

Brazil's Pantanal: Jaguars & More! | Species List July 8 – 17, 2023 | with Naturalist Journeys



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Summary: We saw a fantastic array of birds, mammals and reptiles on our route. Avian highlights included Hyacinth Macaw, Red-legged Seriema, Jabiru, Toco Toucan, Capped Heron, Bat Falcon, Scarlet-headed Blackbird and many more. However, the bird voted most memorable and impressive by our group was the Agami Heron (bird of the trip). It wasn't an easy decision though, as we saw such an amazing diversity of beautiful and charismatic birds.

We had incredibly good luck with mammals on our trip, particularly cats, and we had fantastic experiences with Jaguar, Puma and the ghost-like Pantanal Cat. We had a DOZEN Giant Anteater sightings as well as some great looks at the smaller Southern Tamandua. We saw many primates including armadillos, deer, fox and rodents (including hundreds of the world's largest rodent, the capybara). And let's not forget about the other fantastic herps that we saw on this tour including Red-footed Tortoises at Pousada Piuval, a Brazilian Terrapin on the road and various frog, lizard and snake species throughout the Pantanal. Brazil is truly a birdwatcher's paradise and a naturalist's dream!

BIRDS (193 species recorded):

RHEAS: Rheidae (1):

Greater Rhea *Rhea americana*—Seen almost daily.

TINAMOUS: Tinamidae (1):

Undulated Tinamou *Crypturellus undulatus*—This shy little tinamou was seen at Pousada Piuval and heard throughout the Pantanal.

SCREAMERS: Anhimidae (1):

Southern Screamer *Chauna torquata*—Seen in both the southern and northern Pantanal, often near water.

DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS: Anatidae (3):

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck *Dendrocygna autumnalis*—Seen multiple times at both Aguapé and Piuval.

Muscovy Duck *Cairina moschata*—Seen in the northern Pantanal along the Transpantaneira.

Brazilian Teal *Amazonetta brasiliensis*—Great looks at this beautiful teal throughout our journey.

GUANS AND CURASSOWS: Cracidae (5):

Chaco Chachalaca *Ortalis canicollis*—Almost impossible not to see (and hear) this bird every single day in the Pantanal.

Chestnut-bellied Guan *Penelope ochrogaster* (E)—Seen multiple times in the northern Pantanal. The areal is the stronghold for this vulnerable species.

Blue-throated Piping-Guan *Pipile cumanensis*—Daily sightings of this highly arboreal and brightly colored guan in the Pantanal. Multiple times we got to hear the loud noise made by their wings when flying as well.

Red-throated Piping-Guan *Pipile cujubi*—Seen along the Pixaim River near Hotel Mato Grosso.

Bare-faced Curassow *Crax fasciolata*—Males and females seen pretty much daily while exploring the Pantanal, a stronghold for this fantastic species. This species is listed as vulnerable due to hunting and habitat loss outside of the Pantanal.

PIGEONS AND DOVES: Columbidae (8):

Rock Pigeon *Columba livia* (1)—Common in urban areas.

Pale-vented Pigeon *Patagioenas cayennensis*—A beautiful pigeon that we saw in both the southern and northern Pantanal.

Picazuro Pigeon *Patagioenas picazuro*—Seen daily in both the southern and northern Pantanal.

Ruddy Ground Dove *Columbina talpacoti*—The most common small dove in the Pantanal and seen every day.

Scaled Dove *Columbina squammata*—Our group had some great views of this gorgeous little dove.

Picui Ground Dove *Columbina picui*—Common at feeders at Aguapé Lodge.

Long-tailed Ground Dove *Uropelia campestris*—Seen at Pousada Piuval while on safari.

White-tipped Dove *Leptotila verreauxi*—Very common in the northern Pantanal.

CUCKOOS: Cuculidae (3):

Guira Cuckoo *Guira guira*—Seen almost daily throughout the Pantanal. Flocks of these cuckoos stalking through the grass made us think of their ancient dinosaur ancestors.

Smooth-billed Ani *Crotophaga ani*—Seen daily in the Pantanal in scrubby, open habitats and along waterways.

Squirrel Cuckoo *Piaya cayana*—We saw this widespread species in both the southern and northern Pantanal. Easily distinguishable by their long, striped tail.

NIGHTJARS: Caprimulgidae (4):

Nacunda Nighthawk *Chordeiles nacunda*—We saw huge groups of Nacunda Nighthawks at Pousada Piuval.

Band-tailed Nighthawk *Nyctiprogne leucopyga*—Seen in the evening of a Cuiabá River jaguar trip.

Common Pauraque *Nyctidromus albicollis* (HO)—Brief sightings at Aguapé.

Scissor-Tailed Nightjar *Hydropsalis torquata*—Quick sighting at Pousada Piuval.

POTOOS: Nyctibiidae (1):

Great Potoo *Nyctibius grandis*—We were lucky to get a very nice look at a Great Potoo while on safari at Pousada Piuval.

HUMMINGBIRDS: Trochilidae (4):

Buff-bellied Hermit *Phaethornis subochraceus*—One was coming regularly to the flowering bushes and hedges at Hotel Mato Grosso. This large hummingbird is found in a limited area stretching from the lowlands of Bolivia to the Pantanal region of Brazil.

Swallow-tailed Hummingbird *Eupetomena macroura*—This large hummingbird was seen briefly at Pousada Aguapé.

Glittering-throated Emerald *Chionomesa fimbriata*—Our most commonly seen hummingbird throughout the journey in the Pantanal.

Gilded Hummingbird *Hylocharis chrysura*—Seen while on safari at Aguapé, easily identified by its bright red bill and unique golden-green iridescence.

RAILS, CRAKES, AND ALLIES: Rallidae (3):

Gray-cowled Wood-Rail *Aramides cajaneus*—Commonly seen throughout the Pantanal.

Common Gallinule *Gallinula galeata*—Seen once while in Aguapé.

Purple Gallinule *Porphyrio martinica*—Nice views of this beautiful gallinule while traveling along the Transpantaneira.

FINFOOTS AND SUNGREBE: Heliornithidae (1):

Sungrebe *Heliornis fulica*—Great views of these tiny wetland birds on the Pixaim River near Mato Gross Hotel.

LIMPKIN: Aramidae (1):

Limpkin *Aramus guarauna*—Abundant in wetlands throughout our trip.

STILTS AND AVOCETS: Recurvirostridae (1):

Black-necked Stilt *Himantopus mexicanus*—Small numbers seen along waterways in both the southern and the northern Pantanal.

PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS: Charadriidae (2):

Pied Lapwing *Vanellus cayanus*—Seen near water several times.

Southern Lapwing *Vanellus chilensis*—Commonly seen and heard almost every day of our journey.

JACANAS Jacanidae (1):

Wattled Jacana *Jacana jacana*—Very common in the Pantanal, especially in the wetlands of the northern Pantanal.

SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES Scolopacidae (1):

Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes*—Seen during two consecutive days at Pousada Piuval.

GULLS AND TERNS: Laridae (3):

Yellow-billed Tern *Sternula superciliaris*—Seen on the Cuiabá River.

Large-billed Tern *Phaetusa simplex*—Large numbers of these terns near the water at Pousada Piuval as well as on the Cuiabá River.

Black Skimmer *Rynchops niger*—Several roosting and skimming on sandy beaches at multiple locations on the trip.

SUNBITTERN: Eurypygidae (1):

Sunbittern *Eurypyga helias*—We had a brief, yet stunning look at Sunbitterns while on safari at Pousada Piuval.

STORKS: Ciconiidae (3):

Maguari Stork *Ciconia maguari*—One of the harder stork species to find, we had really nice views along the Transpantaneira Highway near Porto Jofre as well as in Aguapé.

Jabiru *Jabiru mycteria*—Seen pretty much daily in the Pantanal. It's easy to see why these large, beautiful storks are considered the emblem of the Pantanal.

Wood Stork *Mycteria americana*—Common in wet areas of the northern Pantanal.

ANHINGAS: Anhingidae (1):

Anhinga *Anhinga anhinga*—Frequently seen along the riverways in the Pantanal. We had nice views of male Anhingas as well, which are quite rare and hard to find in this area.

CORMORANTS: Phalacrocoracidae (1):

Neotropic Cormorant *Nannopterum brasilianum*—Seen roosting/hunting along the rivers throughout the Pantanal.

HERONS AND EGRETS: Ardeidae (12):

Rufescent Tiger-Heron *Tigrisoma lineatum*—Seen nearly every day of the trip.

Cocoi Heron *Ardea cocoi*—Common wetland species in the Pantanal and frequently sighted.

Great Egret *Ardea alba*—Common wetland species in the Pantanal.

Snowy Egret *Egretta thula*—Common wetland species in the Pantanal.

Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerulea*—A handful seen along the Transpantaneira Highway and at Aguapé and Southwild.
Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*—Small numbers scattered throughout.
Striated Heron *Butorides striata*—Very common and widespread in the Pantanal.
Agami Heron *Agamia agami*—We had the first sighting reported for the year of this absolutely gorgeous heron at Hotel Mato Grosso (voted bird of the trip!).
Whistling Heron *Syrigma sibilatrix*—We had multiple sightings of this elegant heron at Aguapé.
Capped Heron *Pilherodias pileatus*—We saw these beautiful herons along the Transpantaneira Highway and Cuiabá River.
Black-crowned Night-Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*—Seen in both the southern and northern Pantanal.
Boat-billed Heron *Cochlearius cochlearius*—We finally had a nice look at these birds on both the Cuiabá and Pixaim Rivers.

IBISES AND SPOONBILLS: Threskiornithidae (5):

Green Ibis *Mesembrinibis cayennensis*—Scattered sightings throughout the Pantanal.
Bare-faced Ibis *Phimosus infuscatus*—Seen daily.
Plumbeous Ibis *Theristicus caerulescens*—Very frequent sightings with especially good looks on the lodge grounds at Aguapé.
Buff-necked Ibis *Theristicus caudatus*—Very common throughout the Pantanal, especially at Aguapé.
Roseate Spoonbill *Platalea ajaja*—Frequent sightings of small numbers of these beautiful birds along wetlands, including some bathing in the open wetlands near Piuval.

NEW WORLD VULTURES: Cathartidae (3):

Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus*—Seen daily.
Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura*—Seen daily.
Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture *Cathartes burrovianus*—Quite common in both the northern and southern Pantanal, where we had views of both soaring and perched birds.

OSPREY: Pandionidae (1):

Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*—One seen on a boat trip on the Pixaim River.

HAWKS, KITES, AND EAGLES: Accipitridae (6):

Black-collared Hawk *Busarellus nigricollis*—Common along the rivers and wetlands of the Pantanal.
Snail Kite *Rostrhamus sociabilis*—Numerous throughout the Pantanal, especially in the early months of the dry season.
Crane Hawk *Geranospiza caerulescens*—We saw this beautiful raptor at Aguapé as well as on the Cuiabá and Pixaim Rivers. We had one especially photogenic bird while on jaguar safari.
Savanna Hawk *Buteogallus meridionalis*—Ubiquitous open country raptor of the Pantanal. We saw them daily.
Great Black Hawk *Buteogallus urubitinga*—Regular sightings in the northern Pantanal, including some juveniles at Piuval.
Roadside Hawk *Rupornis magnirostris*—A small and highly successful raptor in South America. We saw them almost every day.

OWLS: Strigidae (2):

Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl *Glaucidium brasilianum*—Nice views of this bird while being mobbed at Piuval, as well as some good looks while on night safari at Hotel Mato Grosso.
Burrowing Owl *Athene cunicularia*—Common at Aguapé.

TROGONS: Trogonidae (1):

Blue-crowned Trogon *Trogon curucui*—Brief views in the forest near the river at Pousada Aguapé.

KINGFISHERS: Alcedinidae (4):

Ringed Kingfisher *Megaceryle torquata*—Very common in the Pantanal, where we saw them almost daily in multiples. It is the largest kingfisher in the Americas.

Amazon Kingfisher *Chloroceryle amazona*—Equally as common as Ringed Kingfisher in the Pantanal.

American Pygmy Kingfisher *Chloroceryle aenea*—We had some brief sightings of this tiny kingfisher while on jaguar boat safaris on the Cuiabá River.

Green Kingfisher *Chloroceryle americana*—We saw a number of these smaller kingfishers on all of our boat trips.

PUFFBIRDS: Bucconidae (2):

Black-fronted Nunbird *Monasa nigrifrons*—Great views at Piuval and along the Cuiabá River

Chaco Puffbird *Nystalus striatipectus*—We had a nice view of two of these beautiful puffbirds while on safari with Rosalino at Aguapé

JACAMARS: Galbulidae (1):

Rufous-tailed Jacamar *Galbula ruficauda*—We had long looks at surprisingly photogenic Rufous-tailed Jacamars on the Cuiabá and Pixiam Rivers.

TOUCANS: Ramphastidae (2):

Chestnut-eared Aracari *Pteroglossus castanotis*—Really nice looks at these colorful aracaris at Aguapé.

Toco Toucan *Ramphastos toco*—lots of Toco Toucan sightings, one of the most popular birds of the trip. This adaptable species is the largest of the toucans.

WOODPECKERS: Picidae (7):

White-wedged Piculet *Picumnus albosquamatus*—Seen at Aguapé and Piuval.

White Woodpecker *Melanerpes candidus*—Very nice look at this beautiful woodpecker at Pousada Aguapé.

Little Woodpecker *Dryobates passerinus*—Not uncommon in gallery forest environments and seen in the southern Pantanal.

Crimson-crested Woodpecker *Campephilus melanoleucos*—We saw this large, beautiful woodpecker on a dead tree near Hotel Mato Grosso.

Lineated Woodpecker *Dryocopus lineatus*—Seen twice at both Pousada Piuval and near the Pixiam River.

Pale-crested Woodpecker *Celeus lugubris*—We had great views of this woodpecker at both Aguapé and the northern Pantanal. One of the more charismatic woodpeckers in this part of the world.

Campo Flicker *Colaptes campestris*—Seen frequently at Pousada Aguapé and Piuval.

SERIEMAS: Cariamidae (1):

Red-legged Seriema *Cariama cristata*—Seen at Pousada Aguapé, Piuval and along the Transpantaneira. The two species of *seriema* are the only extant relatives of the ancient “terror birds” of South America, the former apex predators of the continent.

FALCONS AND CARACARAS: Falconidae (4):

Crested Caracara *Caracara plancus*—Seen daily in a variety of habitats throughout the tour.

American Kestrel *Falco sparverius*—Seen at Pousada Aguapé and on the Cerrado extension.

Applomado Falcon *Falco femoralis*—We saw this elegant falcon of open country multiple times at Aguapé.

Bat Falcon *Falco ruficularis*—We had stunning views of Bat Falcons near the Hyacinth Macaw nesting boxes at Aguapé.

PARROTS: Psittacidae (13):

Monk Parakeet *Myiopsitta monachus*—Seen almost daily in the Pantanal – the only parrot species in the world (out of 300+ species) that builds a stick nest.

Yellow-chevroned Parakeet *Brotogeris chiriri*—Very common in the Pantanal.

Scaly-headed Parrot *Pionus maximiliani*—Seen once at Aguapé.

Turquoise-fronted Parrot *Amazona aestiva*—A commonly seen, large parrot throughout the Pantanal.

Orange-winged Parrot *Amazona amazonica*—We had great views of these parrots multiple times on the trip.

Hyacinth Macaw *Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus*—We saw these stunning birds daily at Aguapé, where they were very common right around the lodge grounds, and sporadically around the northern Pantanal.

Peach-fronted Parakeet *Eupsittula aurea*—Commonly seen throughout the Pantanal.

Nanday Parakeet *Aratinga nenday*—Seen multiple times at Aguapé and on the dirt access road.

Blue-and-yellow Macaw *Ara ararauna*—Quite common around Pousada Aguapé.

Red-and-green Macaw *Ara chloropterus*—Seen briefly while driving through Campo Grande on the first day.

Red-shouldered Macaw *Diopsittaca nobilis*—Great perched views at Aguapé.

White-eyed Parakeet *Psittacara leucophthalmus*—Seen multiple times in the southern Pantanal.

ANTBIRDS: Thamnophilidae (4):

Great Antshrike *Taraba major*—Seen in thick brush at Pousada Aguapé and in the northern Pantanal.

Barred Antshrike *Thamnophilus doliatus*—We had a nice view of this beautiful antshrike while on safari at Piuval.

Mato Grosso Antbird *Cercomacra melanaria*—Seen in the northern Pantanal.

Band-tailed Antbird *Hypocnemoides maculicauda*—A quick view while on a Cuiabá River safari.

OVENBIRDS AND WOODCREEPERS: Furnariidae (13):

Great Rufous Woodcreeper *Xiphocolaptes major*—We saw this impressive woodcreeper at Pousada Aguapé.

Straight-billed Woodcreeper *Dendroplex picus*—A quick view of this bird at Hotel Mato Grosso.

Red-billed Scythebill *Campylorhamphus trochilirostris*—We had some beautiful looks at this charismatic species at Pousada Aguapé and at Hotel Mato Grosso.

Narrow-billed Woodcreeper *Lepidocolaptes angustirostris*—Seen a few times throughout the Pantanal.

Pale-legged Hornero *Furnarius leucopus*—Seen on the Cuiabá River and at Hotel Mato Grosso.

Rufous Hornero *Furnarius rufus*—Ubiquitous in the Pantanal and seen almost every day.

Rufous-fronted Thornbird *Phacellodomus rufifrons*—A nice glimpse on the Pixiam River.

Greater Thornbird *Phacellodomus ruber*—Common along the Cuiabá River.

Rufous Cacholote *Pseudoseisura unirufa*—Common throughout the Pantanal.

Rusty-backed Spinetail *Cranioleuca pallida*—A few brief sightings of this beautiful spinetail in dense brush.

Yellow-chinned Spinetail *Certhiaxis cinnamomeus*—A couple of good looks in the wetlands of the northern Pantanal.

Chotoy Spinetail *Schoeniophylax phryganophilus*—Seen at Pousada Aguapé.

White-lored Spinetail *Synallaxis albiflora*—Seen a few times in the northern Pantanal.

MANAKINS: Pipridae (2):

Helmeted Manakin *Antilophia galeata*—A great couple looks at this absolutely gorgeous manakin along the Pixiam River.

Band-tailed Manakin *Pipra fasciicauda*—We were fortunate to get a really good looks at a juvenile male and female while on a boat ride on the Aquiduaana River.

TITYRAS AND BECARDS: Tityridae (2):

Black-crowned Tityra *Tityra inquisitor*—Seen while on a Cuiabá River safari.

Masked Tityra *Tityra semifasciata*—Multiple sightings of this beautiful tityra at Aguapé.

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS: Tyrannidae (18):

Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant *Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer*—Great views at Hotel Mato Grosso.

Common Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum cinereum*—Seen once at Piuval.

Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet *Camptostoma obsoletum*—Seen while on safari at Hotel Mato Grosso.

Plain Tyrannulet *Inezia inornata*—A quick sighting in the northern Pantanal.

Fuscous Flycatcher *Cnemotriccus fuscatus*—Nice views of this chunky little understory flycatcher at Hotel Mato Grosso.

Vermillion Flycatcher *Pyrocephalus rubinus*—This is a great time of year to see this beautiful flycatcher, and we saw them over half a dozen times.

White-rumped Monjita *Xolmis velatus*—Quite common at Pousada Aguapé, also seen at Pousada Piuval.

White Monjita *Xolmis irupero*—Not a common bird for this area, we had a really nice look at a beautiful male on our drive to Aguapé.

White-headed Marsh Tyrant *Arundinicola leucocephala*—Some good sightings of this classic South American wetland flycatcher in the northern Pantanal.

Black-backed Water-Tyrant *Fluvicola albiventer*—Seen multiple times in the northern Pantanal.

Short-crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus ferox*—Good sightings throughout the Pantanal.

Cattle Tyrant *Machetornis rixosa*—Recorded almost daily in the Pantanal.

Lesser Kiskadee *Pitangus lictor*—Similar-looking to the larger Great Kiskadee, but not as common.

Great Kiskadee *Pitangus sulphuratus*—Very common throughout the Pantanal.

Boat-billed Flycatcher *Megarynchus pitangua*—A brief sighting on the Pixiam River.

Rusty-margined Flycatcher *Myiozetetes cayanensis*—Common in the northern Pantanal.

Social Flycatcher *Myiozetetes similis*—Seen in the southern Pantanal.

Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus*—Very common throughout the Pantanal.

VIREOS: Vireonidae (1):

Rufous-browed Peppershrike *Cyclarhis gujanensis*—Nice views in Aguapé.

CROWS AND JAYS: Corvidae (2):

Purplish Jay *Cyanocorax cyanomelas*—Common in the Pantanal.

Plush-crested Jay *Cyanocorax chrysops*—Small numbers of this beautifully colored jay at Pousada Aguapé, including right on the lodge grounds.

DONACOBIOUS: Donacobiidae (1):

Black-capped Donacobius *Donacobius atricapilla*—A charismatic bird of lush wetland vegetation, quite common in the northern Pantanal along the rivers.

SWALLOWS AND MARTINS: Hirundinidae (4):

Blue-and-white Swallow *Pygochelidon cyanoleuca*—Seen on the Cuiabá River.

Southern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*—Common sightings in the northern Pantanal.

Gray-breasted Martin *Progne chalybea*—Observed a few at Aguapé as well as on the Cuiabá River.

White-winged Swallow *Tachycineta albiventer*—Seen on the boat trips at Pousada Aguapé and on the Cuiabá and Pixiam Rivers.

GNATCATCHERS: Polioptilidae (1):

Masked Gnatcatcher *Polioptila dumicola*—A few great looks while on safari at Aguapé and at Hotel Mato Grosso.

WRENS: Troglodytidae (2):

Thrush-like Wren *Campylorhynchus turdinus*—These large, highly arboreal wrens were commonly seen and heard throughout the Pantanal.

Fawn-breasted Wren *Cantorchilus guarayanus*—Seen while on safari at Pousada Aguapé.

MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS: Mimidae (2):

Chalk-browed Mockingbird *Mimus saturninus*—Abundant in the southern Pantanal.

White-banded Mockingbird *Mimus triurus*—A couple great looks at Aguapé.

THRUSHES: Turdidae (2):

Pale-breasted Thrush *Turdus leucomelas*—Quite common at Pousada Aguapé.

Rufous-bellied Thrush *Turdus rufiventris*—Brazil's national bird was ubiquitous, seen nearly every day.

OLD WORLD SPARROWS: Passeridae (1):

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus* (1)—Common around the large cities and Hotel Mato Grosso.

NEW WORLD SPARROWS: Passerellidae (1):

Grassland Sparrow *Ammodramus humeralis*—Numerous at Pousada Aguapé.

NEW WORLD BLACKBIRDS: Icteridae (12):

Crested Oropendola *Psarocolius decumanus*—Seen at Pousada Aguapé and Piuval. Distinguishable by their unique call and beautiful yellow tail feathers.

Solitary Black Cacique *Cacicus solitarius*—Nice views on the Cuiabá River.

Yellow-rumped Cacique *Cacicus cela*—Very common on the Cuiabá River, also seen a few times on the Pixiam River.

Variable Oriole *Icterus pyrrhopterus*—We saw this rather plain oriole multiple times throughout our trip.

Orange-backed Troupial *Icterus croconotus*—Nice views at Pousada Aguapé and Piuval. A very large and colorful species of oriole, even by oriole standards!

Screaming Cowbird *Molothrus rufoaxillaris*—One seen and photographed at Pousada Aguapé. Can be quite difficult to distinguish from the very similar shiny cowbird.

Shiny Cowbird *Molothrus bonariensis*—Very common.

Giant Cowbird *Molothrus oryzivorus*—Regular at the grain feeder at Pousada Aguapé. Parasitizes oropendolas and caciques.

Scarlet-headed Blackbird *Amblyramphus holosericeus*—We saw this striking blackbird in an extensive stand of Alligator Flag along the Transpantaneira Highway. It gave us a nice long look that led to some great photos.

Chopi Blackbird *Gnorimopsar chopi*—Quite common throughout the Pantanal.

Grayish Baywing *Agelaioides badius*—Recorded almost daily in the Pantanal, especially around feeders.

Unicolored Blackbird *Agelasticus cyanopus*—Seen multiple times along the Transpantaneira Highway. The males of this small blackbird are uniformly black, but the females have yellowish underparts.

NEW WORLD WARBLERS: Parulidae (1):

Flavescent Warbler *Myiothlypis flaveola* (HO)—We had a great look at this elusive warbler on the trail near Hotel Mato Grosso.

TANAGERS AND ALLIES: Thraupidae (11):

Red-crested Cardinal *Paroaria coronata*—A very handsome species that is a regular around the lodges in small numbers.

Yellow-billed Cardinal *Paroaria capitata*—One of the most common songbirds in the Pantanal, especially numerous around feeding stations where dozens are regularly seen.

Silver-beaked Tanager *Ramphocelus carbo*—Great looks on the Aquiduaana River and at Pousada Piuval.

Sayaca Tanager *Thraupis sayaca*—Very common in the Pantanal – the southern South America equivalent of the familiar Blue-gray Tanager.

Palm Tanager *Thraupis palmarum*—Scattered sightings of this familiar species on the grounds at Hotel Mato Grosso.

Saffron Finch *Sicalis flaveola*—Beautiful and charming yellow finch that is numerous in the Pantanal, especially around grain feeders.

Wedge-tailed Grass-Finch *Emberizoides herbicola*—Seen a few times around Pousada Aguapé.

Blue-black Grassquit *Volatinia jacarina*—Seen at SouthWild Pantanal (08/11), Cidade de Pedra (08/13) and Vale do Jamaca (08/13).

White-bellied Seedeater *Sporophila leucoptera*—A nice sighting at Pousada Piuval.

Red-crested Finch *Coryphospingus cucullatus*—Great looks at this beautiful bird at Pousada Aguapé.

Black-throated Saltator *Saltatricula atricollis*—Seen at Pousada Aguapé.

Blue-gray Saltator *Saltator coerulescens*—Scattered sightings in the Pantanal, where it was reasonably common.

MAMMALS (26 species recorded):

Southern Tamandua *Tamandua tetradactyla*—We saw a few of these charming mammals on our safari at Pousada Aguapé and while driving the access road to Aguapé.

Giant Anteater *Myrmecophaga tridactyla*—We had pretty insane luck with this amazing anteater around Aguapé, and we could hardly turn a corner on the drive back to Campo Grande without seeing giant anteaters looking for feeding opportunities.

Nine-banded Armadillo *Dasypus novemcinctus*—Seen multiple times at Aguapé, the most widespread and one of the largest armadillo species, but not as common around Aguapé as the smaller six-banded species.

Six-banded Armadillo *Euphractus sexcinctus*—Very common around the rooms and restaurant at Pousada Aguapé.

Greater Bulldog Bat *Noctilio leporinus*—Seen feeding over the Cuiabá River in the evenings from the Panoramico houseboat.

Proboscis Bat *Rhynchonycteris naso*—Benedito pointed some out during a boat trip along the Cuiabá River while looking for jaguars. A group of them were roosting in a line along the side of a tree.

Black-tailed Marmoset *Mico melanurus*—A few seen in a wooded area near Pousada Piuval, it is the only marmoset of the genus *Mico* with most of its range outside the Amazon Basin.

Black-and-gold Howler Monkey *Alouatta caraya*—We saw these large New World primates along both the Aquiduaana River and the Pixiam River. Both sexes start as the golden color and then males get darker and turn black as they age.

Azara's Capuchin *Sapajus cay*—Several observations throughout the northern Pantanal.

South American Coati *Nasua nasua*—Really nice looks at these curious mammals at Pousada Aguapé.

Crab-eating Fox *Cerdocyon thous*—Frequent observations over multiple days of the trip, particularly on night safaris at Hotel Mato Grosso. Genetic studies show that these “foxes” are more closely related to South American “wolves,” such as the Maned Wolf, than they are to the true foxes.

Jaguar *Panthera onca*—Fantastic views of this majestic feline along the Cuiabá River including a really beautiful individual hunting caiman on logs. This species is the world's third largest big cat after the lion and tiger, and the Brazilian Pantanal is the only place where they can be seen with any regularity.

Puma *Puma concolor*—We had a brief and beautiful view of a puma on a night safari at Mato Grosso! An extremely elusive big cat that we were fortunate to see.

Pantanal Cat *Leopardus colocola braccatus*—This small cat is so rarely seen that is often referred to as a phantom. We were extremely fortunate to briefly see one next to the road on a night safari near Hotel Mato Grosso.

Tayra *Eira Barbara*—We had a fleeting glimpse of this mustelid on the Transpantaneira.

Neotropical River Otter *Lontra longicaudis*—Much harder to see in the Pantanal than its larger cousin, we had a quick look at this smaller otter species while on the Cuiabá River.

Giant Otter *Pteronura brasiliensis*—Amazing experiences observing these incredible mammals hunting and feeding along the edge of the Cuiabá River on our boat safaris.

Collared Peccary *Pecari tajacu*—Large group at Pousada Aguapé.

White-lipped Peccary *Tayassu pecari*—Seen at Pousada Aguapé, a larger species than the collared peccary.

Gray Brocket *Mazama gouazoubira*—We saw this dainty deer species at Pousada Piuval and on the Transpantaneira.

Red Brocket *Mazama americana*—Seen at Pousada Aguapé.

Pampas Deer *Ozotoceros bezoarticus*—Common at Pousada Aguapé. Due to habitat loss and hunting, this deer has a highly fragmented distribution.

Marsh Deer *Blastocerus dichotomus*—Seen both along the Transpantaneira and at Hotel Mato Grosso. The Pantanal is the stronghold of this largest South American deer species.

Brazilian Guinea Pig *Cavia aperea*—Seen twice on the Transpantaneira.

Azara's Agouti *Dasyprocta azarae*—Common throughout the Pantanal.

Capibara *Hydrochoerus hydrochaeris*—Extremely common in the Pantanal. It is the largest rodent species in the world and seeing large family groups is common.

REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS (12 species recorded):

Red-footed Tortoise *Chelonoidis carbonarius*—We saw this large and beautiful South American tortoise twice at Pousada Piuval.

Tropical House Gecko *Hemidactylus mabouia*—Common on walls at lodges throughout the Pantanal.

Amazon Lava Lizard *Tropidurus torquatus*—A regularly seen “fence lizard.”

Giant Ameiva *Ameiva ameiva*—We had nice looks at the beautiful green lizard, especially at Aguapé.

Argentine Black-and-white Tegu *Salvator merianae*—We saw this large, predatory lizard along the Cuiabá River and on the Transpantaneira – the largest species of lizard in the Americas!

Green Iguana *Iguana iguana*—Observed along the Pixaim River and Cuiabá River.

Yacare Caiman *Caiman yacare*—The most abundant reptile (terrestrial vertebrate!) in the Pantanal, where it was ubiquitous. We saw hundreds if not thousands of these crocodilians.

Cururu Toad *Rhinella diptycha*—A few of these beautiful toads were seen near our rooms at Aguapé.

Chaco Tree Frog *Boana raniceps*—Very common around lodges in the Pantanal.

Mato Grosso Snouted Tree Frog *Scinax acuminatus*—Great looks at one of these unique frogs at Aguapé.

Miranda's White-lipped Frog *Leptodactylus macrosternum*—Common around the grounds at Pousada Aguapé.

Cat-eyed Snake *Leptodeira spp*—A beautiful cat-eyed snake was seen at Aguapé at night.