemon-chested Greenlet
Blue Dacnis
White-tipped Dove
Tropical Mockingbird
Tropical Parula
Striped Cuckoo
Double-collared Seedeater
Rufous-bellied Thrush
Blue-black Grassquit
Purple Gallinule
Moustached Wren
Long-billed Wren
Red-eyed (Chivi) Vireo
White-flanked Antwren
Red-legged Honeycreeper
White-thighed Swallow
Unicoloured Antwren
Sooretama Slaty Antshrike
Reddish Hermit
Least Grebe
Masked Duck
Black-capped Donacobius
Rufous-sided Crake
Striated Heron
Rufescent Tiger-Heron
Roadside Hawk
On way to Waterfall Trail
Rufous-thighed Kite
White Woodpecker
Barn Swallow
Red-cowled Cardinal
Common Waxbill
Violaceous Euphonia
Yellow-backed Tanager
Campo Flicker
Cattle Tyrant
Roadside Hawk
Fork-tailed Flycatcher
White-rumped Monjita
Grey-rumped Swift
Burrowing Owl
REGUA Waterfall Trail
Creamy-bellied Thrush

Pitangus sulphuratus
Todirostrum cinereum
Vanellus chilensis
Amazonetta brasiliensis
Chrysomus ruficapillus
Myiarchus ferox
Tolmomyias flaviventris
Cairina moschata
Hylophilus thoracicus
Dacnis cayana
Leptotila verreauxi
Mimus gilvus
Parula pitaiyumi
Tapera naevia
Sporophila caerulescens
Turdus rufiventris
Volatinia jacarina
Porphyrio martinica
Thryothorus genibarbis
Thryothorus longirostris
Vireo olivaceus
Myrmotherula axillaris
Cyanerpes cyaneus
Neochelidon tibialis
Myrmotherula unicolor
Thamnophilus ambiguus
Phaethornis ruber
Tachybaptus dominicus
Nomonyx dominica
Donacobius atricapilla
Laterallus melanophaius
Butorides striata
Tigrisoma lineatum
Ruporni magnirostris

Harpagus diodon
Melanerpes candidus
Hirundo rustica
Paroaria dominicana
Estrilda astrild
Euphonia violacea
Hemithraupis flavicollis
Colaptes campestris
Machetornis rixosa
Rupornis magnirostris
Tyrannus savana
Xolmis velatus
Chaetura cinereiventris
Athene cunicularia

Turdus amaurochalinus

White-bellied Tanager
Streaked Flycatcher
Euler's Flycatcher
White-throated Woodcreeper
Saw-billed Hermit
Black-throated Trogon
Ochre-bellied Flycatcher
Eye-ringed Tody-Tyrant
Southern Antpipit
Black-cheeked Gnateater
Lesser Woodcreeper

Tangara brasiliensis
Myiodynastes maculatus
Lathrotriccus eulerei
Xiphocolaptes albicollis
Ramphodon naevius
Trogon rufus
Mionectes oleagineus
Hemitriccus orbitatus
Corythopis delalandi
Conopophaga melanops
Xiphorhynchus fuscus

DAY THREE, FRIDAY NOVEMBER 2nd

The day started well – it was very pleasant and we discovered the moth wall, which was great! However, just as we set off for the Waldenoor's Trail with Adilei, it started to rain. We went in the 4x4 passing through Matumbo, Adilei's village. The area is slightly higher ground. Unfortunately, visibility was poor because of the rain and low cloud but there were plenty of birds about and we were "serenaded"? by Pea-fowl as we tramped along. At least it wasn't cold. The trail takes you up to a derelict house and back and I was amazed to see what appeared to be a man-made fishing-lake through the gloom. There were a few isolated houses – I don't know what amenities they had! Mario did not join us on this excursion because he overslept but came along in the afternoon. We were going to go round the Wetlands but it started to rain so we went to look for **Ashy-throated Crake** and **Streamer-tailed Tyrant** instead in the 4x4. It was quite fortuitous that we did as we hadn't gone far before Adilei swerved, did an emergency stop, reversed in haste and pointed out a **Black-necked Aricari** perched by the road-side. Wow! What a bird! We didn't manage to see the Crake but had wonderful views of 2 **Streamer-tailed Tyrants** busy "bonding". We lent Adilei our spare poncho as it was tipping down and Mario had come prepared for the rain this time. It must have been an arresting sight because the cows in a nearby field lined-up to watch us over the fence! When we got back to REGUA there was still a **Rufous-thighed Kite** sitting by the football pitch. I wonder if he had been there since the rain started?

The rain carried on so again we couldn't go looking for Nightjars. It was quite cold at night so we had to put a blanket on the bed.

REGUA Waldenoor's Trail

Savanna Hawk
House Sparrow
Grey-bellied Spinetail
Wing-banded (Tail-banded) Hornero
Variegated Flycatcher
Southern Beardless Tyrannulet
Surucua Trogon
Blue (Swallow-tailed) Manakin
Chestnut-crowned Becard
Streaked Xenops
Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner
Olivaceous Woodcreeper
Red-crowned Ant-Tanager
Yellow-green Grosbeak
Azure-shouldered Tanager
Green-headed Tanager

Heterospizias meridionalis
Passer domesticus
Synallaxis cinerascens
Furnarius figulus
Empidonomus varius
Camptostoma obsoletum
Trogon surrucura
Chiroxiphia caudata
Pachyramphus castaneus
Xenops rutilans
Philydor rufum
Sittasomus griseicapillus
Habia rubica
Caryothraustes canadensis
Thraupis cyanopectera
Tangara seledon

Yellow-backed Tanager
 Star-throated Antwren
 Red-necked Tanager
 Crested Becard
 Ruby-crowned Tanager
 Rufous-headed Tanager
 Sepia-capped Flycatcher
 Orange-bellied Euphonia
 Boat-billed Flycatcher
 Plain Parakeet
 Maroon-bellied Parakeet
 Scaly-headed Parrot
 House Wren
 White-collared Swift
 Grey-hooded Flycatcher
 Black-capped Foliage-gleaner
 Blue-and-white Swallow
 Streaked Flycatcher
 Black-goggled Tanager
 Violet-capped Woodnymph
 Blue-winged Parrotlet
 Channel-billed Toucan
 Scaled Woodcreeper
 Spot-billed Toucanet
 Rufous-capped Motmot
 White-tipped Dove
 Burrowing Owl
 Southern Lapwing
REGUA Car Trip
 Rufous-thighed Kite
 Savanna Hawk
 Black-necked Aracari
 Streamer-tailed Tyrant
 Grassland Sparrow
 White-bellied Seed eater
 Southern Caracara

Hemithraupis flavicollis
 Myrmotherula gularis
 Tangara cyanocephala
 Pachyramphus validus
 Tachyphonus coronatus
 Hemithraupis ruficapilla
 Leptopogon amaurocephalus
 Euphonia xanthogaster
 Megarynchus pitangua
 Brotogeris tirica
 Pyrrhura frontalis
 Pionus maximiliani
 Troglodytes aedon
 Streptoprocne zonaris
 Mionectes rufiventris
 Philydor atricapillus
 Pygochelidon cyanoleuca
 Myiodynastes maculatus
 Trichothraupis melanops
 Thalurania glaucopis
 Forpus xanthopterygius
 Ramphastos vitellinus
 Lepidocolaptes squamatus
 Selenidera maculirostris
 Baryphthengus ruficapillus
 Leptotila verreauxi
 Athene cucularia
 Vanellus chilensis

 Harpagus diodon
 Heterospizias meridionalis
 Pteroglossus aracari
 Gubernetes yetapa
 Ammodramus humeralis
 Sporophila leucoptera
 Caracara plancus

DAY FOUR, SATURDAY NOVEMBER 3RD

We should have been spending the whole day on the Waterfall Trail today but the weather wasn't good first thing and we were with Jim and Dixie who had never been birding before so we eventually decided to make it a half day and come back for lunch. Unfortunately we did not make it to the waterfall and whilst Roland and I would have happily carried on, Jim and Dixie wanted to turn back so we went along with that. Sometimes birds are more important to us than food! Roland I went out again in the afternoon for a couple of hours with Adilei round the wetlands and along a different bit of the Brown Trail. It was difficult to find new birds but we just enjoy looking at birds whether we have seen them before or not. We loved the **Crescent-chested Puffbird** – right smart – and the **Rufous Gnateater** was a great find: Adilei had never seen it at REGUA before. We were also fortunate enough to witness the **White-bearded Manikins** indulging in a bit of lekking. Great sight. They are so funny. We stopped for the Potoo again – third time! Love him! It actually stayed dry for most of the day after the morning's rain so we went out again after tea for the owls and looked for the **Giant Snipe** again as David joined us. This time we saw him flying in a big circle above us. Twice. Lovely

views. We also saw a **Spot-tailed Nightjar** before relocating for a walk down a track looking for owls. We were rewarded with excellent views of both the **Tawny-browed** and **Black-banded Owls**. The latter is Adelei's favourite bird. When we got back to the Lodge, I spotted a tree frog on the door it was fantastic! Bright green with orange toes but before I could photograph, David gave it a poke and it walked upwards. Fascinating to watch!

We saw frogspawn on this morning's walk: it was strange stuff. White and spongy to the touch.

REGUA Waterfall Trail

Pale-vented Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas cayennensis</i>
Hooded Tanager	<i>Nemosia pileata</i>
Grey-hooded Flycatcher	<i>Mionectes rufiventris</i>
Green-headed Tanager	<i>Tangara seledon</i>
White-winged Becard	<i>Pachyramphus polychopterus</i>
White-barred Piculet	<i>Picumnus cirratus</i>
Small-billed Elaenia	<i>Elaenia parvirostris</i>
Golden-chevroned Tanager	<i>Thraupis ornata</i>
Red-eyed (Chivi) Vireo	<i>Vireo olivaceus</i>
Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl	<i>Glaucidium brasilianum</i>
Rufous-tailed Jacamar	<i>Galbula ruficauda</i>
Ochre-bellied Flycatcher	<i>Mionectes oleaginous</i>
White-flanked Antwren	<i>Myrmotherula axillaris</i>
Lesser Woodcreeper	<i>Xiphorhynchus fuscus</i>
Olivaceous Woodcreeper	<i>Sittasomus griseicapillus</i>
Flame-crested Tanager	<i>Tachyphonus cristatus</i>
Chestnut-vented Conebill	<i>Conirostrum speciosum</i>
Scaled Antbird	<i>Drymophila squamata</i>
Surucua Trogon	<i>Trogon surrucura</i>
Spot-billed Toucanet	<i>Selenidera maculirostris</i>
Grey-headed Kite	<i>Leptodon cayanensis</i>
Grey-hooded Attila	<i>Attila rufus</i>
Red-crowned Ant-Tanager	<i>Habia rubica</i>
Black-capped Foliage-gleaner	<i>Philydor atricapillus</i>
Plain Antvireo	<i>Dysithamnus mentalis</i>
Unicoloured Antwren	<i>Myrmotherula unicolor</i>
Rufous-capped Antthrush	<i>Formicarius colma</i>
Whiskered (Sulphur-rumped) Flycatcher	<i>Myiobius barbatus</i>
Yellow-backed Tanager	<i>Hemithraupis flavicollis</i>
Plain Xenops	<i>Xenops minutus</i>
Squirrel Cuckoo	<i>Piaya cayana</i>
Maroon-bellied Parakeet	<i>Pyrrhura frontalis</i>
Yellow-throated Woodpecker	<i>Piculus flavigula</i>
Black-cheeked Gnateater	<i>Conopophaga melanops</i>
Chestnut-crowned Becard	<i>Pachyramphus castaneus</i>
Greyish Mourner	<i>Rhytipterna simplex</i>

REGUA Brown Trail (different bit)

Violet-capped Woodnymph	<i>Thalurania glaucopis</i>
White-bearded Manakin	<i>Manacus manacus</i>
White-browed Blackbird	<i>Sturnella superciliaris</i>
Greenish Elaenia	<i>Myiopagis viridicata</i>
Crescent-chested Puffbird	<i>Malacoptila striata</i>
Moustached Wren	<i>Thryothorus genibarbis</i>
Rufous Gnateater	<i>Conopophaga lineata</i>

White-tipped Dove
Amazon Kingfisher
Spot-backed Antshrike

REGUA Evening

Giant Snipe
Black-banded Owl
Tawny-browed Owl

Leptotila verreauxi
Chloroceryle amazona
Hypoedaleus guttatus

Gallinago undulata
Strix huhula
Pulsatrix koeniswaldiana

DAY FIVE, SUNDAY NOVEMBER 4TH

Today we went on the Bamboo and Waterfall Trails. The 4x4 struggled in places, notably near Nicholas's house! We only walked about four miles altogether but we climbed and the trail was very steep and narrow in places. I consider it a miracle I got there and back in one piece! Shows how fit I am! We insisted upon going to see the waterfall and were glad we had because it was beautiful. Roland and I had our lunch sitting on the rocks but the others opted for a drier, sheltered spot in the forest. We saw all sorts of interesting plants, beetles, awesome ants, butterflies, frogs etc whilst out. The frogs were particularly nice and one of them had horns. ☺ It stayed fine most of the time too! When Adeliei was taking his wellies off back at the Lodge he was dismayed to find a hole in his trousers – one of the Tailor Ants we had been looking at had obviously hitched a lift! He wasn't pleased. My feet were suffering when we got back (flat feet and bunions) so I opted for a rest by the feeders. Right choice because the baby Marmosets came down to nibble on the bananas. Lovely little things! We also saw a squirrel – not dissimilar from ours. The **Rusty-margined Guans** put in an appearance too just as it was getting dark.

REGUA Red Trail (Bamboo Trail)

Rufous-thighed Kite
Black-cheeked Gnatcatcher
White-eyed Foliage-gleaner
Spot-backed Antshrike
White-throated Spadebill
Least Pygmy-Owl
White-throated Woodcreeper
Yellow-throated Woodpecker
Olivaceous Woodcreeper
Black-throated Trogon
Spot-billed Toucanet
Shrike-like Cotinga (Elegant Mourner)
Black-tailed Tityra
Bare-throated Bellbird
Cliff Flycatcher
Sharp-tailed Streamcreeper
Pin-tailed Manakin
Rusty-margined Guan

Harpagus diodon
Conopophaga melanops
Automolus leucophthalmus
Hypoedaleus guttatus
Platyrinchus mystaceus
Glaucidium minutissimum
Xiphocolaptes albicollis
Piculus flavigula
Sittasomus griseicapillus
Trogon rufus
Selenidera maculirostris
Laniisoma elegans
Tityra cayana
Procnias nudicollis
Hirundinea ferruginea
Lochmias nematura
Ilicura militaris
Penelope superciliaris

DAY SIX, MONDAY NOVEMBER 5TH

We went on the Macae de Cima Trip today. It was great. We made a few stops before walking up to the house, saw some lovely countryside and had excellent clear views of the mountains and valleys whilst listening to the sound of Bell birds resonating around us. Sheer bliss. Leo was our guide and did an excellent job.

Our first stop was at a small roadside café/fruit stall where the owner had put out some feeders. We had lovely views of the various tanagers in the sunlight and there was a **Crested Becard** nest in a tree across the way. We were delighted when a **Saffron Toucanet** landed there but all the birds in the

tree started to mob it. We soon found out why as he stole two eggs from the Becard's nest. Sad but that's nature.

We had our picnic sitting on a bench by the feeders at David Miller's which was very civilised. Lots of lovely hummingbirds (only the new ones recorded) but not many orchids. There was a fabulous yellow one and we saw small ones by the tracks plus several begonias, foxgloves, montbretia, lilies and even fuchsia! Fantastic fungi, mosses, liverwort etc too. Especially in the forest areas. The mist started to come down as we set off back up the trail and we hadn't gone far before we had to dash back to the minibus for rainwear. Then off we went again. No good views on the way back! I don't know how far we went before the minibus collected us but it was fair pelting down by then and thundering too. Buying those ponchos was absolutely the right thing to do as they kept both us and our equipment dry. (Home Bargains £1.45 each.) When we got back to REGUA we fortified ourselves with coffee and set off for a wander round the wetlands on our own. It kept coming on to rain and our only new birds were **Ringed Kingfisher and Snowy Egret**. The juvenile **Common Potoo** had gone from his roost but the baby Capybara just about made up for not seeing it. We got back just in time for dinner and the **Dusky-legged Guans** – one on each feeder.

REGUA to Macae de Cima

Crested Becard	<i>Pachyramphus validus</i>
Shiny Cowbird	<i>Molothrus bonariensis</i>
Crested Oropendola	<i>Psarocolius decumanus</i>
Saffron Toucanet	<i>Pteroglossus bailloni</i>
Ruby-crowned Tanager	<i>Tachyphonus coronatus</i>
Burnished-buff Tanager	<i>Tangara cayana</i>
Golden-chevrons Tanager	<i>Thraupis ornate</i>

Macae de Cima

Brassy-breasted Tanager	<i>Tangara desmaresti</i>
Variiegated Flycatcher	<i>Empidonomus varius</i>
Blue (Swallow-tailed) Manakin	<i>Chiroxiphia caudata</i>
Bare-throated Bellbird	<i>Procnias nudicollis</i>
White-throated Hummingbird	<i>Leucochloris albicollis</i>
Rufous-capped Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis ruficapilla</i>
Serra do Mar Tyrant-manakin	<i>Neopelma chrysolophum</i>
Orange-eyed Thornbird	<i>Phacellodomus erythrophthalmus</i>
Rough-legged Tyrannulet	<i>Phyllomyias burmeisteri</i>
Ochre-faced Tody-Flycatcher	<i>Poecilatriccus plumbeiceps</i>
Spix's Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis spixi</i>
Roadside Hawk	<i>Rupornis magnirostris</i>
Blue-naped Chlorophonia	<i>Chlorophonia cyanea</i>
Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>
Drab-breasted (Pygmy-tyrant) Bamboo-Tyrant	<i>Hemitriccus diops</i>
Swallow-tailed Cotinga	<i>Phibalura flavirostris</i>
Golden-crowned Warbler	<i>Basileuterus culicivorus</i>
Plain Parakeet	<i>Brotogeris tirica</i>
Ochre-rumped Antbird	<i>Drymophila ochropyga</i>
Swainson's Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus swainsoni</i>
Maroon-bellied Parakeet	<i>Pyrrhura frontalis</i>
Rufous-browed Peppershrike	<i>Cyclarhis gujanensis</i>
Yellow-legged Thrush	<i>Platycichla flavipes</i>
White-browed (White-rimmed) Warbler	<i>Basileuterus leucoblepharus</i>
Variable Antshrike	<i>Thamnophilus caerulescens</i>
Highland Elaenia	<i>Elaenia obscura</i>
Surucua Trogon	<i>Trogon surrucura</i>

Rufous-collared Sparrow
Brazilian Ruby
Amethyst Woodstar
Plovercrest
Pale-browed Treehunter
Mottle-cheeked Tyrannulet
Blue-billed Black-Tyrant
Rufous-headed Tanager
Sharp-billed Treehunter

REGUA Wetland

Ringed Kingfisher
Snowy Egret

Zonotrichia capensis
Clytolaema rubricauda
Calliphlox amethystina
Stephanoxis lalandi
Cichlocolaptes leucophrus
Phylloscartes ventralis
Knipolegus cyanirostris
Hemithraupis ruficapilla
Heliobletus contaminatus

Ceryle torquatus
Egretta thula

DAY SEVEN, TUESDAY NOVEMBER 6TH

What a lovely morning! Blue skies and sunshine! A very welcome change. ☺ We were able to have a bit of a lie-in too with breakfast at 7 instead of 6. Then we went for our last walk round the wetlands on our own. So lovely in the sun: water-lilies open, beautiful butterflies, lots of dragonflies, excellent views of **Whistling** and **Rufescent Tiger Herons**.... Other highlights were the two extremely noisy **Ringed Kingfishers** and the three **Rufous-sided Crake** strutting through the reeds. When we got back, the **Buff-breasted Tanager** was tapping at the window again. He spends hours doing that. Attacking his reflection? All too soon it was time to board the minibus with Gerry and David and head off towards Serra Dos Tocanos with Alcenir pointing out birds on the way. We stopped at a particularly nice spot with a tree full of egrets by a pond and there was a beautiful **Anhinga** sitting on its own in a tree. A lifer for our driver! ☺

At SDT we were introduced to Viviane, the housekeeper. She was in charge whilst Andy and Christina were away and she spoke good English. I have already commented on our disappointment with the noise etc and we weren't too happy about being asked to sign a disclaimer absolving Andy of all responsibility for us whilst there. We didn't sign it. In the folder about the lodge, there was a warning that if we permanently stained a sheet (with sun-tan lotion etc) there was a 100reals fine (£30) and we were told not to do our own washing as it would not dry and if we put any out and it was within the sight of other visitors, it would be removed, washed and ironed and we would be charged for it.

Lunch was ready: processed ham and cheese with salad and bread. Not an impressive start but the food did improve greatly.

At 2 we went out to the Cedae Trail about 10 minutes drive away. It takes you downhill though a wooded area by a stream. Unfortunately there were roadworks or something before we had gone very far so we had to walk back. It had started to rain by then and was thundering loudly. We were out for about two hours and the cost was 120 reals pp(57.70US\$) which we thought a bit steep. We saw a total of 12 species of bird and a snake. Cirillo, the guide, caught the snake. Cute little thing – it wrapped itself round his finger. He didn't know what kind it was, just that it wasn't venomous! We were joined on this walk by Hugh, with his solar-powered hat and Todd, a Canadian botanist. Todd was wonderful at spotting birds. Cirillo is bi-lingual and knows his birds and the calls.

Later, at 18h30 we went along to the Bird List Meeting where a notice warned us not to sit on the settees unless we were wearing clean clothes. Fortunately we were. Going through the list meant everyone saying which birds they had seen that day and everyone (except us) ticking them off on the printed list you had to bring from home. I try to keep a bird list each day and we only include birds we personally have seen but sharing knowledge is always good.

And so to dinner. Very tasty but not enough pud to go round. At the end of the meal we were asked to vacate our places immediately so they could clear the tables and set them for breakfast.

We lingered a little while outside investigating the Wi-Fi set-up then listening to and looking for frogs and toads before retiring for the night. The Hammer Frogs were very impressive but they were no competition for the traffic!

REGUA Wetlands

Whistling Heron	<i>Syrigma sibilatrix</i>
Rufescent Tiger-Heron	<i>Tigrisoma lineatum</i>
Rufous-sided Crake	<i>Laterallus melanophaius</i>
Ringed Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle torquatus</i>

REGUA to Serra Dos Tocanos

Anhinga	<i>Anhinga anhinga</i>
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Serra Dos Tocanos Grounds

Sombre Hummingbird	<i>Aphantochroa cirrhochloris</i>
Slaty-breasted Wood-Rail	<i>Aramides saracura</i>
Great Kiskadee	<i>Pitangus sulphuratus</i>
Shiny Cowbird	<i>Molothrus bonariensis</i>
House Wren	<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>
Black Jacobin	<i>Florisuga fusca</i>
Pale-breasted Thrush	<i>Turdus leucomelas</i>
Green Honeycreeper	<i>Chlorophanes spiza</i>
Maroon-bellied Parakeet	<i>Pyrrhura frontalis</i>
Violaceous Euphonia	<i>Euphonia violacea</i>
Purple-throated Euphonia	<i>Euphonia chlorotica</i>
Reddish Hermit	<i>Phaethornis ruber</i>
Saffron Finch	<i>Sicalis flaveola</i>

Serra Dos Tocanos Cedae Trail

White-throated Woodcreeper	<i>Xiphocolaptes albicollis</i>
Plain Parakeet	<i>Brotogeris tirica</i>
Violet-capped Woodnymph	<i>Thalurania glaucopis</i>
Surucua Trogon	<i>Trogon surrucura</i>
Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner	<i>Philydor rufum</i>
Red-necked Tanager	<i>Tangara cyanocephala</i>
Variiegated Flycatcher	<i>Empidonomus varius</i>
Blue (Swallow-tailed) Manakin	<i>Chiroxiphia caudata</i>
Rufous-browed Peppershrike	<i>Cyclarhis gujanensis</i>
Grey-hooded Attila	<i>Attila rufus</i>
Spot-breasted Antvireo	<i>Dysithamnus stictothorax</i>
Sepia-capped Flycatcher	<i>Leptopogon amaurocephalu</i>

DAY EIGHT. WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH

It had rained heavily during the night and the skies were clear when we went down for breakfast at 7h00. Breakfast was very good and plentiful. Our destination today was Serra das Orgaos with Todd, Hugh, Liz and ? The cost was 180 reals (77US\$)pp with a packed lunch included.

There was a **Black-cheeked Gnatcatcher** down by the stream as we waited for the minibus. Brilliant views as she bobbed out and then her mate arrived, Excellent. When we stopped for petrol we all got out to see what was around and clocked up a **Ringed Kingfisher**, **Panalto Tyrannulet** and **House Sparrow** plus a few other bits and pieces we had seen before. On arrival at the park, we walked slowly downhill, spotting on the way. Besides birds we were entertained by the antics of a group of young Marmoset in a tree. There were also some lovely flowers along the path (bromeliads, tradescantia, begonias...) Having walked back to the minibus, we continued to a higher level (3,645!) for lunch. Hugh spotted a lovely passion flower on a tree and Todd found a beautiful small orchid before we ventured onto the suspended walkway. It is not wobbly and not very long: less than a

kilometre but you do have to walk back either along the walkway or the road below (uphill of course!) It lashed it down and thundered wildly. We discovered that birders with umbrellas are an absolute pain in the whatsit in that situation. Cirillo was leading the way with his broolly, closely followed by Todd with his and the rest of us could see sod all ahead! I was none too pleased when Jim spotted a **Spot-billed Toucanet** and I was unable to get a view of it because Todd had blocked the way with his broolly and rucksack and himself! When I eventually got past him and raised my bins to look at this particularly nice female, he bobbed up in front of me with his camera and as he was a foot taller than me You can get right fed up with people sometimes!

On the way back to SDT there were some fabulous low cloud formations and spectacular views but we were unable to stop. The rain was torrential at times and going down that horribly steep bendy road was a bit of a challenge! I'm glad I wasn't driving.

Back at the lodge, we had time for a bit of a relax on the verandah before dinner then it was frog and bed-time.

Serra Dos Tocanos Lodge

Black-cheeked Gnatcatcher

Conopophaga melanops

On way to Serra Dos Orgaos

Planalto Tyrannulet

Phyllomyias fasciatus

House Sparrow

Passer domesticus

Ringed Kingfisher

Ceryle torquatus

Burrowing Owl

Athene cunicularia

Serra Dos Tocanos Serra Dos Orgaos (Lower)

Yellow-green Grosbeak

Caryothraustes canadensis

Red-rumped Cacique

Cacicus haemorrhous

Spot-breasted Antwreio

Dysithamnus stictothorax

White-collared Swift

Streptoprocne zonaris

Rufous-thighed Kite

Harpagus diodon

Blue (Swallow-tailed) Manakin

Chiroxiphia caudata

Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner

Philydor rufum

Golden-chevrons Tanager

Thraupis ornata

Yellow-legged Thrush

Platycichla flavipes

Reddish Hermit

Phaethornis ruber

Grey-fronted Dove

Leptotila rufaxilla

Black-goggled Tanager

Trichothraupis melanops

Violet-capped Woodnymph

Thalurania glaucopis

Black-capped Foliage-gleaner

Philydor atricapillus

Grey-hooded Attila

Attila rufus

Orange-bellied Euphonia

Euphonia xanthogaster

Crested Becard

Pachyramphus validus

Olivaceous Woodcreeper

Sittasomus griseicapillus

Ruby-crowned Tanager

Tachyphonus coronatus

Spot-billed Toucanet

Selenidera maculirostris

Red-necked Tanager

Tangara cyanocephala

Eye-ringed Tody-Tyrant

Hemitriccus orbitatus

Red-eyed (Chivi) Vireo

Vireo olivaceus

Blue Dacnis

Dacnis cayana

Pale-browed Treehunter

Cichlocolaptes leucophrus

Yellow-throated Woodpecker

Piculus flavigula

Surucua Trogon

Trogon surrucura

Red-crowned Ant-Tanager

Habia rubica

Tropical Kingbird

Tyrannus melancholicus

Variiegated Flycatcher

Empidonomus varius

Great Kiskadee

Serra Dos Orgaos (Upper Section)

Spot-billed Toucanet

Red-crowned Ant-Tanager

Yellow-browed (White-browed) Woodpecker

Golden-crowned Warbler

White-browed Foliage-gleaner

Olivaceous Woodcreeper

White-shouldered Fire-eye

Rufous Gnateater

Euler's Flycatcher

Giant Antshrike

Brazilian Ruby

Sharp-tailed Streamcreeper

Brassy-breasted Tanager

White-throated Hummingbird

Golden-chevrons Tanager

Black-throated Trogon

Pin-tailed Manakin

Rufous-crowned Greenlet

Savanna Hawk

Southern Lapwing

Cattle Egret

Serra Dos Tocanos Lodge

Sharp-tailed Streamcreeper

Rufous-bellied Thrush

Saw-billed Hermit

Masked Water-Tyrant

Sapphire-spangled Emerald

Bananaquit

Southern House Wren

Blue-and-white Swallow

Pitangus sulphuratus

Selenidera maculirostris

Habia rubica

Piculus aurulentus

Basileuterus culicivorus

Anabacerthia amaurotis

Sittasomus griseicapillus

Pyriglena leucoptera

Conopophaga lineata

Lathrotriccus eulerei

Batara cinerea

Clytolaema rubricauda

Lochmias nematura

Tangara desmaresti

Leucochloris albicollis

Thraupis ornata

Trogon rufus

Ilicura militaris

Hylophilus poicilotis

Heterospizias meridionalis

Vanellus chilensis

Bubulcus ibis

Lochmias nematura

Turdus rufiventris

Ramphodon naevius

Fluvicola nengeta

Amazilia lactea

Coereba flaveola

Troglodytes musculus

Pygochelidon cyanoleuca

DAY NINE. THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH.

Today was the day I had really been looking forward to: the Jacamar trip. There were 9 of us. Even Gerry and David came along. The day stayed mostly fine for us though we did get caught in some low mist and drizzle at our first stop where I was most impressed with the Thornbird nests and we watched a Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture being mobbed! Hugh had his solar-powered hat on again and we got to see it in action later on in the day! Very impressive. We made a few stops on our way to the Jacamar spot and had some excellent birding. Plenty of eyes looking out for birds and Todd was on top form though not too happy about being banned from using his broly. Wimp. It was pleasant to be out in open country after so much forest birding and skulking little beggars and we all enjoyed stopping off at the Marthino Da Vila Mirador for coffee. As an added treat, Karen bought us all some chocolate. There were some interesting moths on the café wall plus a Lion Ant which looked pretty ferocious! After a brief stop for lunch and stunning views of a **Black-necked Aracari** and **Curl-crested Jay**, we soon arrived at the **Three-toed Jacamar** spot. What a charming bird! The photos I had seen just did not do this little fellow justice. Well-pleased. All too soon we had to set off back. I would have liked to have spent an hour or so in Sumidouru itself. It looked very interesting, especially the church. There were several nasty downpours on the way home and it carried on raining until after dinner. We didn't see any new birds in the grounds today but had lovely close-up views of **Saw-billed Hermit**. There was the usual frog chorus once it had gone dark and we

went on a bit of a hunt as usual, Saw some great toads and when I was going back inot the lodge, Hugh was busy cursing something and trying to stamp onit. Fortunately he missed what turned out to be a huge cricket or something of that ilk. Brill.

Day List

American Kestrel	Falco sparverius
Ash-throated Crane	Porzana albicollis
Ashy-tailed Swift	Chaetura andrei
Bananaquit	Coereba flaveola
Black Vulture	Coragyps atratus
Black-capped Donacobius	Donacobius atricapilla
Blackish Rail	Pardirallus nigricans
Black-necked Aracari	Pteroglossus aracari
Blue Dacnis	Dacnis cayana
Blue-and-white Swallow	Pygochelidon cyanoleuca
Blue-black Grassquit	Volatinia jacarina
Bran-coloured Flycatcher	Myiophobus fasciatus
Brown-chested Martin	Progne tapera
Burnished-buff Tanager	Tangara cayana
Cattle Egret	Bubulcus ibis
Cattle Tyrant	Machetornis rixosa
Chalk-browed Mockingbird	Mimus saturninus
Chestnut-backed Antshrike	Thamnophilus palliatus
Chestnut-capped Blackbird	Chrysomus ruficapillus
Chestnut-vented Conebill	Conirostrum speciosum
Chopi Blackbird	Gnorimopsar chopi
Cliff Flycatcher	Hirundinea ferruginea
Common Tody-Flycatcher	Todirostrum cinereum
Common Waxbill	Estrilda astrild
Creamy-bellied Thrush	Turdus amaurochalinus
Crested Black-Tyrant	Knipolegus lophotes
Curly-crested Jay	Cyanocorax cristatellus
Double-collared Seedeater	Sporophila caerulescens
Euler's Flycatcher	Lathrotriccus euleri
Fork-tailed Flycatcher	Tyrannus savana
Glittering-bellied Emerald	Chlorostilbon aureoventris
Golden-chevroned Tanager	Thraupis ornata
Grassland Sparrow	Ammodramus humeralis
Great Kiskadee	Pitangus sulphuratus
Green-backed Becard	Pachyramphus viridis
Grey-breasted Martin	Progne chalybea
Grey-rumped Swift	Chaetura cinereiventris
Guira Cuckoo	Guira guira
House Sparrow	Passer domesticus
House Wren	Troglodytes aedon
Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture	Cathartes burrovianus
Long-tailed Tyrant	Colonia colonus
Magpie Tanager	Cissopis leverianus
Masked Water-Tyrant	Fluvicola nengeta
Pale-breasted Thrush	Turdus leucomelas
Palm Tanager	Thraupis palmarum
Picazuro Pigeon	Patagioenas picazuro

Plumbeous Kite	<i>Ictinia plumbea</i>
Plumbeous Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas plumbea</i>
Red-rumped Cacique	<i>Cacicus haemorrhous</i>
Ringed Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle torquatus</i>
Roadside Hawk	<i>Rupornis magnirostris</i>
Ruddy Ground-Dove	<i>Columbina talpacoti</i>
Rufous Hornero	<i>Furnarius rufus</i>
Rufous-bellied Thrush	<i>Turdus rufiventris</i>
Rufous-fronted (Common) Thornbird	<i>Phacellodomus rufifrons</i>
Saffron Finch	<i>Sicalis flaveola</i>
Sayaca Tanager	<i>Thraupis sayaca</i>
Scaly-headed Parrot	<i>Pionus maximiliani</i>
Serra Antwren	<i>Formicivora serrana</i>
Shiny Cowbird	<i>Molothrus bonariensis</i>
Short-crested Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus ferox</i>
Smooth-billed Ani	<i>Crotophaga ani</i>
Social Flycatcher	<i>Myiozetetes similis</i>
Southern Caracara	<i>Caracara plancus</i>
Southern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus chilensis</i>
Southern Rough-winged Swallow	<i>Stelgidopteryx ruficollis</i>
Streaked Flycatcher	<i>Myiodynastes maculatus</i>
Streamer-tailed Tyrant	<i>Gubernetes yetapa</i>
Swallow Tanager	<i>Tersina viridis</i>
Swallow-tailed Hummingbird	<i>Eupetomena macroura</i>
Tawny-headed Swallow	<i>Alopochelidon fucata</i>
Three-toed Jacamar	<i>Jacamaralcyon tridactyla</i>
Tropical Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus melancholicus</i>
Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>
Violet-capped Woodnymph	<i>Thalurania glaucopis</i>
Whistling Heron	<i>Syrigma sibilatrix</i>
White-barred Piculet	<i>Picumnus cirratus</i>
White-browed Blackbird	<i>Sturnella superciliaris</i>
White-collared Swift	<i>Streptoprocne zonaris</i>
White-eared Puffbird	<i>Nystalus chacuru</i>
White-eyed Parakeet	<i>Aratinga leucophthalma</i>
White-headed Marsh-Tyrant	<i>Arundinicola leucocephala</i>
White-rumped Monjita	<i>Xolmis velatus</i>
White-rumped Swallow	<i>Tachycineta leucorrhoa</i>
White-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo albicaudatus</i>
White-thighed Swallow	<i>Neochelidon tibialis</i>
Wing-banded (Tail-banded) Hornero	<i>Furnarius figulus</i>
Yellow Tyrannulet	<i>Capsiempis flaveolus</i>
Yellow-bellied Elaenia	<i>Elaenia flavogaster</i>
Yellow-browed Tyrant	<i>Satrapa icterophrys</i>
Yellow-chinned Spinetail	<i>Certhiaxis cinnamomea</i>
Yellow-eared Woodpecker	<i>Veniliornis maculifrons</i>
Yellow-headed Caracara	<i>Milvago chimachima</i>
Yellowish Pipit	<i>Anthus lutescens</i>
Yellow-lored (Grey-headed) Tody-Flycatcher	<i>Todirostrum poliocephalum</i>
Yellow-olive Flycatcher	<i>Tolmomyias sulphurescens</i>

DAY TEN. FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH

Time for our penultimate trip: the Low and High Altitude Trails. There were five of us today: Roland, me, Todd, and two Americans. The outlook was not good. Low cloud, fine rain, threatening skies and the weather did not improve as we made our way through Nova Friburgo to the start of the trail. We slowly made our way up a very steep road until the tyres just couldn't grip and we had to abandon ship. It was horrid. Visibility was so poor you could barely see the tops of the trees and the lovely views we had been promised were impossible to see. The road grew steeper and steeper, the bends harder and harder and we got wetter and wetter..... When we reached the waterfall I decided to turn back. There was no indication of how much further we had to go and I was thoroughly miserable by this time. Birding in the mist and rain whilst wearing glasses isn't great. To be honest, I'm not sure I would have made it all the way to the top anyway, even on a good day! As it so happens, the others also turned back before getting right up there. The object of the exercise was to look down on the canopy when you got there. Fat chance! When everyone was back at the bus we went off for our picnic lunch. We got out the butties and Cirillo put his recording of the **Red-legged Seramio** on top of the bus. All of a sudden there was such a clatter and a squawking! It startled us all and there was a pair of really strange birds clacking their way towards us. One stood on a fence whilst the other circled us before taking up its stance on the skyline manically calling and strutting his rainsoaked stuff! Magnificent.

The trip was abandoned at this point and on the way back we stopped in the underwear capital of Brazil to admire the frillies, A bit of light relief. ☺ I particularly wanted to go to La Chatte and Cirillo knew exactly where it was

Back at SDT it was time to find dry clothes, absorb some coffee and relax on the verandah

Serra Dos Tocanos High Altitude

Slaty-breasted Wood-Rail	Aramides saracura
Rufous-capped Spinetail	Synallaxis ruficapilla
Streaked Xenops	Xenops rutilans
Buff-browed Foliage-gleaner	Syndactyla rufosuperciliata
Brassy-breasted Tanager	Tangara desmaresti
Yellow-eared Woodpecker	Veniliornis maculifrons
Rufous-bellied Thrush	Turdus rufiventris
Plovercrest	Stephanoxis lalandi
Yellow-legged Thrush	Platycichla flavipes
Diademed Tanager	Stephanophorus diadematus
Serra do Mar Tapaculo	Scytalopus notorius
Rufous-collared Sparrow	Zonotrichia capensis
Variable Antshrike	Thamnophilus caerulescens
Red-legged Seriema	Cariama cristata

Serra Dos Tocanos Lodge

Chestnut-bellied Euphonia	Euphonia pectoralis
Creamy-bellied Thrush	Turdus amaurochalinus
Olive-green Tanager	Orthogonys chloricterus
Versicoloured Emerald	Amazilia versicolor

DAY ELEVEN. SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH

Our last day. It was wet. ALL DAY.

We had planned to go on the Theodoro Trail but decided against it because of the conditions. The Americans and Todd went but it was apparently very muddy and they were all absolutely drenched when they got back.

We spent our day lounging on the verandah, exploring the trails round the lodge and packing. We found that the trails could have better signposted but to add to our confusion we had forgotten to

get the map out of our information folder. We couldn't identify some of the birds we saw and it was well steep in places but we enjoyed ourselves.

Our taxi arrived early and we were soon whisked away to the airport witnessing the results of 3 accidents on the horrid road.

Rio Airport is a dump. We got rid of our luggage then followed the signs to the shops which took us basically to a food court: fast food and expensive restaurants. We decided to go through security and get something to eat and do our shopping on the other side. Ha, ha. There was one small café and one small duty-free shop with a very limited range of goods and a Brazil Boutique that was hugely expensive. We later found a couple of other shops including a duty-free one but again, there was a very limited choice and the souvenirs were ridiculously priced. So we had a yummy meal (not) and then settled down to wait for our flight.

The flight home was ok. Charles de Gaulle was a pain but then it always is and the flight to Manchester was delayed but ok.

And so ended our Brazilian adventure. Lots of (warm) rain, lots of good food, lots of happy memories and most importantly, lots of good birds!

Serra Dos Tocanos Lodge

Blue-naped Chlorophonia	Chlorophonia cyanea
Channel-billed Toucan	Ramphastos vitellinus
Scaly-headed Parrot	Pionus maximiliani
Plain Parakeet	Brotogeris tirica
Orange-bellied Euphonia	Euphonia xanthogaster
White-barred Piculet	Picumnus cirratus
Streaked Xenops	Xenops rutilans
Olivaceous Woodcreeper	Sittasomus griseicapillus
Surucua Trogon	Trogon surrucura

Rio Airport

Magnificent Frigatebird	Fregata magnificens
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FINAL BIRD LIST

Amazon Kingfisher	Chloroceryle amazona
American Kestrel	Falco sparverius
Amethyst Woodstar	Calliphlox amethystina
Anhinga	Anhinga anhinga
Ash-throated Crake	Porzana albicollis
Ashy-tailed Swift	Chaetura andrei
Azure-shouldered Tanager	Thraupis cyanopectera
Bananaquit	Coereba flaveola
Bare-throated Bellbird	Procnias nudicollis
Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica
Black Jacobin	Florisuga fusca
Black Vulture	Coragyps atratus
Black-banded Owl	Strix huhula
Black-bellied Whistling-duck	Dendrocygna autumnalis
Black-capped Donacobius	Donacobius atricapilla
Black-capped Foliage-gleaner	Philydor atricapillus
Black-cheeked Gnateater	Conopophaga melanops
Black-goggled Tanager	Trichothraupis melanops
Blackish Rail	Pardirallus nigricans
Black-necked Aracari	Pteroglossus aracari

Black-tailed Tityra	<i>Tityra cayana</i>
Black-throated Trogon	<i>Trogon rufus</i>
Blond-crested Woodpecker	<i>Celeus flavescens</i>
Blue (Swallow-tailed) Manakin	<i>Chiroxiphia caudata</i>
Blue Dacnis	<i>Dacnis cayana</i>
Blue-and-white Swallow	<i>Pygochelidon cyanoleuca</i>
Blue-billed Black-Tyrant	<i>Knipolegus cyanirostris</i>
Blue-black Grassquit	<i>Volatinia jacarina</i>
Blue-naped Chlorophonia	<i>Chlorophonia cyanea</i>
Blue-winged Parrotlet	<i>Forpus xanthopterygius</i>
Boat-billed Flycatcher	<i>Megarynchus pitangua</i>
Bran-coloured Flycatcher	<i>Myiophobus fasciatus</i>
Brassy-breasted Tanager	<i>Tangara desmaresti</i>
Brazilian Ruby	<i>Clytolaema rubricauda</i>
Brazilian Tanager	<i>Ramphocelus bresilius</i>
Brazilian Teal	<i>Amazonetta brasiliensis</i>
Brown-chested Martin	<i>Progne tapera</i>
Buff-browed Foliage-gleaner	<i>Syndactyla rufosuperciliata</i>
Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner	<i>Philydor rufum</i>
Burnished-buff Tanager	<i>Tangara cayana</i>
Burrowing Owl	<i>Athene cunicularia</i>
Campo Flicker	<i>Colaptes campestris</i>
Capped Heron	<i>Pilherodius pileatus</i>
Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
Cattle Tyrant	<i>Machetornis rixosa</i>
Chalk-browed Mockingbird	<i>Mimus saturninus</i>
Channel-billed Toucan	<i>Ramphastos vitellinus</i>
Chestnut-backed Antshrike	<i>Thamnophilus palliatus</i>
Chestnut-bellied Euphonia	<i>Euphonia pectoralis</i>
Chestnut-capped Blackbird	<i>Chrysomus ruficapillus</i>
Chestnut-crowned Becard	<i>Pachyramphus castaneus</i>
Chestnut-vented Conebill	<i>Conirostrum speciosum</i>
Chopi Blackbird	<i>Gnorimopsar chopi</i>
Cliff Flycatcher	<i>Hirundinea ferruginea</i>
Common Moorhen (Gallinule)	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
Common Potoo	<i>Nyctibius griseus</i>
Common Tody-Flycatcher	<i>Todirostrum cinereum</i>
Common Waxbill	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>
Creamy-bellied Thrush	<i>Turdus amaurochalinus</i>
Crescent-chested Puffbird	<i>Malacoptila striata</i>
Crested Becard	<i>Pachyramphus validus</i>
Crested Black-Tyrant	<i>Knipolegus lophotes</i>
Crested Oropendola	<i>Psarocolius decumanus</i>
Curl-crested Jay	<i>Cyanocorax cristatellus</i>
Diademed Tanager	<i>Stephanophorus diadematus</i>
Double-collared Seedeater	<i>Sporophila caerulea</i>
Drab-breasted (Pygmy-tyrant) Bamboo-Tyrant	<i>Hemitriccus diops</i>
Euler's Flycatcher	<i>Lathrotriccus euleri</i>
Eye-ringed Tody-Tyrant	<i>Hemitriccus orbitatus</i>
Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl	<i>Glaucidium brasilianum</i>

Flame-crested Tanager
Fork-tailed Flycatcher
Giant Antshrike
Giant Snipe
Glittering-bellied Emerald
Glittering-throated Emerald
Golden-chevroned Tanager
Golden-crowned Warbler
Grassland Sparrow
Great Egret
Great Kiskadee
Greater Ani
Green Honeycreeper
Green-backed Becard
Green-headed Tanager
Greenish Elaenia
Grey-bellied Spinetail
Grey-breasted Martin
Grey-fronted Dove
Grey-headed Kite
Grey-hooded Attila
Grey-hooded Flycatcher
Greyish Mourner
Grey-rumped Swift
Guira Cuckoo
Highland Elaenia
Hooded Tanager
House Sparrow
House Wren
Least Grebe
Least Pygmy-Owl
Lemon-chested Greenlet
Lesser Woodcreeper
Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture
Long-billed Wren
Long-tailed Tyrant
Magnificent Frigatebird
Magpie Tanager
Maroon-bellied Parakeet
Masked Duck
Masked Water-Tyrant
Mottle-cheeked Tyrannulet
Moustached Wren
Muscovy Duck
Neotropic Cormorant
Ochre-bellied Flycatcher
Ochre-faced Tody-Flycatcher
Ochre-rumped Antbird
Olivaceous Woodcreeper
Olive-green Tanager
Orange-bellied Euphonia

Tachyphonus cristatus
Tyrannus savana
Batara cinerea
Gallinago undulata
Chlorostilbon aureoventris
Amazilia fimbriata
Thraupis ornata
Basileuterus culicivorus
Ammodramus humeralis
Ardea alba
Pitangus sulphuratus
Crotophaga major
Chlorophanes spiza
Pachyramphus viridis
Tangara seledon
Myiopagis viridicata
Synallaxis cinerascens
Progne chalybea
Leptotila rufaxilla
Leptodon cayanensis
Attila rufus
Mionectes rufiventris
Rhytipterna simplex
Chaetura cinereiventris
Guira guira
Elaenia obscura
Nemosia pileata
Passer domesticus
Troglodytes aedon
Tachybaptus dominicus
Glaucidium minutissimum
Hylophilus thoracicus
Xiphorhynchus fuscus
Cathartes burrovianus
Thryothorus longirostris
Colonia colonus
Fregata magnificens
Cissopis leverianus
Pyrrhura frontalis
Nomonyx dominica
Fluvicola nengeta
Phylloscartes ventralis
Thryothorus genibarbis
Cairina moschata
Phalacrocorax brasilianus
Mionectes oleagineus
Poecilatriccus plumbeiceps
Drymophila ochropyga
Sittasomus griseicapillus
Orthogonys chloricterus
Euphonia xanthogaster

Orange-eyed Thornbird
Pale-breasted Thrush
Pale-browed Treehunter
Pale-vented Pigeon
Palm Tanager
Picazuro Pigeon
Pin-tailed Manakin
Piratic Flycatcher
Plain Antvireo
Plain Parakeet
Plain Xenops
Planalto Tyrannulet
Plovercrest
Plumbeous Kite
Plumbeous Pigeon
Purple Gallinule
Purple-throated Euphonia
Red-cowled Cardinal
Red-crowned Ant-Tanager
Reddish Hermit
Red-eyed (Chivi) Vireo
Red-legged Honeycreeper
Red-legged Seriema
Red-necked Tanager
Red-rumped Cacique
Ringed Kingfisher
Roadside Hawk
Rough-legged Tyrannulet
Ruby-crowned Tanager
Ruddy Ground-Dove
Rufescent Tiger-Heron
Rufous Gnateater
Rufous Hornero
Rufous-bellied Thrush
Rufous-browed Peppershrike
Rufous-capped Antthrush
Rufous-capped Motmot
Rufous-capped Spinetail
Rufous-collared Sparrow
Rufous-crowned Greenlet
Rufous-fronted (Common) Thornbird
Rufous-headed Tanager
Rufous-sided Crake
Rufous-tailed Jacamar
Rufous-thighed Kite
Rusty-margined Guan
Saffron Finch
Saffron Toucanet
Sapphire-spangled Emerald
Savanna Hawk
Saw-billed Hermit

Phacellodomus erythrophthalmus
Turdus leucomelas
Cichlocolaptes leucophrus
Patagioenas cayennensis
Thraupis palmarum
Patagioenas picazuro
Ilicura militaris
Legatus leucophaeus
Dysithamnus mentalis
Brotogeris tirica
Xenops minutus
Phyllomyias fasciatus
Stephanoxis lalandi
Ictinia plumbea
Patagioenas plumbea
Porphyrio martinica
Euphonia chlorotica
Paroaria dominicana
Habia rubica
Phaethornis ruber
Vireo olivaceus
Cyanerpes cyaneus
Cariama cristata
Tangara cyanocephala
Cacicus haemorrhous
Ceryle torquatus
Rupornis magnirostris
Phyllomyias burmeisteri
Tachyphonus coronatus
Columbina talpacoti
Tigrisoma lineatum
Conopophaga lineata
Furnarius rufus
Turdus rufiventris
Cyclarhis gujanensis
Formicarius colma
Baryphthengus ruficapillus
Synallaxis ruficapilla
Zonotrichia capensis
Hylophilus poicilotis
Phacellodomus rufifrons
Hemithraupis ruficapilla
Laterallus melanophaeus
Galbula ruficauda
Harpagus diodon
Penelope superciliaris
Sicalis flaveola
Pteroglossus bailloni
Amazilia lactea
Heterospizias meridionalis
Ramphodon naevius

Sayaca Tanager	<i>Thraupis sayaca</i>
Scaled Antbird	<i>Drymophila squamata</i>
Scaled Woodcreeper	<i>Lepidocolaptes squamatus</i>
Scaly-headed Parrot	<i>Pionus maximiliani</i>
Sepia-capped Flycatcher	<i>Leptopogon amaurocephalus</i>
Serra Antwren	<i>Formicivora serrana</i>
Serra do Mar Tapaculo	<i>Scytalopus notorius</i>
Serra do Mar Tyrant-manakin	<i>Neopelma chrysolophum</i>
Sharp-billed Treehunter	<i>Heliobletus contaminatus</i>
Sharp-tailed Streamcreeper	<i>Lochmias nematura</i>
Shiny Cowbird	<i>Molothrus bonariensis</i>
Short-crested Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus ferox</i>
Shrike-like Cotinga (Elegant Mourner)	<i>Laniisoma elegans</i>
Slaty-breasted Wood-Rail	<i>Aramides saracura</i>
Small-billed Elaenia	<i>Elaenia parvirostris</i>
Smooth-billed Ani	<i>Crotophaga ani</i>
Snowy Egret	<i>Egretta thula</i>
Social Flycatcher	<i>Myiozetetes similis</i>
Sombre Hummingbird	<i>Aphantochroa cirrhochloris</i>
Sooretama Slaty Antshrike	<i>Thamnophilus ambiguus</i>
Southern Antpipit	<i>Corythopis delalandi</i>
Southern Beardless Tyrannulet	<i>Camptostoma obsoletum</i>
Southern Caracara	<i>Caracara plancus</i>
Southern House Wren	<i>Troglodytes musculus</i>
Southern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus chilensis</i>
Southern Rough-winged Swallow	<i>Stelgidopteryx ruficollis</i>
Spix's Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis spixi</i>
Spot-backed Antshrike	<i>Hypoedaleus guttatus</i>
Spot-billed Toucanet	<i>Selenidera maculirostris</i>
Spot-breasted Antvireo	<i>Dysithamnus stictothorax</i>
Squirrel Cuckoo	<i>Piaya cayana</i>
Star-throated Antwren	<i>Myrmotherula gularis</i>
Streaked Flycatcher	<i>Myiodynastes maculatus</i>
Streaked Xenops	<i>Xenops rutilans</i>
Streamer-tailed Tyrant	<i>Gubernetes yetapa</i>
Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>
Striped Cuckoo	<i>Tapera naevia</i>
Surucua Trogon	<i>Trogon surrucura</i>
Swainson's Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus swainsoni</i>
Swallow Tanager	<i>Tersina viridis</i>
Swallow-tailed Cotinga	<i>Phibalura flavirostris</i>
Swallow-tailed Hummingbird	<i>Eupetomena macroura</i>
Tawny-browed Owl	<i>Pulsatrix koeniswaldiana</i>
Tawny-headed Swallow	<i>Alopochelidon fucata</i>
Three-toed Jacamar	<i>Jacamaralcyon tridactyla</i>
Tropical Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus melancholicus</i>
Tropical Mockingbird	<i>Mimus gilvus</i>
Tropical Parula	<i>Parula pitiayumi</i>
Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>
Unicoloured Antwren	<i>Myrmotherula unicolor</i>
Variable Antshrike	<i>Thamnophilus caerulescens</i>

Variegated Flycatcher	<i>Empidonomus varius</i>
Versicoloured Emerald	<i>Amazilia versicolor</i>
Violaceous Euphonia	<i>Euphonia violacea</i>
Violet-capped Woodnymph	<i>Thalurania glaucopis</i>
Wattled Jacana	<i>Jacana jacana</i>
Whiskered (Sulphur-rumped) Flycatcher	<i>Myiobius barbatus</i>
Whistling Heron	<i>Syrigma sibilatrix</i>
White Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes candidus</i>
White-barred Piculet	<i>Picumnus cirratus</i>
White-bearded Manakin	<i>Manacus manacus</i>
White-bellied Seedeater	<i>Sporophila leucoptera</i>
White-bellied Tanager	<i>Tangara brasiliensis</i>
White-browed (White-rimmed) Warbler	<i>Basileuterus leucoblepharus</i>
White-browed Blackbird	<i>Sturnella superciliaris</i>
White-browed Foliage-gleaner	<i>Anabacerthia amaurotis</i>
White-chinned Sapphire	<i>Hylocharis cyanus</i>
White-collared Swift	<i>Streptoprocne zonaris</i>
White-eared Puffbird	<i>Nystalus chacuru</i>
White-eyed Foliage-gleaner	<i>Automolus leucophthalmus</i>
White-eyed Parakeet	<i>Aratinga leucophthalma</i>
White-faced Whistling-Duck	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>
White-flanked Antwren	<i>Myrmotherula axillaris</i>
White-headed Marsh-Tyrant	<i>Arundinicola leucocephala</i>
White-rumped Monjita	<i>Xolmis velatus</i>
White-rumped Swallow	<i>Tachycineta leucorrhoa</i>
White-shouldered Fire-eye	<i>Pyriglena leucoptera</i>
White-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo albicaudatus</i>
White-thighed Swallow	<i>Neochelidon tibialis</i>
White-throated Hummingbird	<i>Leucochloris albicollis</i>
White-throated Spadebill	<i>Platyrinchus mystaceus</i>
White-throated Woodcreeper	<i>Xiphocolaptes albicollis</i>
White-tipped Dove	<i>Leptotila verreauxi</i>
White-winged Becard	<i>Pachyramphus polychopterus</i>
Wing-banded (Tail-banded) Hornero	<i>Furnarius figulus</i>
Yellow Tyrannulet	<i>Capsiempis flaveolus</i>
Yellow-backed Tanager	<i>Hemithraupis flavicollis</i>
Yellow-bellied Elaenia	<i>Elaenia flavogaster</i>
Yellow-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Tolmomyias flaviventris</i>
Yellow-browed (White-browed) Woodpecker	<i>Piculus aurulentus</i>
Yellow-browed Tyrant	<i>Satrapa icterophrys</i>
Yellow-chinned Spinetail	<i>Certhiaxis cinnamomea</i>
Yellow-eared Woodpecker	<i>Veniliornis maculifrons</i>
Yellow-green Grosbeak	<i>Caryothraustes canadensis</i>
Yellow-headed Caracara	<i>Milvago chimachima</i>
Yellowish Pipit	<i>Anthus lutescens</i>
Yellow-legged Thrush	<i>Platycichla flavipes</i>
Yellow-lored (Grey-headed) Tody-Flycatcher	<i>Todirostrum poliocephalum</i>
Yellow-olive Flycatcher	<i>Tolmomyias sulphurescens</i>
Yellow-throated Woodpecker	<i>Piculus flavigula</i>

272 birds

221 lifers