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BIRD HIGHLIGHTS

TOUR	DATES
BRAZIL- Pantanal	July 3 rd to 13 th 2015

Party: Roger Theobald, Imogen Theobald, Paul Lathbury, Debbie McKeown, Brenda Morrison, Jane Spick, Peter Elderton, Terence Adams, Patricia Adams, Colin Fenn, Jacqueline Fenn, Debbie Tyler

Tour Leaders: P. Buote, Josele Saiz & Chris Hall

Total Number of Species: 278

Weather & Sites:

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Day 1 -	Nice & sunny 31°C
03.07.15	Cuiaba airport – Sierra de Araras
Day 2 -	Cloudy 25°C
04.07.15	Sierra de Ararás . Pari river
Day 3 -	Cloudy 25°C
05.07.15	Sierra de Araras – Pantanal(Pluvial Lodge)
Day 4 -	Cloudy and some drizzle 24°C
06.07.15	Grounds of Pluvial Lodge – Trans Pantaneira Road – Porto Jofre
Day 5 -	Cloudy and rainy 24°C
07.07.15	Pantanal – Porto Jofre – Cuiaba River
Day 6 -	Sunny 31°C
08.07.15	Pixain River and Porto Jofre surroundings
Day 7 -	Overcast 27°C
09.07.15	Porto Jofre Grounds – Pixian River
Day 8 -	Nice but hot 32°C
10.07.15	Pluvial Lodge – Chiapadas – Porta de Sol track
Day 9	Nice but hot 30°C
11.07.15	Agua Fria road – Geodesic centre - Gamacar
Day 10	Nice but windy 30°C
12.07.15	Porta de Sol – Porta da Fe - Gacamar
Day 11	Nice but hot
13.07.15	Porta de Sol road - Cuiaba airport

	COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME											
	English Name	Scientific name	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	RHEIDAE												
1.	Greater Rhea	Rhea americana		Х	х	x			х	х			
	TINIMIDAE												
2.	Tapaupa Tinamou	Cypturelles tataupa										x	
3.	Red-winged Tinamou	Rhynchotus rufescens		X									
	ANHIMIDAE												
4.	Southern Screamer	Chauna torquata	X		X	X	X	X	X	X			
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_	ANATIDAE	-											
5.	Least Grebe	Tachybaptus dominicus		X	X								
6.	White face Wistling Duck	Dendrocygma viduata	X		X								
7. 8.	Black-b Whistling-Duck	Dendrocygna autumnalis Cairina moschata		1	1	X	X		X	1			
9.	Muscovy Duck Brazilian Teal	Amazonetta brasiliensis	X	X	X	X		X	X	X			
9.	Draziliali Teal	Amazonetta brasmensis		X	X	X			X	X			
	CRACIDAE												
10.	Chaco Chachalaca	Ortalis canicollis			x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
11.	Chestnut-bellied Guan	Penelope ochrogaster			^	X	^	^	X	^	^		
12.	Blue Throated Pipping Guan	Pipile cumanensis				X	x	x	X				
13.	Red-throated Piping-Guan	Pipile cujubi					^	X	<u> </u>				
14.	Bare-faced Curassow	Crax fasciolata					x	X		x			
	Bare racea carasser.	Grax rasererata					1						
	CICONIIDAE												
15.	Jabiru	Jabiru mycteria	х		х	х	х	х	х	х			
16.	Wood Stork	Mycteria americana		х	x	x	x	х	X	x			
	PHALACROCORACIDAE												
17.	Neotropic Cormorant	Phalacrocorax brasilianus			X	X	X	X	X	X			
	ANHINGIDAE												
18.	Anhinga	Anhinga anhinga			X	X	X	X	X	X			
10	ARDEIDAE	· · · · ·			1								
19.	Rufescent Tiger-Heron	Tigrisoma lineatum	X		X	X	X	X	X		X		
20.	Cocoi Heron	Ardea cocoi			X	X	X	X	X	X			
21.	Great Egret	Ardea alba	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
22.	Snowy Egret Little Blue Heron	Egretta thula Egretta caerulea	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	x			
		Bubulcus ibis	x	X	x	X	x	x	X	X	X	X	
	Striated Heron	Butoroides striata	X	^	X	X	X	X	X	X	^	^	
26.		Syrigma sibilatrix	 ^ -	х	 ^	X	^	1	1	 ^ -			
27.	-	Pilerhodius pileatus	x	X	x	1		1		†			
28.		Nycticorax nycticorax	<u> </u>	1	 ^	x	x	x	x	x			
29.	Boat-billed Heron	Cochlearius cochlearius	1		†	-	x	†~~		1			
					1			1		1			
	THRESKIORNITHIDAE				1			1		1			
30.	Green Ibis	Mesembrinibis cayennensis	x		x			х		х			
31.	Bare-faced Ibis	Phimosus infuscatus	1	x	x	x		X	x	x			
32.		Theristicus caerulescens			х	x		х	x	х			
33.	Buff-necked Ibis	Theristicus caudatus	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	x	х		х

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34.	White Faced Ibis	Pleegadis chihi				X				X			
35.	Roseate Spoonbill	Platalea ajaja				X	X		X	X	X		
	CATHARTIDAE												
36.	King Vulture	Sarcoramphus papa		X									
37.	Black Vulture	Coragyps atratus	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
38.	Turkey Vulture	Cathartes aura		X	X			X		X	X	X	
39.	Greater-Yellow Faced Vulture	Cathartes melanbrotus		X									
40.	Lesser Y-headed Vulture	Cathartes burrovianus				X	X	X	X	X			
	ACCIPITRIDAE												
41.	Swallow-tailed Kite	Elanoides forficatus										X	
42.	Snail Kite	Rostrhamus sociabilis				X	X	X	X	X	X		
43.	Gray Hawk	Buteo nitidus			X								
44.	Crane Hawk	Geranospiza caerulescens				X	X	X					
45.	Black-collared Hawk	Busarellus nigricollis				X	X	X	X	X			
46.	Osprey	Pandion haliaetus					X						
47.	Great Black-Hawk	Buteogallus urubitinga				X	X				X		
48.	Savannah Hawk	Buteogallus meridianalis		X	X	X	X	X		X			
49.	Long-winged Harrier	Circus buffini				X							
50.	White-browed Hawk					X							
51.	Black- Hawk Eagle	Spizaaetus tiranus					X						
52.	Crownd Eagle	Harpyhaliaetus coronatus		X									
53.	Black-chested Buzzard Eagle	Geranoaetus melanoleucos								X			
54.	Roadside Hawk	Buteo magnirostris		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	
55.	White-tailed Hawk	Buteo albicaudatus		X						X			
	FALCONIDAE												
56.	Southern Caracara	Caracara plancus	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
57.	Yellow-headed Caracara	Milvago chimachima		X	X	X				X			
58.	Laughing Falcon	Herprtotheres cachinnans	h	X	X								
59.	American Kestrel	Falco sparverius	X	X	X						X	X	
60.	Aplomado Falcon	Falco femoralis		x		x							
61.	Bat Falcon	Falco rufigularis	X	X									
	CARIAMIDAE												
62.	Red-legged Seriema	Cariama cristata										X	
	EURYPYGIDAE												
63.	Sunbittern	Eurypyga helias						X	X	X			
	RALLIDAE												
64.	Common Gallinule	Porphyrula flavirostyris			X						1	1	
65.	Gray-necked Wood-Rail	Aramides cajanea					X		X	X	X	1	
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	HELIORNITHIDAE												
66.	Sungrebe	Heliornis fulica						X	X		1	1	
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	ARAMIDAE												
67.	Limpkin	Aramus guarana			X	X		X	X	X			
	CHARADRIIDAE												
68.	Pied Lapwing	Vanellus cayanus			X				X				

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69.	Southern Lapwing	Vanellus chilensis	X	X	x	X	X	X	X	X	X	x	
70.	Collared Plover	Charadrius collaris							X				
	JACANIDAE												
71.	Wattled Jacana	Jacana jacana	X		X	X	X	X	X	X			
	RECURVIROSTRIDAE												
72.	72. Black-necked Stilt	Himantopus mexicanus	X		X	X			X	X			
	LARIDAE												
73.	Yellow-billed Tern	Sternula superciliaris				X	X						_
74.	Large-billed Tern	Phaetusa simplex				X	X	X		X			_
75.	Black Skimmer	Rynchops niger					X		X				_
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7.0	COLUMBIDAE	Calinaha linia				-						<u> </u>	-
76.	Rock Pigeon	Columba livia				-	-	+		-		X	-
77.	Pale-vented Pigeon	Patagioenas cayennensis					X	X		X	X	X	+
78.	Scaled Pigeon	Patagioenas speciosa		X	X	-					X	X	-
79.	Picazuro Pigeon	Patagioenas picazuro	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	+
80.	Eared Dove	Zenaida auriculata			X	X						1	-
81.	Ruddy Ground-Dove	Columbina talpacoti	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
82.	Scaled Dove	Columbina squammata	X	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	+	X	-
83.	Picui Ground-Dove	Columbina picui				X	X	X	X				
	Long-tailed Ground-Dove	Uropelia campestris						+	X	X	+		-
85.		Leptotila verreauxi				X		X	X	X			
86.	Gray-fronted Dove	Leptotila rufaxilla						X	X				+
	PSITTACIDAE												+
87.		Aratinga laagunhthalma											
88.	White-eye Paerakeet	Aratinga leocuphthalma Aratinga weddellli	~	- V									X
89.	Dusky-headed Parakeet Blue-crowned Parakeet	Aratinga weddeiiii Aratinga acuticaudata	X	X	X		X	~					
90.	Peach-fronted Parakeet	Aratinga acuticaudata Aratinga aurea				~	^	X		~		~	+
91.	Hyacinth Macaw	Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus			X	X	~	X	X	X	X	X	+
	Red-and-green Macaw	Ara chloroptera			X	X	X	X	X	X	x	x	x
	Yellow-collared Macaw	Primolius auricollis			x	X						^	
	Blue & Yellow Macaw	Ara ararauna		x	^	^							+
	Red-shouldered Macaw	Diopsittaca nobilis		x								x	
	Monk Parakeet	Myiopsitta monachus		1		x	x					1	
	Blue-winged Parrotlet	Forpus xanthopterygius				<u> </u>	^						+
	Yellow-chevroned Parakeet	Brotogeris chiriri		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	+
	Blue-headed Parrot	Pionus menstuus	x	x	X	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	 ^ 		<u> </u>	X		
	Scaly-headed Parrot	Pionus maximiliani		1							1		
	Turquoise-fronted Parrot	Amazona aestiva			х	х		х	х				
	Orange-winged Parrot	Amazona amazonica		х		1		1					
	Blue Winged Parrolet	Forpus xanthopterygius		1		1	1	1		1	1		\dagger
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104.	Squirrel Cuckoo	Piaya cayana		1	x	1	x	x	x	1	1	х	
	Littel Cuckoo	Coccycua minuta		х		1	X	x		1	1		
	Guira Cuckoo	Guira guira	x	x	х	х	X			x	х	х	х
	Smooth-billed Ani	Crotophaga ani	x	х	х	х		x	х	х	х	x	
	STRIGIDAE												
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CAPRIMULGIDAE 111 Band-talled Nighthawk Nyctiprogne leucopyga		COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME											
CAPRIMULGIDAE	108.	Great Horned Owl	Bubo virginianus				x							
CAPRIMULGIDAE Nyctiprogne leucopyga Nyctignogne	109.	Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl	Glaucidium brasilianum					х		X	х			
112 Nacunda Nighthawk Podager nacunda X	110.	Burrowing Owl	Athene cunicularia		х						х	x	x	х
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	138.		Pteroglossus castanotis	х	х	x	х			х				
139 Lettered Aracari Pteroglossus inscriptus x x			-		_	_								
140 Cuvier's Toucan Ramphastos cuvieri x	140.	Cuvier's Toucan	,		х									

	COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME											
141.	Toco Toucan	Ramphastos toco		X	х	X	X	X		X			
	PICIDAE												
142.	White-wedged Piculet	Picumnus albosquammatus							х	х			
	White Woodpecker	Melanerpes candidus	х	x	х		X						
144.	Yellow-tufted Woodpecker	Melanerpes cruentatus		x									
145.	Little Woodpecker	Veniliornis passerinus			х		X						
146.	Green-barred Woodpecker	Chyrsoptilus melanochloros			X								
147.	Golden-green Woodpecker	Piculus chrysochloros			X				X				
148.	Green-barred Woodpecker	Colpates melanochloros											
149.	Campo Flicker	Colaptes campestris		X	X	X				X		X	X
150.	Pale-crested Woodpecker	Celeus lugubris					X						
151.	Cream-colored Woodpecker	Celeus flavus											
152.	Crimson-c Woodpecker	Campephilus melanoleucos			X	x						X	
	FURNARIIDAE												
	Rufous Hornero	Furnarius rufus	x	x	X	x	x	x	x	x	х	x	X
	Pale-legged Hornero	Furnarius leucopus					x	X	X				
155.	Chotoy Spinetail	Schoeniophylax phryganophilus					X		X				
156.	White-lored Spinetail	Synallaxis albilora							X	X			
157.	Pale-Breasted Spintail	Synallaxis albescens											X
158.	Yellow-chinned Spinetail	Certhiaxis cinnamomeus	X		X	X	X			X			
159.	Greater Thornbird	Phacellodomus ruber				X		X	X				
160.	Gray-crested Cacholote	Pseudoseisura unirufa					X	X	X		X		
161.	Olivaceous Woodcreeper	Sittasomus griseicapillus							X			X	
162.	Straight-billed Woodcreeper	Dendroplex picus		x						x		X	
163.	Buff-throated Woodcreeper	Xiphorhynchus guttatus						X	X				
164.	Red-billed Scythebill	Campylorhamphus trochilirostris		X				X					
	THAMNOPHILIDAE												
	Great Antshrike	Taraba major		X			X						
	Barred Antshrike	Thamnophilus doliatus	X	X	X		X				X	X	<u> </u>
	Rufous-winged Antshrike	Thamnophilus torquatus								X			<u> </u>
	Plain Antvireo	Dysithamnus mentalis					X					X	<u> </u>
	Rusty Backed Antwren	Formicivora rufa											
	Rufous-winged Antwren	Herpsilochmus rufimarginatus						X					
	Large-billed Antwren	Herpsilochmus longirostris								X		X	_
	Mato Grosso Antbird	Cercomacra melanaria					X						_
1/3.	Band-tailed Antbird	Hypocnemoides melanopogon		1						X	1		1
	TVDANNIDAE					-					1		+
174	Courthour D. Turronnulet	Comptestance		1				1			1		+
	Southern B-Tyrannulet	Camptostoma obsoletum		1				X			1		+
	Chapada Suiriri	Suiriri islerorum		1		-					X		+
	Forest Elaenia	Myiopagis gaimardii		1		-			X		1.5		+
	Yellow-bellied Elaenia	Elaenia flavogaster	1	1		-			7.7	X	X	1	+
	Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant	Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer	-	1	1.2	-		125	X	X	+	-	+
	Rusty-f Tody-Flycatcher	Poecilotriccus latirostris	-	125	X	1	125	X			+	-	+
	Common Tody-Flycatcher	Todirostrum cinereum		X		X	X			1	+		+
	Yellow-olive Flycatcher	Tolmomyias sulphurescens		1	1	-				X	1	-	+
	Cliff Flycatcher	Hirundinea ferruginea		125	\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	1	125	125	1	1	1	X	+
	Vermillion Flycatcher	Pyrocephalus rubinus		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	+
	Fuscous Flycatcher	Cnemotriccus fuscatus		1		1			X	1	+		-
T R 2	White-rumped Monjita	Xolmis velatus				X			X	X			<u></u>

	COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME											
186.	Gray Monjita	Xolmis cinereus		x								х	
	White-headed Marsh-Tyrant	Arundinicola leucocephala					х	x					
	Black-backed Water Tyrant	Fluvicola albiventer	х				х		х	х			
	Swallow Flightcatcher									х			
	Cattle Tyrant	Machetornis rixosa				х	х	х	х	х	х		
	Great Kiskadee	Pitangus sulphuratus	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х
192.	Lesser Kiskadee	Pitangus lictor						х	х	х			
193.	Boat-billed Flycatcher	Megarynchus pitangua		х	х	x	x	x	х	х		x	
	Rusty-margined Flycatcher	Myiozetetes cayanensis	x	х	x					х		х	
	Rufous Casiornis	Casiornis rufus								x			
196.	Swainson's Flycatcher	Myiarchus swainsoni									x		
197.	Sirystes	Sirystes sibilator										X	
	Short-crested Flycatcher	Myiarchus ferox				х			х	х	х		
	Tropical Kingbird	Tyrannus melancholicus		х	х	X	х	х	X	X			
	PIPIRIDAE												
200.	Band-tailed Manakin	Pipra fasciicauda										х	
	Fiery-capped Manakin	Machaeropterus pyrocephalus										х	
	Helmeted Manakin	Antilophia galeata							x				
		- I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I											
	TITYRIDAE												
203.	Tityra	Tityra semifasciata		x	x							х	
	Black-crowned Tityra	Tityra inquisitor			x								
	Crested Becard	Pachyramphus validus										x	
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	VIREONIDAE												
206.	Ashy-headed Greenlet	Hylophilus pectoralis						х		х			
_	Rufous-browed Peppershrike	Cyclarhis gujanensis		х	х						х	х	
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	CORVIDAE												
208.	Purplish Jay	Cyanocorax cyanomelas		х	x	x		x	х			х	
	·												
	HIRUNDINIDAE												
209.	Blue&White Swallow	Notiochelidon cyanoleuca											
	So. Rough-winged Swallow	Stelgidopteryx ruficollis	X	х	x	X	X				X	X	
211.	Gray-breasted Martin	Progne chalybea	X		x	x	x	x	X				
212.	Brown-chested Martin	Progne tapera			x	x	x	x					
213.	White-winged Swallow	Tachycineta albiventer	X			x	x	x	X	X			
	TROGLODYTIDAE												
-	House Wren	Troglodytes aedon									x	x	X
	Fawn-breasted Wren	Thryothorus guarayanus						x					
216.	Moustached Wren	Pheugopedius genibarbis			X					X	x	x	
	Buff Breasted Wren	Thryothorus leucotis	X	X									
218.	Thrush-like Wren	Campylorhynchus turdinus		X	X		X	x	X	X			
	DONACOBIIDAE												
219.	Black-capped Donacobius	Donacobius atricapilla			X	X	x	x	x	x			
	POLIOPTILIDAE												
						1	1	1	1	I	1		1
220.	Masked Gnatcatcher	Polioptila dumicola				X		X	X	X			
220.	Masked Gnatcatcher TURDIDAE	Polioptila dumicola				X		X	X	X			

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221.	Pale-breasted Thrush	Turdus leucomelas									х	х	
222.	Rufous-bellied Thrush	Turdus rufiventris		х		x			х	x	х	х	X
223.	Creamy-bellied Thrush	Turdus amaurochalinus		x									
	MIMIDAE												
	Chalk-browed Mockingbird	Mimus saturninus	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X
225.	White Banded Mockingbird	Mimus triurus											<u> </u>
													<u> </u>
226	MOTACILLIDAE												-
226.	Yellowish Pipit	Anthus lutescens				X						-	
	DADIUTDAE			1								1	-
227	PARULIDAE Golden Crowned Warbler	Paciforstance culicinomic		1								1.2	-
	Masked Yellowthroat	Basileuterus culicivorus			1					+	X	X	-
		Geothlypis aequinoctialis Basileuterus flaveolus			X				1	+		\	-
229.	Flavescent Warbler	Dasileutei us Haveolus		1	1			X	X	+	1	X	+
	COEREBIDAE			1	1	1		1	-	+	1	+	+
230	Bananaquit	Coereba flaveola		1	1			х		+	1	х	x
250.	Dananaquit	Cocreba Haveola						_				<u> </u>	 ^ -
	THRAUPIDAE												+
231.	Red-crested Cardinal	Paroaria coronata				х			x				+
	Yellow-billed Cardinal	Paroaria capitata		х		X	х	х	X				1
-	Black Face Tanager	Schistochiamys melanopis								x	х		
	Red-capped Cardinal	Paroaria gularis							x				
	White-rumped Tanager	Cypsnagra hirundinacea									x	x	
	Magpie Tanager	Cissopis leverianus	x	х	x							1	1
	Swallow Tanager	Nemosia pileata			x								
	Gray-headed Tanager	Eucometis penicillata								х			
	White-sharldered Tanager	Tachyphonus luctuosus										x	
	White-lined Tanager	Tachyphonus rufus	X		x							X	
241.	White-banded Tanager	Neothraupis fasciata											X
242.	White-rumped Tanager	Cypsnagra hirundinacea											X
243.	Hepatic Tanager	Piranga flava								x	x		
	Silver-beaked Tanager	Ramphocelus carbo	x	x	X	x		x	x		x		
245.	Sayaca Tanager	Thraupis sayaca		X	x	X		X	X		X	X	
246.	Palm Tanager	Thraupis palmarum		X	x	X	X	X	X		X		
	Turquoise Tanager	Tangara mexicana		X									
	Blue Dacnis	Dacnis cayana										X	
	Chestnut-vented Conebill	Conirostrum speciosum		1	1			1	X		x	1	1
	Saffron Finch	Sicalis flaveola		1	X	1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Sooty Grassquit	Tiaris fuliginosus		1	1			1	X		1	1	<u> </u>
	Blue Back Grassquit	Volatinia jacarina						1			1	1	X
	Plumbeous Seedeater	Sporophila plumbea		<u> </u>	1	1		1		1	x	x	
	Rusty-collared Seedeater	Sporophila collaris		X	1			1		1	1	1	1
	Double-collared Seedeater	Sporophila caerulescens			1	-		1			1	X	X
	Yellow-shouldered Grosbeak	Parkerthraustes humeralis	-	1	1	1		1	X	1	1	1	1
	Wedge-tailed Grass-Finch	Emberizoides herbicola	-	X	1	-		1		+	1	1	<u> </u>
	Red Pileated Finch	Coryphospingus cucullatus		-	1	1	1		1	1	X	X	X
	Grayish Saltator	Saltator coerulescens	X	1	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	1.5	+
-	Green-winged Saltator Black-throated Saltator	Saltator similis Saltator atricollis	-	_	1	-		+	-	+-	+	X	+
201.	DIACK-HITUATER SAITATOI	Saitatui atricuiiis	-	X	1	1		1	-	+	1	+	+
	EMBERIZIDAE			-	1	1		+	-	+	+	+	+
	THIDERILLIDAL	<u> </u>	l	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1

	COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME											
262.	Rufous -collared Sparrow	Zonotrichia capensis									X		
263.	Grassland Sparrow	Ammodramus humeralis		X					X		X		
	ICTERIDAE												
264.	Chopi Blackbird	Gnorimopsar chopi	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
265.	Scarlet-headed Blackbird	Amblyramphus holosericeus				X							
266.	Unicolored Blackbird	Agelasticus cyanopus				X	X	X		X			
267.	Bay-winged Cowbird	Agelaioides badius				x	x	x	x	x			
268.	Screaming Cowbird	Molothrus rufoaxillaris								X			
269.	Shiny Cowbird	Molothrus bonariensis		X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
270.	Giant Cowbird	Molothrus oryzivorus		X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
271.	Epaulet Oriole	Icterus cayanensis		X	X	X		X		X			
272.	Orange-backed Troupial	Icterus croconotus	X			X		X	X				
273.	Solitary Black Cacique	Cacicus solitarius					X						
274.	Yellow-rumped Cacique	Cacicus cela				X	X	X	X	X		x	
275.	Crested Oropendola	Psarocolius decumanus			x	x	x	x					
	FRINGILLIDAE												
276.	Viulaceus Euphonia	Euphonia violacea									X	X	\perp
277.	Purple-throated Euphonia	Euphonia chlorotica										X	<u> </u>
	PASSERIDAE		-										-
270		1		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		┼
2/8.	House Sparrow	Passer domesticus				X		X	X		X	X	X

MAMMALS

Black Howler Monkey Brown Capuchin Monkey Hori Fox South American Coati Lesser River Otter Giant River Otter Jaguar Marsh Deer Brown Brocket Deer Capybara Azara's Agouti Brasilian Coibi

REPTILES

Yacare Caiman Green Iguana Collared Lizard Tegu Lizard Green Anaconda



































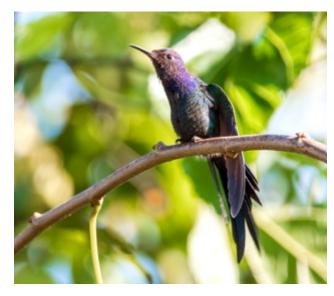














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Tour impressions by Chis Hall



Some thirty hours after leaving home, we arrive at the Pousada Currupira D'Araras in time to join the fishes for a well earned cool soak in the stream-fed pool, while watching White-winged and Southern Rough-winged Swallows, Rufous Hornero and Rustymargined Flycatcher. There are plenty of birds around this lovely lodge such as Cattle Egret, Buff-necked Ibis, American Kestrel, Southern Lapwing, Scaled Dove, Red-shouldered Macaw, Goldenchevroned Parakeet, Guira Cuckoo, Chalk-browed Mockingbird, Magpie Tanager, Greyish Saltator and Chopi Blackbird. Later this afternoon we visit a lake not far from the lodge, where new sightings include Great and Snowy Egrets, Striated and Capped Herons, a fabulous Rufescent Tiger-Heron, a single Muscovy Duck amongst a flock of White-faced Whistling-Ducks, plus Brazilian Teal, Greynecked Wood-Rail, Common Gallinule (Moorhen), Wattled Jacana, Black-necked Stilt, Picazuro Pigeon, Ruddy Ground-Dove, Blueheaded Parrot, Smooth-billed Ani, Amazon Kingfisher, Black-backed Water-Tyrant, Great Kiskadee, Purplish Jay, Silver-beaked and Whitelined Tanagers and a 'dayglow' Orange-backed Troupial, although a pair of Barred Antshrikes displaying at close range with erected crests are the headline act. All this within just half an hour! Beyond the pool further sightings include our first of many Roadside Hawks plus White Woodpecker, Southern Screamer and a fast flying Bat Falcon. As the daylight quickly fades, Venus and Jupiter are in juxtaposition, and in the scope the bands of Jupiter are clearly visible along with four of its

moons! On the drive back to the lodge, several Common Pauraques are caught in the headlights while sitting on the dirt track. Roll on tomorrow and a whole load more magical birds.

After a 4.30am breakfast we set off at 5.10am still in darkness, and as the light improves the first sighting is of a couple of Crab-eating Foxes crossing the track ahead of the vehicle. The landscape is a sea of grass dotted with numerous termite mounds and 'islands' of forest, inhabited by noisy Orange-winged Amazons, a pair of handsome Whistling Herons and a pair of awesome Crowned Eagles, all perched in isolated tree tops. More fabulous birds quickly follow such as Savanna Hawk, Yellow-headed and Southern-crested Caracaras, Aplomado and Laughing Falcons, Burrowing Owl, Campo Flicker, Vermillion Flycatcher, Black-throated Saltator, Grassland Sparrow, Grey Monjita, with ruby red eyes, Cuvier's Toucan and the Toco Toucan with an incredibly massive yellow bill, and it's still only 7.40am! Enter a pair of fly by Blue-and-yellow Macaws, which circle our heads twice while calling raucously! What an amazing show. Next we come to a rickety old wooden bridge over the Rio Pary which is jam-packed with stunning bird action; Common Tody-Flycatcher, Blue-tufted Starthroat, Gilded Sapphire, Wedge-tailed Grass-Finch, Yellow-tufted Woodpecker, Cuckoo, Little Straight-billed Woodcreeper, Red-billed Scythebill, Black-tailed Trogon, Rufousbrowed Peppershrike, Masked Tityra, Buff-breasted Wren, Turquoise Tanager and Yellow-billed Cardinal all make brief appearances, while a group of Black-fronted Nunbirds, a pair of Black-crowned Tityras and two Brown Jacamars with lance-like bills all pose in the scope, while a Greater Yellow-headed Vulture cruises lazily overhead and a pair of Thrush-like Wrens are busy building a nest above the bridge. There is so much happening it is hard to keep pace with the stream of new sightings! On the drive back to the lodge a Red-winged Tinamou darts across the track and we enjoy good views of Saffron Finch, the flightless Greater Rhea and a couple of King Vultures perched majestically in a tree, in addition to plenty of soaring Black and Southern Turkey Vultures. That's a full 'working day' lunchtime! This afternoon we enjoy a leisurely exploration of the local forest around a currently unoccupied Harpy Eagle nest, where a small pool is home to a family of Least Grebes, the forest houses Scaled Dusky-headed Parakeet, Lettered Aracari, Piaeon, Boat-billed Flycatcher, Epaulette Oriole, and a superb White-eared Puffbird, while a couple of White-tailed Hawks hang like kites above the wooded ridge. Try picking a star bird out of that lot!

It's cool and cloudy first thing when we set off into the forest near the lodge, where early birds include Green-barred and Little Woodpeckers, Squirrel Cuckoo, Grey Hawk, Swallow-winged Puffbird, Short-crested Flycatcher and better views of Scaled Pigeons, along with plenty of Palm and Sayaca Tanagers. Meanwhile a Lettered

Aracari shows but quickly disappears to be replaced by a Chestnuteared Aracari, which poses for knockout views, before we move on for Green Ibis, Green Kingfisher, Black-capped Donacobius and Pied Plover by the 'lodge lake'. After lunch back at the lodge, we have to leave this lovely setting and a Crimson-crested Woodpecker drops in on a tree behind the lodge as we say farewell. After a long bumpy journey we arrive in the Pantanal flood plain where the tar road becomes a dirt track and the first Hyacinth Macaws make an imposing appearance, along with a roadside Limpkin and several Toco Toucans. Leaving the Transpantaneira road, a Rufescent Tiger-Heron poses on a fence post at the entrance to the Piuval Lodge, where a short stroll along the drive produces an absolute feast of birds including Plumbeous and Buff-necked Ibises, Cocoi and Striated Herons, Roseate Spoonbill, American Wood Stork, Snail Kite, Great Black Hawk, Chaco Chachalaca, Picazuro Pigeon, Hyacinth Macaw, Peach-fronted Parakeet, Gilded Sapphire, Ringed Kingfisher, Toco Toucan, Green-barred Woodpecker, Tropical Kingbird, Vermillion Flycatcher, Crested Oropendola and the mighty Jabiru, and then at 5.05pm precisely, five Campo Flickers land on one small dead tree, to be joined by a pair of Turquoise-fronted Amazons, creating a fabulous scene in the scope. As the light begins to fade, waves of Bare-faced Ibises fly over on their way to roost while a flock of thirty plus Nacunda Nighthawks are on their way to begin the night shift. What an amazing place this is, especially if it's your birthday!

Next morning there are birds in every direction around this fabulous lodge, with plenty of Cattle Tyrants, Rufous-bellied Thrushes, Saffron Finches, Chopi Blackbirds and Bay-winged, Shiny and Giant Cowbirds at close range. Other sightings here include White-faced Ibis, Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture, Peach-fronted Parakeet and a posing pair of Hyacinth Macaws, followed by a White-rumped Monjita on one of the many termite mounds as we rejoin the dirt road. A wooden Transpantaneira sign across the road is a good place for a group photo as well as for good views of Black-crowned Night-Heron, Blackbellied Whistling-Duck, Black-collared Hawk and Black-backed Water-Tyrant. Bumping along the road via 129 rickety wooden bridges, with planks that move and shake as the tyres roll over them, we pass hundreds of Limpkins, Snail Kites and assorted storks, herons and egrets, along with Olivaceous Cormorants and Anhingas, until a break for elevenses with Monk Parakeets, and then both male and female Bare-faced Currasows right beside the 'road'. This afternoon is mainly for driving, with Crane Hawk, Long-winged Harrier, Chotoy Spinetail and Scarlet-headed and Unicoloured Blackbirds along the way, until we break the journey for a Great Potoo, 'glued' to the end of a branch. The view in the scope reveals every feather detail, while the appearance of Scaly-headed Parrot and Golden-collared Macaw are a nice bonus here, and the derelict shed is home to a group of roosting Siba's Fruit Bats. Last stop is for a Great Horned Owl, as well as Picui

Ground-Dove and Masked Gnatcatcher, and we arrive at the Porto Jofre Hotel in time for the arrival of Hyacinth Macaws, coming in to roost in the palm trees right above our heads!

Today is 'Operation Jaquar' and so we set off upstream along the Cuiaba river. After barely five minutes afloat, our boat is approached by a trio of Giant River Otters, and one of the youngsters is so inquisitive it swims to within stroking distance, and virtually pops its head over the side of the boat for a closer look at us! Further upstream we find Large-billed and Yellow-billed Terns alongside bizarre Black Skimmers, plus a tree full of Blue-throated Piping-Guans, Chestnut-bellied Guans, Toco Toucans and Brown Capuchin Monkeys. Next we find Black-and-gold Howler Monkeys with a Bluecrowned Trogon in the same tree, when suddenly the views are cut short by news on the radio of a Jaquar sighting. After a high speed dash with the boat tilting sideways on each tight bend in the river, we are cruising slowly along a narrow channel, where we find the 'big old boy', much bulkier than any Leopard, slowly working his way along the bank, without even giving us a second glance as we follow him for several minutes, while taking plenty of footage of this fabulous wildlife encounter. On the way back to the hotel, back in birding mode, we spot Blue-crowned Parakeet, White-headed Marsh-Tyrant, 'chinless' Yellow-chinned Spinetails and a single Solitary Black Cacique. After lunch we are off again in search of more Jaguars! At 3pm the call "Jaguar, Jaguar" comes in on the radio and it's full speed ahead again! By the time we reach the scene other boats are turning back and it seems we are too late. After a short wait in the tranquil channel our prize is relocated. This time it's a mother and cub providing another fantastic wildlife show and at one point a Neotropic Otter also shows in front of the Jaquars, while the Boat-billed Herons roosting in the bushes above the elegant big cats get just a cursory glance! Given the size of the area and the dense vegetation along the waterways, brilliant sightings of three Jaguars in one day is a remarkable achievement, and all thanks to the skill of the boatmen.

The cool cloudy weather continues this morning as we begin with a frenzy of activity around a bird table in the hotel garden, where sightings include White-tipped Dove, Golden-chevroned Parakeet, Turquoise-fronted Amazon, Great Kiskadee, Purplish Jay, Palm Tanager, Yellow-billed Cardinal, Greyish Saltator, Orange-backed Troupial and House Sparrow! Next we set off on a stroll along the dirt road that links the Port Jofre Hotel to the outside world. Along the road, there are plenty of pug marks left by Jaguars, smaller cats and deer, along with a steady stream of birds such as Grey-fronted Dove, White-lored Spinetail, Great Antshrike, Rufous-tailed Jacamar, Fawnbreasted Wren, Plain Antvireo, Yellow-rumped Cacique, Mato Grosso Antbird, Southern Beardless Tyrannulet, Masked Gnatcatcher, Ashyheaded Greenlet, Pale-legged Hornero, Blue-crowned Trogon, Rusty-

fronted Tody-Flycatcher, Buff-throated Woodcreeper, Grey-crested Cachalote, Shiny Cowbird and better views of the incredible Redbilled Scythebill. Sadly it is time to leave Porto Jofre and retrace our route along the Transpantaneira back to the Pantanal Mato Grosso Hotel for an afternoon boat ride on the adjacent Pixaim river, with its tame Jabiru and Black-collared Hawk which regularly swoops down for fishy titbits. As well as many of the usual waterside birds, we spot Lesser Kiskadee and enjoy close views of two downy Rufescent Tiger-Heron chicks sitting dead-still in the nest like statues, in the hope that we haven't seen them! Another highlight is a Sungrebe swimming close to the boat, and the grand finale is a fabulous view of a Sunbittern calling from the water's edge. After dark we go for a pre-dinner night drive, but with nothing to see until back at the hotel, where a couple of Crab-eating Foxes are sitting on the lawn right outside our rooms!

A cloudless blue sky at last! First thing, the hotel feeders are alive with birds including a fabulous trio of flamboyant Chestnut-headed Aracaris perching like decorations on a Christmas tree. We set off at 7am for a boat trip along the river and soon find another Sungrebe, this time perched quite high above the water, along with several large Iguanas. Back at the hotel several Grey-breasted Martins are relaxing by the pool, while we set off for a walk through the riverine forest, spotting Flavescent Warbler, Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl, Whitewedged Piculet, White-lored Spinetail, a showy male Band-tailed Antbird, a vociferous pair of Large-billed Antwrens and a stunning male Helmeted Manakin. Next it's off to the Campo Largo ranch where we spot Long-tailed Ground-Dove and White-tailed Hawk, and a snake in the kitchen cupboard, followed by a delicious barbecue lunch! After a swim in the pool back at the hotel, we set off on another boat trip along the tranquil Pixaim river, where the 'usual suspects' plus the Sunbittern are joined by Little Blue Heron and a vocal family of five Giant River Otters which put on a great show right next to the boat! As the daylight fades, Venus, Jupiter and the Southern Cross appear along with large fishing bats and Nacunda and Band-tailed Nighthawks; a magical end to another memorable day.

The sunny weather continues as we retrace our route north out of the Pantanal, with Marsh Deer, Ferruginous Pygmy- Owl, Greater Thornbird, Screaming Cowbird and a band of rufous Coatis along the way. Back at Piuval Lodge an open truck drive on the ranch produces nice close views of Plumbeous and Bare-faced Ibises and a large rare Caiman Lizard moving slowly through the water, right beside the track. Once in the forest, we disembark the truck for a stroll and find Yellow-olive and Swainson's Flycatchers, Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant, Masked Gnatcatcher, Moustached Wren, Rufous Casiornis, Greyheaded Tanager and a pair of Chestnut-vented Conebills. Next it's a boat ride through rafts of Water Hyacinths, teeming with Caiman,

Striated Herons, Wattled Jacanas and Black-capped Donacobiuses, as well as a couple of Southern Screamers and another Sunbittern. After lunch at the lodge we continue north through Cuiaba to an impressive line of cliffs where Cliff Flycatchers do exactly what it says on the tin! Beyond the cliffs we reach the 'tablelands' home to Pale-vented Pigeon, White-tailed Goldenthroat, Yellow-bellied Elaenia, Chapada Flycatcher, Black-faced, White-rumped and Hepatic Tanagers, a very showy Rufous-winged Antshrike, and a Burrowing Owl with a burrow right next to the road not far from the hotel!

Further exploration of the local area, which has the Goedesic centre of South America with a very modest concrete 'monument', and a plunging waterfall called the Bridal Veil, produces an array of good birds such as Red-legged Seriema, Peach-fronted Parakeet, Scaled Dove, Ruddy Ground-Dove, Swallow-tailed Hummingbird, Glittering-Emerald, Pale-breasted Thrush, Southern bellied Tyrannulet, Vermillion Flycatcher, Southern House Wren, Violaceous Euphonia, Swallow Tanager, Chopi Blackbird, Red-pileated Finch, Plumbeous Seedeater and Rufous-collared Sparrow. On our last full day in the local woods, we are still adding new birds to the trip list such as White-bellied Warbler, Syristes, White-shouldered Tanager and Green-winged Saltator, along with brilliant views of a very obliging tail-swinging Blue-crowned Motmot. Further along the same track we find Fork-tailed Woodnymph, Crested Becard, Bananaguit, a dazzling male Band-tailed Manakin and a White-vented Violetear which poses for a photo-shoot with ear tufts glittering like amethysts. This afternoon another wooded track produces Red-and-green Macaw, Purple-throated Euphonia, male and female Blue Dacnis, and for a lucky few, Tataupa Tinamou and a male Fiery-capped Manakin.

It's our last day in the field and we are still finding new birds like White-eyed Parakeet, Rusty-backed Antwren, Pale-breasted Spinetail, White-banded Tanager and Blue-black Grassquit, along with three Campo Flickers clinging to the top of a concrete telegraph pole. After an all you can eat meat feast lunch we drop by at Paulo's back garden not far from Cuiaba airport for Double-collared Seedeaters among a flock of Chopi Blackbirds. By now the group had seen 263 different species of birds and enjoyed unforgettable close encounters with Giant River Otters and magnificent sightings of three Jaguars; so mission accomplished!