

Brazil's Pantanal: Jaguars & More! | Species List

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with Atlantic Forest Extension

(HO)= Heard Only

(I)= Introduced

(E)= Endemic

(RE)= Regional Endemic

(*) = Atlantic Forest Extension Only

Summary: With over 320 species for both the Atlantic Forest extension and the Pantanal, along with twenty-one species of mammals, this trip exceeded everyone's expectations. Two adult tapirs with a young striped one in tow, ten amazing jaguars, with final one being just one of the finest wildlife experiences for everyone! Hyacinth Macaw pairs and along with a nesting pair of Blue & Yellow Macaw were just two of the sixteen *Psittacines*, eighteen long-legged waterbirds, and four owl species and six nightjars were all a part of the species' encountered.

August 8 – São Paulo

August 9-13 – Atlantic Forest, Itatiaia National Park

August 14-16 – Pantanal, Pouso Alegre

August 17/18 – Cuiaba River & tributaries from Pto. Jofre

August 19/21 – Pousada Rio Claro Pixaim River

August 21 – Return to Cuiaba (full Transpantania)

August 22 – Departures

BIRDS (321 species recorded, of which 8 were heard only):



RHEAS: Rheidae (1)

Greater Rhea *Rhea americana*—Seen in most areas we traveled in the Pantanal

TINAMOUS: Tinamidae (1)

Undulated Tinamou *Crypturellus undulatus*—On the two nights at the Pouso Alegre hide, we saw three individuals

SCREAMERS: Anhimidae (1)

Southern Screamer *Chauna torquata*— First seen on a stop at a pond on our way to the Pantanal

DUCKS, GEESE AND SWANS: Anatidae (3)

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck *Dendrocygna autumnalis*— Seen at the same pond as the screamers on our way to the Pantanal

Muscovy Duck *Cairina moschata*— Best view was on our drive to Rio Cuiaba where we saw a family of four in the wetlands

Brazilian Teal *Amazonetta brasiliensis*—Great looks at a small flock on one of the Pousada Piuval ponds

GUANS AND CURASSOWS: Cracidae (6)

Chaco Chachalaca *Ortalis canicollis*—Definitely the common chachalaca on the trip,

* **Dusky-legged Guan** *Penelope obscura*—Very common and usually around buildings on the extension

Chestnut-bellied Guan *Penelope ochrogaster* (E)—Seen regularly out at Pouso Alegre in the Pantanal

Blue-throated Piping-Guan *Pipile cumanensis*—Seen at different locations in the Pantanal. Always perched high in tall trees

Common (Red-throated) Piping-Guan *Pipile cujubi*— Seen during the entire trip in various locations

Bare-faced Curassow *Crax fasciolata*—Regular in the cerrado and in the northern part of the Pantanal

QUAIL DONTOPHORIDAE (1)

Spot-winged Wood-Quail *Odontophorus capueira* - Seen and heard at the Hotel Donati along the edge of the forest

STORKS: Ciconiidae (3)

Maguari Stork *Ciconia maguari*—We had at least three hundred of these less than common birds in the wetlands about an hour north of Porto Jofre

Jabiru *Jabiru mycteria*—If there was a large, sturdy tree out in the wetlands, there was usually a pair of these huge storks nesting

Wood Stork *Mycteria americana*—Always looking stately in the air And. A little macabre hunched over in their feeding pools

CORMORANTS: Phalacrocoracidae (1)

Neotropic Cormorant *Phalacrocorax brasilianus*— If there was lots of freshwater, there were always numbers of these nearby

ANHINGAS: Anhingidae (1)

Anhinga *Anhinga anhinga*— Seen regularly in the Pantanal with our first on the pond outside of Pocone

HERONS AND EGRETS: Ardeidae (13)

Rufescent Tiger-Heron *Tigrisoma lineatum*—All over the Pantanal with both the adults and juveniles looking very striking, but in very different ways

Cocoi Heron *Ardea cocoi*—Always around when there was an open expanse of water, and they are big

Great Egret *Ardea alba*—Any large (and small too...) usually had at least one of this regal looking bird

Snowy Egret *Egretta thula*—Regular through all dates when there was some water nearby
Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*—First seen feeding with cattle on our way to the Atlantic Forest
Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerulea*—Really only seen on one day and that was on the Rio Pixaim
Striated Heron *Butorides striatus*—Very common, especially way out there in the middle of all the Pantanal's wetlands
Agami Heron *Agamia agami*—We saw one and it was in its typical habitat, overgrown streambanks that were extremely dark and shady
Whistling Heron *Syrigma sibilatrix*—Best look at were two alongside the road about an hour north of Porto Jofre
Capped Heron *Pilherodias pileatus*—Not to many of these in the Pantanal, at least not on this trip. But we did get good looks along the Rio Cuiaba
Black-crowned Night-Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*—Sporadic, but usually seen daily in overgrown areas of the wetlands
Boat-billed Heron *Cochlearius cochlearius*—Seen in two locations, the Rio Pixaim and the Rio Cuiaba

IBIS AND SPOONBILLS: Threskiornithidae (5)

Green Ibis *Mesembrinibis cayennensis*—Certainly the least common of all the ibis in the Pantanal, but seen at least once on every day
Bare-faced Ibis *Phimosus infuscatus*—This species seemed to prefer water with very little algae, clear water pools brought us some great views
Plumbeous Ibis *Theristicus caerulescens*—The more common of these first three ibis, we saw both nesting and foraging birds
Buff-necked Ibis *Theristicus caudatus*—Usually seen in grassy fields as opposed to watered areas, and at this time of year, usually in pairs
Roseate Spoonbill *Platalea ajaja*—Only seen on three days of the trip, of course all in the Pantanal

NEW WORLD VULTURES: Cathartidae (3)

Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus*—Common, and everywhere in the country
Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura*—Very uncommon and individual birds were only seen four times, split evenly between the Atlantic Forest and the Pantanal
Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture *Cathartes burrovianus*—South America's replacement for the North America's Turkey Vulture

HAWKS, KITES AND EAGLES: Accipitridae (10)

***White-tailed Kite** *Elanus leucurus*—Seen only on the Atlantic Forest part of the trip
***Black Hawk-Eagle** *Spizaetus tyrannus*—Seen every day on the Atlantic Forest extension
***Ornate Hawk-Eagle** *Spizaetus ornatus* - Seen on only one day when we were up in Itatiaia's high country
Black-collared Hawk *Busarellus nigricollis*—All of the boat rides in the Pantanal had resident pairs of this species, and for the most part, they were very docile
Snail Kite *Rostrhamus sociabilis*—Everywhere in the Pantanal that had any pools of water
Savanna Hawk *Buteogallus meridionalis*—Common in the drier regions of the Pantanal
Great Black Hawk *Buteogallus urubitinga*—The hawk we saw when doing boat exploration of the Pantanal's river systems
Roadside Hawk *Rupornis magnirostris*—Seen every day on both the Pantanal and the Atlantic Forest extension

***White-tailed Hawk** *Geranoaetus albicaudatus*—Seen at our roadside rest on the way to the summit of Itatiaia National Park

***Short-tailed Hawk** *Buteo brachyurus*—Both times we saw this hawk it was a dark phase adult

SUNBITTERN: Eurypygidae (1)

Sunbittern *Eurypyga helias*—We saw at least a dozen at Pouso Alegre

SUNGREBE: Heliomithidae (1)

Sungrebe *Hellornis fulica* – Seen at least six times along the edges of rivers we boated in the Pantanal

RAILS, COOTS AND ALLIES: Rallidae (3)

Gray-cowled Wood-Rail *Aramides cajaneus*—Very common throughout the Pantanal

***Slaty-breasted Wood-Rail** *Aramides saracura* (**RE**)—Seen at the pond in the Hotel Donati complex

Common Gallinule *Gallinula galeata*—Seen on our first day driving to the Atlantic Forest

LIMPKIN: Aramidae (1)

Limpkin *Aramus guarauna*—Regularly seen in the Pantanal, mostly around small bodies of water or flooded wetlands

STILTS AND AVOCETS: Recurvirostridae (1)

Black-necked Stilt *Himantopus mexicanus*—We had this species early on in the Pantanal tour portion

PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS: Charadriidae (3)

Pied Lapwing *Vanellus cayanus*—Seen on only one day in the Pantanal over in the Rio Cuiaba area

Southern Lapwing *Vanellus chilensis*—Common in fields on both portions of the tour

Collared Plover *Charadrius collaris*—Only one individual was seen foraging on a Rio Cuiaba sandbar

JACANAS: Jacanidae (1)

Wattled Jacana *Jacana jacana*—A very common species in the Pantanal

SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES: Scolopacidae (1)

Solitary Sandpiper *Tringa solitaria*—One was seen on our last day in the land of the jaguar

GULLS AND TERNS: Laridae (3)

Yellow-billed Tern *Sternula superciliaris*—We found a young hatchling along with one of the adults on a sandbar along the Rio Cuiaba

Large-billed Tern *Phaetusa simplex*— The more common of the two tern species in the Pantanal

Black Skimmer *Rhynchops niger*—Sporadic at best along the Rio Cuiaba, but seen all three days

PIGEONS AND DOVES: Columbidae (11)

Rock Pigeon *Columba livia* (**I**)—Seen on both the extension and in the Pantanal, always near habitation

Pale-vented Pigeon *Patagioenas cayennensis*—Fairly common on any of the fazendas in horse-feeding trough areas

Picazuro Pigeon *Patagioenas picazuro*—Common in both the Atlantic Forest and along the Pantanal

Plumbeous Pigeon *Patagioenas plumbea*—Seen on three days in both parts of Brasil that we visited

Ruddy Ground-Dove *Columbina talpacoti*—We got to see this small dove around fazendas in the Pantanal

Scaled Dove *Columbina squammata*—Only seen three times in the Pantanal, but not in the jaguar area

Picui Ground-Dove *Columbina picui*—Seen by all of us at Pousada Rio Claro stable area

Long-tailed Ground-Dove *Uropelia campestris*—We got to see numerous small flocks, with most around Pouso Alegre

White-tipped Dove *Leptotila verreauxi*—Very common in the Pantanal, probably the most common

Gray-fronted Dove *Leptotila rufaxilla*—We only saw this species once, and that was seen on our last day at Pousada Piuval

Eared Dove *Zenaida auriculata*—Regular up in the Atlantic Forest

CUCKOOS AND ALLIES: Cuculidae (6)

Guira Cuckoo *Guira guira*—Common in the Pantanal and always in family groups

Greater Ani *Crotophaga major*—Only seen on our last full day in the Pantanal

Smooth-billed Ani *Crotophaga ani*—Very common in the Pantanal grasslands

Striped Cuckoo *Tapera naevia*—We were lucky to get a look at this bird on our late afternoon hike at Rio Claro

Little Cuckoo *Coccyua minuta*—Seen by a few along the Pouso Alegre entrance road

Squirrel Cuckoo *Piaya cayana*—Seen on both parts of the trip to Brasil at least two times

OWLS: Strigidae (5)

Tropical Screech-Owl *Megascops choliba*- Seen and a quick view on the Giant Anteater evening at Pouso Alegre

***Black-capped Screech-Owl** *Anthus rubescens* - Heard by many and finally seen by a few up at Hotel Donati

***Tawny-browed Owl** *Pulsatrix koeniswaldiana* **(RE)**—Great looks on the first night of the Atlantic Forest extension

Great Horned Owl *Bubo virginianus*—Seen at Pousada Piuval with one young bird at the nest

Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl *Glaucidium brasilianum*—Seen in the Pantanal a couple of times, and heard every morning

NIGHTJARS: Caprimulgidae (6)

Nacunda Nighthawk *Chordeiles nacunda*—A single bird was seen flying over the Rio Cuiaba during late morning

Band-tailed Nighthawk *Nyctiprogne leucopyga*—The common nighthawk seen in jaguar country and over the Rio Claro

Band-winged Nightjar *Systellura Ingirostris* – Seen over the parking lot at Hotel Donati

Common Pauraque *Nyctidromus albicollis*—Seen a number of times at both locations

Spot-tailed Nightjar *Hydropsalis maculicaudus*—Seen by a few in the Pantanal when returning to the Flotel in early evening

Ocellated Poorwill *Nyctiphrynus ocellatus* - Heard and then seen foraging over the Hotel Donati parking lot

HUMMINGBIRDS: Trochilidae (14)

***Black Jacobin** *Florisuga fusca* **(RE)**—Regular at the Hotel de Ype feeders

***Dusky-throated Hermit** *Phaethornis squalidus* **(E)**—Seen a couple of times at feeders at Hotel de Ype

- ***Scale-throated Hermit** *Phaethornis eurynome* (RE)—Seen once at the entrance station to Itatiaia National Park
- ***Black-eared Fairy** *Heliostyris auritus*—We had this species at a number of locations in Itatiaia National Park
- ***Frilled Coquette** *Lophornis magnificus* (E)—We were to see this coquette three times on our Atlantic Forest extension
- ***Green-crowned Plovercrest** *Stephanoxis lalandi* (E)—We were fortunate to have eight sightings of this singularly topped hummingbird
- ***Brazilian Ruby** *Clytolaema rubricauda* (RE)—This was the most often seen hummingbird in Itatiaia NP
- Glittering-bellied Emerald** *Chlorostilbon aureoventris*—The only hummingbird we saw in the Pantanal
- ***Swallow-tailed Hummingbird** *Eupetomena macroura*—The very first hummingbird we saw at our hotel in São Paulo
- ***Violet-capped Woodnymph** *Thalurania glaucopis*—Relatively common at the Hotel de Ype feeders
- ***White-throated Hummingbird** *Leucochloris albicollis* (RE)— Several individuals at the feeders at Hotel de Ype.

- ***Versicolored Emerald** *Amazilia versicolor*—Seen at the Hotel Simon and at Hotel de Ype
- Glittering-throated Emerald** *Amazilia fimbriata*—The only hummingbird we saw out in the Pantanal
- ***Sapphire-spangled Emerald** *Amazilia lactea*—Seen up at the abandoned Hotel Simon on our late afternoon hike.

TROGONS: Trogonidae (2)

- Blue-crowned Trogon** *Trogo curicui* – See on on our second day at Pouso Alegre
- Surucua Trogon** *Trogon surrucura*—We saw both the red and yellow-bellied forms in the Itatiaia area

KINGFISHERS: Alcedinidae (5)

- Ringed Kingfisher** *Megaceryle torquata*—Very common in all areas of the Pantanal, seen everywhere
- Amazon Kingfisher** *Chloroceryle amazona*—As common as the Ringed in the Pantanal
- Green Kingfisher** *Chloroceryle americana*—Uncommon in the Pantanal, usually a little more reclusive
- Green-and-rufous Kingfisher** *Chloroceryle inda*—Less common in the Pantanal than the above three
- American Pygmy Kingfisher** *Chloroceryle aenea*—We only saw this species twice in the Pantanal, both in reed-filled roadside ditches

MOTMOTS: Momotidae (1)

- ***Rufous-capped Motmot** *Baryphthengus ruficapillus* (RE)—Mostly heard, but some saw one of a pair early on our first morning

PUFFBIRDS: Bucconidae (1)

- Black-fronted Nunbird** *Monasa nigrifrons*—Seen on most days during our time in the Pantanal

JACAMARS: Galbulidae (1)

- Rufous-tailed Jacamar** *Galbula ruficauda*—A great looking birds that gave us excellent looks every time we saw this species

TOUCANS: Ramphastidae (4)

- ***Saffron Toucanet** *Pteroglossus bailloni* (RE)—A small flock at Hotel de Ype landed in front of the group

Chestnut-eared Aracari *Pteroglossus castanotis*—Regular at the feeders at Pouso Alegre
Toco Toucan *Ramphastos toco*—Seen a few times a day, everyday in the Pantanal
***Red-breasted Toucan** *Ramphastos dicolorus*—Seen by the group adjacent to the abandoned Hotel Simon

WOODPECKERS: Picidae (10)

White-barred Piculet *Picumnus cirratus*—Seen both in the Atlantic Forest and out in the Pantanal
White Woodpecker *Melanerpes candidus*—We saw a pair on two different days at Pouso Alegre
***Yellow-fronted Woodpecker** *Melanerpes flavifrons (RE)*—We got to see a nesting pair in the back of the Hotel Donati complex
***White-fronted Woodpecker** *Melanerpes cactorum*—Seen in the area around the Itatiaia Visitor Center
***White-spotted Woodpecker** *Veniliornis spilogaster*—Seen on our way up to the higher elevation in Itatiaia NP
Little Woodpecker *Veniliornis passerines*—Seen both in Itatiaia and the Pantanal
White-browed Woodpecker *Piculus aurulentus*—We saw this fine-looking bird along the road up to the Black Needles in Itatiaia
Green-barred Woodpecker *Colaptes melanochloros*—Seen by two of the group early in the morning at Pouso Alegre working a thicket
Campo Flicker *Colaptes campestris*—Seen a few times in the Pantanal, always in pairs
Crimson-crested Woodpecker *Campephilus melanoleucos*—A nice pair foraged alongside the road in Rio Claro

SERIEMAS: Cariamidae (1)

Red-legged Seriema *Cariama cristata*—Seen very well on the entrance road to Pousada Piuval

FALCONS AND CARACARAS: Falconidae (9)

Southern Caracara *Caracara plancus*—Everywhere on both the extension and in the Pantanal
Yellow-headed Caracara *Milvago chimachima*—Seen once on both the extension and at Rio Claro in the Pantanal
***Chimango Caracara** *Mivago chimango* - Seen on our trip to Itatiaia's high country
***Barred Forest-Falcon (HO)** *Micrastur ruficollis*—Heard in the early morning calling at Hotel Donati
***Collared Forest-Falcon (HO)** *Micrastur semitorquatus* - Heard in the early morning calling at Hotel Donati
American Kestrel *Falco sparverius*—Seen perched on the wires along the road to Pocone
Laughing Falcon *Herpetotheres cachinnans* - Seen perched on the top of a snag at Pouso Alegre
Aplomado Falcon *Falco femoralis*—Our best view was of one that jetted overhead at the blind at Pouso Alegre and snatched a bat out of the air
Bat Falcon *Falco ruficularis*—Seen well twice in the Pantanal, with both birds not being the least bit concerned about our proximity

PARROTS: Psittacidae (16)

Monk Parakeet *Myiopsitta monachus*—The common parakeet in the Pantanal
***Plain Parakeet** *Brotogeris tirica (E)*—Seen twice up at the abandoned Hotel Simon in Atlantic Forest
Yellow-chevroned Parakeet *Brotogeris chiriri*—Seen numerous times in the Pantanal near sparsely-forested areas
***Pileated Parrot** *Pionopsitta pileata (RE)*—Seen up at the Hotel Simon in the Atlantic Forest

Scaly-headed Parrot *Pionus maximiliani*—Seen regularly on fazendas in the Pantanal & in Atlantic Forest
Turquoise-fronted Parrot *Amazona aestiva*—Best looks were at a nesting pair in jaguar land. The male fed the female when she emerged from the nesting cavity

Blue-winged Parrotlet *Forpus xanthopterygius*—Seen well at about 25-foot distance at Hotel de Ype
Maroon-bellied Parakeet *Pyrrhura frontalis*—Certainly the most common Psittacine in the Atlantic Forest part of the trip

Hyacinth Macaw *Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus* (RE)—This Pantanal endemic was seen at least a half dozen times

Peach-fronted Parakeet *Eupsittula aurea*—Seen watering at Fazenda Rio Claro and in the Atlantic Forest

Nanday Parakeet *Aratinga nenday*—Great looks at Fazenda Rio Claro in the trees over our rooms

***Blue-winged Macaw** *Primolius maracana* (RE)—Hearing this species fly over gave those at the rear of the group a view

Blue-and-yellow Macaw *Ara ararauna*—A nesting pair at Pousada Piuval gave all of us fantastic looks

Yellow-collared Macaw *Primolius auricollis*—Seen by everyone on our morning boat ride at Rio Claro

Blue-crowned Parakeet *Thectocercus acuticaudatus* – Large groups were seen in the morning hanging out in the Eucalyotus tree in front of Pousada Rio Claro

White-eyed Parakeet *Psittacara leucophthalmus*—Seen three times on the Atlantic Forest extension

ANTBIRDS AND ALLIES: Thamnophilidae (14)

Great Antshrike *Taraba major* —Seen while walking the Pouso Alegre entrance road

***Tufted Antshrike** *Mackenziaena severa* (RE)—Seen at the entrance to Itatiaia National Park

Barred Antshrike *Thamnophilus doliatus*—Seen numbers of times in the forested regions of the Pantanal
Planato Slaty-Antshrike *Thamnophilus pelzeini* – Seen while birding the entrance road into Pouso Alegre

***Variable Antshrike** *Thamnophilus caerulescens*—Seen one day and heard the next in Itatiaia

Star-throated Antwren *Rhopias gularis* (E)—Seen on our first day in Itatiaia National Park and in the Pantanal

***Spot-breasted Antwren** *Dysithamnus stictothorax* (RE)—We all got very good looks while at the entrance station to Itatiaia

***Plain Antwren** *Dysithamnus mentalis*—Seen on our last morning in Itatiaia National Park

Rufous-backed Antwren *Dysithamnus xanthopterus* (E)—Seen on our ascent to the top of Itatiaia

Rufous-tailed Antbird *Drymophila ferruginea* (E) – We were lucky enough to see this bird about half way to the top of Itatiaia

***Streak-capped Antwren** *Terenura maculate* – Seen at the entrance station to Itatiaia national Park

***Ferruginous Antbird** *Drymophila ferruginea* (E)—Mostly heard but glimpsed on our first morning out

Mato Grosso Antbird *Cercomacra melanaria* (RE)—We did get a few looks at this Pantanal endemic

White-shouldered Fire-eye *Pyriglena leucoptera*—Heard and then seen on our walk around the Hotel Donati grounds

GNATEATERS: Conopophagidae (1)

***Rufous Gnateater** *Conopophaga lineata*—Seen our first full day near Hotel Donati

ANTPITTAS: Grallariidae (1)

***Variegated Antpitta** - Seen well by all on our walk down from the Hotel de Ype

TAPACULOS: Rhinocryptidae (2)

***Slaty Bristlefront** *Merulaxis ater* (E)—Seen bopping back and forth on the edge of the forest at Hotel Donati

***Mouse-colored Tapaculo** *Scytalopus speluncae* (RE)—Seen in the bright morning light heading up to the top of Itatiaia

ANTTHRUSHES: Formicariidae (1)

***Such's Antthrush** *Chamaeza meruloides* (E)—Seen on the road above the Itatiaia NP Visitor Center

OVENBIRDS AND WOODCREEPERS: Furnariidae (24)

Olivaceous Woodcreeper *Sittasomus griseicapillus*—Seen at least once a day in the Itatiaia area

Great Rufous Woodcreeper *Xiphocolaptes major*—Seen twice at Pouso Alegre and once at Rio Claro, what a massive bill

Straight-billed Woodcreeper *Dendroplex picus*—Seen on our last day in the Pantanal

Red-billed Scythebill *Campylorhamphus trochilirostris*—What an amazing bill and bird! Seen at Pouso Alegre and once at Rio Claro

Narrow-billed Woodcreeper *Lepidocolaptes angustirostris*—Certainly the most often seen woodcreeper of the trip

***Scaled Woodcreeper** *Lepidocolaptes squamatus* (E)—Great looks up on the Hotel Simon grounds for the entire group

***Streaked Xenops** *Xenops rutilans*—Seen on the road to the top of Itatiaia, a pair of them

Pale-legged Hornero *Furnarius leucopus*—This colorful species was seen in the Pantanal in areas with open shoreline and an adjacent overstory of trees

Rufous Hornero *Furnarius rufus*—Readily found just about anywhere there were open areas in the Pantanal

Sharp-tailed Streamcreeper *Lochmias nematura*—Great name for this species, and we all got looks on the Hotel Donati grounds

***Black-capped Foliage-gleaner** *Philydor atricapillus* (RE)—We saw this bird down near there stream as we finished our walk from the Hotel de Ype

Buff-browed Foliage-gleaner *Syndactyla rufosuperciliata*—Seen with a mixed a mixed flock about half way to the top of Itatiaia

***White-eyed Foliage-gleaner** *Automolus leucophthalmus*—Seen on our last day on the road below the Visitor Center

***Araucaria Tit-Spinetail** *Leptasthenura setaria* (RE)—Seen in the Araucaria trees near the top of Itatiaia

***Orange-eyed Thornbird** *Phacellodomus erythrophthalmus* (E)—Seen a number of times around its nest at Hotel Donati

Greater Thornbird *Phacellodomus ruber*—Seen only once at Pousada Piuval on our last day

***Itatiaia Spinetail** *Asthenes moreirae* (E)—Seen well a number of times up top in Itatiaia National Park

***Pallid Spinetail** *Cranioleuca pallida* (E)—Seen on our first and our last day and gave us long looks in Itatiaia

Rufous Cacholote *Pseudoseisura unirufa*—Great looks for all of us at the piuval at Pousada Piuval

Yellow-chinned Spinetail *Certhiaxis cinnamomeus*—First seen at Pouso Alegre on our walk along the entrance road

Chotoy Spinetail *Schoeniophylax phryganophilus*—Seen up close and personal about an hour north of Porto Jofre

White-lored Spinetail *Synallaxis albilora* (RE)—Seen only in the Pantanal on three different days, mnot uncommon.

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS: Tyrannidae (39)

***Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet** *Camptostoma obsoletum* (HO)—Only heard three times in the Atlantic Forest, but never seen

***Gray Elaenia** *Myiopagis canicaps* – Most of us got to see this slightly drab Elaenia on our first day at the Itatiaia Park Entrance

***Mottle-cheeked Tyrannulet** *Phylloscartes ventralis*—We got to see this uncommon species about half-way up Itatiaia

***Serra do Mar Tyrannulet** *Phylloscartes difficilis* (E)—Another species we got to see on our second stop on our way to the top of Itatiaia National Park

***Rough-legged Tyrannulet** *Phyllomyias burmeisteri*—Finally got a look at this bird on our last day after hearing on every day of the extension

***Greenish Tyrannulet** *Phyllomyias virescens* (RE)—We had long looks finally on our drive to the top of Itatiaia National Park

***Planalto Tyrannulet** *Phyllomyias fasciatus* (RE)—We were able to see this endemic on our first day in the Atlantic Forest

***Gray-capped Tyrannulet** *Phyllomyias griseocapilla* (E)—Seen well by the abandoned pool up at Hotel Simon

***Eared Pygmy-Tyrant** *Myiornis auricularis* (RE)—Seen on the grounds of Hotel de Ype in dense shrubs

Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant *Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer*—Seen on our late afternoon Pouso Alegre walk on the entrance road

Rusty-fronted Tody-Flycatcher *Poecilatriccus latirostris*—Seen along the forest edge near the lodge at Pouso Alegre

***Gray-headed Tody-Flycatcher** *Todirostrum poliocephalum* (E)—Seen twice on our walk down from Hotel de Ype

Common Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum cinereum*—Seen numerous times in the Pantanal, common

***White-throated Spadebill** *Platyrinchus mystaceus*—Seen on our first day while birding the grounds of the Hotel Donati

***Cliff Flycatcher** *Hirundinea ferruginea*—We saw this bird regularly on the extension, but our last sighting on the flagpole was the best

Bran-colored Flycatcher *Myiophobus fasciatus*—Nice to see this old friend as we headed towards Porto Jofre

***Euler's Flycatcher** *Lathrotriccus euleri*—We all got looks at this species on the deck of the Hotel de Ype

Vermilion Flycatcher *Pyrocephalus rubinus*—Seen every day where there were trees with lots of open space around

***Velvety Black-Tyrant** *Knipolegus nigerrimus* (E)—Seen numerous times with our best looks up at the old Hotel Simon

***Blue-billed Black-Tyrant** *Knipolegus cyanirostris*—Usually seen up at the parking lot at the Hotel Donati

***Yellow-browed Tyrant** *Satrapa icterophrys*—Our first day on the grounds of Hotel Donati gave us some time to find this species

White-rumped Monjita *Xolmis velatus*—Seen very well by everyone as it perched on a fence post at Pousada Piuval

Black-backed Water-Tyrant *Fluvicola albiventer*—Seen for our first five days in the Pantanal near water

***Masked Water-Tyrant** *Fluvicola nengeta*—A pair at Hotel Donati were doing nuptial displays

White-headed Marsh Tyrant *Arundinicola leucocephala*—Only seen one day, and that was on our drive from Pouso Alegre to Porto Jofre

- ***Long-tailed Tyrant** *Colonia colonus*—Seen only on the extension, and that tail always got everyone’s attention
- Cattle Tyrant** *Machetornis rixosa*—Seen regularly in the Pantanal around fazendas and other open areas
- ***Large-headed Flatbill** *Ramphotrion megalcephalum*—Seen on our first two days up in the Atlantic Forest
- ***Gray-hooded Attila** *Attila rufus* (E)—Heard on our first day in Itatiaia NP and then seen foraging alongside the road on our last day
- Sibilant Sirystes** *Sirystes sibilator*—It was foraging below a flock of Maroon-bellied Parakeets near the Itatiaia Visitor Center
- Short-crested Flycatcher** *Myiarchus ferox*—Seen up at Hotel de Ype as it foraged in the near flowering trees. Also on one day in the Pantanal
- Brown-crested Flycatcher** *Myiarchus tyrannulus*—Seen a number of times out in the Pantanal in forested areas
- Lesser Kiskadee** *Pitangus lictor*—Always seen near water out in the Pantanal area
- Great Kiskadee** *Pitangus sulphuratus*—Everywhere it seemed
- Boat-billed Flycatcher** *Megarynchus pitangua*—Mostly viewed on the extension in the Atlantic Forest
- Rusty-margined Flycatcher** *Myiozetetes cayanensis*—Seen a number of times, mostly closer to any rivers we visited
- ***Social Flycatcher** *Myiozetetes similis*—We had a pair that regularly foraged at the pond at Hotel Donati
- Tropical Kingbird** *Tyrannus melancholicus*—Once we got into the ranching areas of the Pantanal, we saw this bird repeatedly

COTINGAS AND ALLIES: Cotingidae (2)

- ***Black-and-gold Cotinga** (HO) *Tijuca atra* (E)—We heard this bird calling a half a dozen times, but it was always so well hidden, we never got a look
- ***Bare-throated Bellbird** (HO) *Procnias nudicollis* (RE)—Heard calling in the morning from the grounds of Hotel Donati

MANAKINS: Pipridae (5)

- Serra do Mar Tyrant-Manakin** *Neopelma chrysolophum* – Hard to pick out this drab species on the road in the dry forests on our way to the top of Itatiaia, but we did
- Helmeted Manakin** *Antilophia galeata* (RE)—Seen on our morning boat ride along the Rio Claro
- ***Swallow-tailed Manakin** *Chiroxiphia caudata*—Seen up by the Hotel Simon and on our walk down from Hotel de Ype
- ***Pin-tailed Manakin** *Ilicura militaris* (E)—This species gave us the best looks of any of the manakins
- ***Black-capped Piprites** *Piprites pileata* (RE)—We were fortunate to get two really good looks at this sharp-looking bird on the way up Itatiaia

BECARDS AND TITYRAS: Tityridae (3)

- Greenish Schiffornis** *Schiffornis virescens*—Finally got to see this bird after hearing it a number of times
- ***Chestnut-crowned Becard** *Pachyramphus castaneus*—Very long looks at this species foraging relatively low near a Roadside Hawk on our last day
- ***Green-backed Becard** *Pachyramphus viridis viridis* - Very good looks in the scope at our second stop as we headed up Itatiaia

VIREOS AND GREENLETS: Vireonidae (3)

Rufous-browed Peppershrike *Cyclarhis gujanensis*—Seen well in both Itatiaia and in the Pantanal
***Rufous-crowned Greenlet** *Hylophilus poicilotis* (RE)—Heard and then seen below the Hotel de Ype
Ashy-headed Greenlet *Hylophilus pectoralis*—Seen twice out in the Pantanal forests

CROWS AND JAYS: Corvidae (1)

Purplish Jay *Cyanocorax cyanomelas*—Regular, but not common, seen most days in both areas of the tour

SWALLOWS AND MARTINS: Hirundinidae (5)

***Blue-and-white Swallow** *Pygochelidon cyanoleuca*—The common swallow in this part of Brasil, not seen in the Pantanal

Southern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*—Seen in both the Atlantic Forest and the Pantanal

Brown-chested Martin *Progne tapera*—Very common in the Pantanal along rivers

Gray-breasted Martin *Progne chalybea*—Seen in the Pantanal, but much less common than the brown

White-winged Swallow *Tachycineta albiventer*—The most common swallow along the Pantanal's rivers

WRENS: Troglodytidae (3)

***House Wren** *Troglodytes aedon*—Very common in the Atlantic Forest, no sighting in the Pantanal

Moustached Wren *Pheugopedius genibarbis*—Seen along the road into Pouso Alegre, good looks at a pair

Thrush-like Wren *Campylorhynchus turdinus*—Heard more often than seen, but we did get a number of good looks at this nightingale-like songster

GNATCATCHERS: Polioptilidae (1)

Masked Gnatcatcher *Polioptila dumicola* Well seen on the entrance road to Pouso Alegre at least three times

DONACOBIUS: Donacobiidae (1)

Black-capped Donacobius *Donacobius atricapillus*—Seen regularly along weedy watercourses in the Pantanal

THRUSHES: Turdidae (5)

***Yellow-legged Thrush** *Turdus flavipes*—Seen on our first two days in clearings found in the Atlantic Forest

Pale-breasted Thrush *Turdus leucomelas*—Seen on most days in all areas of the country. Brasil's national bird

Rufous-bellied Thrush *Turdus rufiventris*—Seen in both the Atlantic Forest and in the Pantanal

Creamy-bellied Thrush *Turdus amaurochalinus*—

Eastern Slaty Thrush *Turdus nigriceps* —We got to see this bird only once on our drive down to Porto Jofre

MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS: Mimidae (1)

Chalk-browed Mockingbird *Mimus saturninus*—Seen in both parts of the trip usually near habitation

PIPITS AND WAGTAILS: Motacillidae (1)

Yellowish Pipit *Anthus lutescens*—Seen on our tractor ride at Pousada Piuval

NEW WORLD WARBLERS: Parulidae (3)

***Golden-crowned Warbler** *Basileuterus culicivorus*—One of the two most common warblers on our Atlantic Forest extension

Flavescent Warbler *Myiothlypis flaveola* (HO)— Heard on our boat ride on the Cuiaba River, while out looking for jaguars

White-browed Warbler *Myiothlypis leucoblephara*—The other common warbler on our Atlantic Forest extension, seen everyday

TANAGERS AND ALLIES: Thraupidae (37)

***Brown Tanager** *Orchesticus abeillei* (E)—Seen a couple of days in the Atlantic Forest area

Red-crested Cardinal *Paroaria coronata*—One was seen by two of the group at Pousada Rio Claro

Yellow-billed Cardinal *Paroaria capitata*—Very common out in the Pantanal, seen in flocks

***Magpie Tanager** *Cissopis leverianus*—Seen four times, mostly at the Hotel de Ype

***Olive-green Tanager** *Orthogonys chloricterus* (E)—Seen up near the Hotel Simon as we birded our way up to the abandoned pool

***Buff-throated Warbling-Finch** *Microspingus lateralis* (E)—A very striking bird along the road up to Itatiaia

***Black-goggled Tanager** *Trichothraupis melanops*—Seen three of our four days in the Atlantic forest

***Ruby-crowned Tanager** *Tachyphonus coronatus* (RE)—Seen every day on the Atlantic Forest extension

***Brazilian Tanager** *Ramphocelus bresilius* (E)—Another endemic that we saw every day on the extension

Silver-beaked Tanager *Ramphocelus carbo*—Very common in the Pantanal where there were trees

Diademed Tanager *Stephanophorus diadematus*—You can't say enough about this striking bird, seen only on our drive up to the Black Needles

***Fawn-breasted Tanager** *Pipraeidea melanonota*—We got to see this bird every day on the extension

Sayaca Tanager *Thraupis sayaca*—Seen on both the extension and in the Pantanal

***Golden-chevroned Tanager** *Thraupis ornata* (E)—Lots of color detail on this subtly-colored tanager. We did get to see them every day of the extension

Palm Tanager *Thraupis palmarum*—Certainly one of the more common of the tanagers

***Burnished-buff Tanager** *Tangara cayana*—A very cooperative tanager that gave us long looks on the extension

***Green-headed Tanager** *Tangara seledon* (RE)—Seen everywhere in the Atlantic Forest, simply stunning

***Brassy-breasted Tanager** *Tangara desmaresti* (E)—Seen every day on the extension to the Atlantic Forest extension

Swallow Tanager *Tersina viridis*—A male was the first passerine we saw on the extension up top

Blue Dacnis *Dacnis cayana*—Very common at the Hotel de Ype's feeders

***Rufous-headed Tanager** *Hemithraupis ruficapilla* (E)—Seen on our first day up in the Atlantic Forest

***Chestnut-vented Conebill** *Conirostrum speciosum*—Seen on our restroom break about an hour away from Itatiaia

***Uniform Finch** *Haplospiza unicolor* (RE)—Seen a couple days up in the Atlantic Forest

***Bay-chested Warbling-Finch** *Castanozoster thoracicus* (E)—We al thought the Buff-breasted was good looking until we saw this bird in the higher elevations

***Buff-throated Warbling Finch** *Poospiza lateralis* (E) – Always nice to see both of these warbling Finches on the road up to Itatiaia

Saffron Finch *Sicalis flaveola*—Seen most every day on the extension and in the Pantanal

Great Pampa-Finch *Embernagra platensis*—This bird of the pampas flies up to winter up high on the peaks of Itatiaia. We got great looks

Blue-black Grassquit *Volatinia jacarina*—Seen in the corrals/paddocks at Pousada Piuval

Tawny-bellied Seedeater *Sporophila hypoxantha* — Seen on our tractor ride at Pousada Piuval

***Double-collared Seedeater** *Sporophila caerulea*— A sharp looking species seen the best up at Hotel de Ype

Rusty-collared Seedeater *Sporophila collaris*—This was the more common of the seedeaters along the Transpetieria

Bananaquit *Coereba flaveola*—Seen regularly on the extension and a little bit in the Pantanal

Grayish Saltator *Saltator coerulescens*—Seen regularly in the Pantanal, the common saltator

***Buff-throated Saltator** *Saltator maximus* – Seen well a couple of times up near Hotel de Ype

***Green-winged Saltator** *Saltator similis*—Seen well up at the abandoned Hotel Simon

***Thick-billed Saltator** *Saltator maxillosus (RE)*—A very cooperative individual gave us a very long look as we headed up to Itatiaia

***Black-throated Grosbeak** *Saltator fuliginosus (RE)*—Seen on our last morning of the extension perched at the top of a small tree in the morning sun.

NEW WORLD SPARROWS: Passerellidae (1)

Rufous-collared Sparrow *Zonotrichia capensis*—Seen almost everywhere, more in the Atlantic Forest

NEW WORLD BLACKBIRDS: Icteridae (13)

Crested Oropendola *Psarocolius decumanus*—Seen sparingly in the Pantanal, a dozen individuals

Solitary Black Caciue *Cacicus solitarius*—Seen twice out in the Pantanal, both times on fazendas

***Golden-winged Caciue** *Cacicus chrysopterus*—Seen well at the feeders at Hotel de Ype

Yellow-rumped Caciue *Cacicus cela*—Seen well at the feeders at Hotel de Ype

***Red-rumped Caciue** *Cacicus haemorrhous*—Always attending the feeders at Hotel de Ype

Epaulet Oriole *Icterus cayanensis* – Seen on all three days at Pouso Alegre’s feeders early in the morning

Orange-backed Troupial *Icterus croconotus*—Seen on both the extension and the main tour out to the Pantanal

Solitary Black Caciue *Cacicus solitarius* – Seen best at our lunch stop at Pousada Mato Grosso

Shiny Cowbird *Molothrus bonariensis*—Fairly easy in areas visited by the tour, most every day

Giant Cowbird *Molothrus oryzivorus*—A displaying male was seen twice at Pousada Piuval

Chopi Blackbird *Gnorimopsar chopi*—Seen at the Pouso Alegre feeders regularly

Grayish Baywing *Agelaioides badius*—Only seen in the Pantanal area, very common

Unicolored Blackbird *Agelasticus cyanopus*—Seen in the wetlands along the Transpantierea

FINCHES AND EUPHONIAS: Fringillidae (4)

***Blue-naped Chlorophonia** *Chlorophonia cyanea*—We got to see this fine-looking bird at least three times in the Atlantic Forest

Violaceous Euphonia *Euphonia violacea (HO)* – Heard on one of our early morning jaguar cruises

***Chestnut-bellied Euphonia** *Euphonia chrysopasta (RE)*—We had at least four individuals coming to the feeders on our morning at Hotel de Ype

***Hooded Siskin** *Spinus magellanicus*—Seen on our first day out in the field in the Atlantic forest

OLD WORLD SPARROWS: Passeridae (1)

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus (I)*—Uncommon, and that was great

WAXBILLS: Estrildidae (1)

***Common Waxbill *Estrilda astrild* (1)**—Small flocks were found feeding on fine grass seed in different parts of Itatiaia town 22

Mammals (21 species)

Greater Bulldog Bat *Noctilio leporinus*—Seen fishing off of our floating hotel in the land of the jaguar
Pallas' Free-tailed Bat *Molossus molossus*- Seen hanging on the bricks of the entry way to the Pousada Piuval dining room

Giant Anteater *Myrmecophaga tridactyla*—Our first night at Pouso Alegre and just before dinner a pregnant female walks into the lodge and starts feeding on subterranean ant colonies right in front of us. Wow!!!

Atlantic Forest Squirrel *Sciurus ingrami*—Readily seen daily in the Atlantic Forest

Black-tailed Marmoset - Two small groups were seen, one at Pouso Alegre and one at Rio Claro

Brown Capuchin *Sapajus apella*—Seen four times in more wooded areas of the Pantanal

Black Capuchin *Sapajus nigritus*—Very common in the Atlantic Forest and they put on a great show moving over wires, and through the trees

Black-and-gold Howler Monkey *Alouata caraya*—A small troupe of these were along the Transpanteira Highway on our first day. We counted four of the gold females and one black male

Crab-eating Fox *Cerdocyon thous*—A fairly common species in the Pantanal, seen mostly during crepuscular hours

Tayra *Eira barbara*—We had three sightings of this Mustelid, two at Hotel Donati and one at Hotel de Ype in the Atlantic Forest

South American Coati *Nasua nasua*—Almost bright orange when young, we saw this species a half-dozen times in both areas visited by the tour

Giant Otter *Pteronura brasiliensis*—Seen only three times which is unusually low

Collared Peccary *Pecari tajacu*—Seen on our one night drive out of Rio Claro, about 20 individuals

Jaguar *Panthera onca*—Ten, yes ten of these amazing cats! WOW!!!

Brazilian Tapir *Tapirus terrestris*—Just an amazing sighting on our first day in the Pantanal. An adult female with a striped and spotted youngster, and an attendant male! A little too dark for photographs, but light enough to get some really fine looks.

Red Brocket Deer *Mazama americana*—Not as common as the brown in the Pantanal, but we did see 3-4

Gray (Brown) Brocket Deer *Mazama gouazoubira*—The more common of the two brockets, and a little more reclusive

Marsh Deer *Blastocerus dichotomus*—Three sightings, and as always, in the flooded wetlands of the Pantanal

Azara's Agouti *Dasyprocta azarae*— Common in the Pantanal, especially when we got out early in the morning

Capybara *Hydrochoerus hydrochaeris*—All over any area in the Pantanal with enough water for a soak

Reptiles (4 species)

Yacare Caiman *Caiman yacare*—Everywhere there was water in the Pantanal, there were lots

Green Iguana *Iguana iguana*—

Black-and-white Tegu *Tupinambis meriana*—

Yellow Anaconda *Eunectes notaeus*—A nice, fat and juicy seven-foot long individual was languidly coiled in shallow water on our drive to Pouso Alegre