

# Guyana: Unspoiled Wilderness Species List | November 6-18, 2025 with Naturalist Journeys



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Our epic Guyana adventure spanned much of the length of the country from the relatively heavily populated coastal area surrounding the capitol Georgetown in the north to the wild and sparsely settled Rupununi savannah close to the border with Brazil in the south. On the coast, we experienced the rich diversity to be found right in Georgetown at the National Park and Botanical Gardens and supplemented that with a lovely boat trip on the Mahaica River and some stops to explore the coast with its tidal mudflats and mangroves. We found the national bird, the Hoatzin, quite easily on our boat trip, along with Blood-colored Woodpecker and other species typically found only along the coast, including the lovely Guianan Red Howler Monkey.

Leaving the north, we took a charter flight to Kaieteur Falls, flying over some of the vast expanses of untouched forest which characterize much of interior Guyana. At the falls, which were quite busy due to their being Guyana's number one tourist attraction, we admired the 740-foot drop of the falls and found a few male Guianan Cock-of-the-Rocks during our short stay there. Continuing our flight, we soon landed at the Surama airstrip right on the edge of the forest and the savannah, to begin our experience in interior Guyana. From our comfortable base at Surama Ec lodge, we walked forest trails, explored patches of savannah, and took a memorable boat trip down the tree-filled Buro-Buro River, all in search of the fascinating avifauna to be found there. Highlights were many, but included a fully grown Harpy Eagle chick, numerous species of antbirds, puffbirds, and many flycatchers.

From Surama we moved to the Atta Rainforest Lodge, situated in a clearing in the middle of deep forest. Though the rains occasionally came to remind us of why it is called "rainforest," on walks and drives we found many species including woodcreepers, toucans, Purple-throated Fruitcrows, currasows, noisy caracaras, and numerous tanagers. We left Atta very early one morning for the small indigenous community of Karasabai in search of the spectacular Sun Parakeet, achieving our mission there, and then ended up our tour for several nights at the Manari Ranch in the middle of the Rupununi Savannah near Brazil. The savannahs and gallery forests near Manari yielded great birds and wildlife such as storks, herons, whistling-ducks, a Jaguarundi, capybara, and Savanna and White-tailed Hawks. On an excursion to Nappi Village to find Guyana's only Horned Screamer, we stumbled upon a Giant Anteater going about its business. Our time here also included a fun trip to Bonfim, Brazil, across the Takutu River bridge for lunch (and a few new bird species for the list!). The tour concluded with a flight back to Georgetown from Lethem and great final views of the savannah in which we had spent so much time.

Following is a list of the birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, and invertebrates we were fortunate to observe during the trip.

**BIRDS** 314 species were recorded of which 12 were heard only and 5 were seen by the guides only. Details are included below.

The eBird link below details 312 species of birds our group observed during the tour. If you're new to eBird, be sure to click "Show All Details" on the right side of the list to expand the report and reveal where and when each of the birds were seen and how many.

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The following additional 2 species were also seen by the group, but not recorded in eBird:

**White-necked Jacobin** *Florisuga mellivora*—on the Rupununi River boat trip

**Fork-tailed Woodnymph** *Thalurania furcata*—Atta

Species heard only were:

**Great Tinamou** *Tinamus major*

**Cinereous Tinamou** *Crypturellus cinereus*

**Plumbeous Pigeon** *Patagioenas plumbea*

**Gray-winged Trumpeter** *Psophia crepitans*

**Black Hawk-Eagle** *Spizaetus tyrannus*

**Tropical Screech-Owl** *Megascops choliba*

**Mouse-colored Antshrike** *Thamnophilus murinus*

**Cinereous Antshrike** *Thamnomanes caesius*

**Ferruginous-backed Antbird** *Myrmoderus ferrugineus*

**Capuchinbird** *Perissocephalus tricolor*

**Piratic Flycatcher** *Legatus leucophaeus*

**Lemon-chested Greenlet** *Hylophilus thoracicus*

Species seen or heard by guides only were:

**Black-eared Fairy** *Heliathryx auritus*

**Pied Puffbird** *Notharchus tectus*

**Gray-crowned Flatbill** *Tolmomyias poliocephalus*

**Red-rumped Cacique** *Cacicus haemorrhous*

**Yellow-green Grosbeak** *Caryothraustes canadensis*

### MAMMALS (10 species):

**Giant Anteater** *Myrmecophaga tridactyla*—One was seen crossing the road and then hustling off into the savannah on the drive to Nappi Village.

**Red-rumped Agouti** *Dasyprocta leporina*—Seen by some in the group on one of our hikes in the forest at Surama.

**Proboscis Bat** *Rhynchonycteris naso*—Many of these tree-roosting bats were flushed during our boat trip down the Buro-Buro River.

**Brazilian Free-tailed Bat** *Tadarida brasiliensis*—One of these flew through the dining room one evening at Surama.

**Guianan Red Howler-Monkey** *Alouatta macconnelli*—Seen or heard on several days of the tour at Surama and on the Mahaica River.

**Brown Capuchin** *Sapajus apella*—Found at Moco-Moco Village.

**Giant Otter** *Pteronura brasiliensis*—A couple were seen while foraging along the riverbank on our Rupununi River trip from Kwatamang Landing.

**White-lipped Peccary** *Tayassu pecari*—Heard and seen by some in the group on a forest walk at Atta.

**Jaguarundi** *Herpailurus yagouaroundi*—An amazing sighting of one animal skulking through the grass while we were out on Manari Ranch heading to the Ireng River.

**Capybara** *Hydrochoerus hydrochaeris*—A small herd of young animals was swimming in the water in the big lake at JR Ranch and others were seen foraging on land at a distance.

### **REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS (15 species):**

- Amazon Coachwhip** *Chironius carinatus*—This lovely and colorful snake was seen crawling on a tree from the large bridge on the Buro-Buro trail at Surama
- Black Caiman** *Melanosuchus niger*—Several seen floating in a backwater pool on the Rupununi River boat trip
- Bronze Anole** *Anolis aeneus*—Seen on the walls of the Cara Lodge; it is introduced into Guyana from Grenada
- Cane Toad** *Rhinella marina*—Recorded several times during the tour, including when trying to enter the dining room at Manari Ranch!
- Giant Ameiva** *Ameiva ameiva*—Seen on several days at Surama and Atta
- Gold Tegu** *Tupinambis teguixin*—One seen entering a burrow from one of the bridges on the Rupununi Road
- Green Iguana** *Iguana iguana*—Seen on 2 days near Manari Ranch
- Mediterranean House Gecko** *Hemidactylus turcicus*—Seen at Surama Ec Lodge
- Mourning Gecko** *Lepidodactylus lugubris*—Atta
- Peter's Lava Lizard** *Tropidurus hispidus*—Recorded at Surama and on the boulders at Sky Valley Waterfalls, Moco-Moco
- Rainbow Whiptail** *Cnemidophorus lemniscatus*—Recorded on 3 days at various sites
- Red-snouted Tree Frog** *Scinax ruber*—at the Cara Lodge, Georgetown
- South American Spotted Skink** *Copeoglossum nigropunctatum*—Surama
- Spectacled Caiman** *Caiman crocodilus*—Seen on the Buro-Buro River boat trip and at Manari Ranch
- Striped Forest Whiptail** *Kentropyx calcarata*—Found at Atta

### **INVERTEBRATES (88 species; list compiled by Anne Pierce with additions from others):**

Butterflies & moths (67 species):

- Aetolus Stripe** *Arawacus aetolus*
- Alana White-Skipper** *Heliopetes alana*
- Antiochus Longwing** *Heliconius antiochus*
- Apricot Sulphur** *Phoebis argante*
- Banana Stem Borer** *Telchin licus*
- Bitias Hairstreak** *Panhiades bitias*
- Blue-gray Satyr** *Magneuptychia libye*
- Ceiba Borer** *Euchroma giganteum*
- Chutes-and-ladders Hairstreak** *Celmia celmus*
- Common Blue-eye** *Anatya guttata*
- Common Groundstreak** *Ziegleria hesperitis*
- Common Morpho** *Morpho helenor*
- Cryptic Satyr** *Paryphthimoides terrestris*
- Darceta Sphinx** *Pachylia darceta*
- Ello Sphinx** *Erinnyis ello*
- Eyed silkmoth sp *Automeris postalbida*
- Eyed-metalmark sp *Mesosemia nyctea*
- False Nymphidium** *Synargis calyce*
- Florestan Sphinx** *Manduca florestan*
- Gnosia Hairstreak** *Gargina gnosia*
- graphic owlet sp *Melipotis ochrodes*
- Gray Cracker** *Hamadryas februa*
- Hairstreak sp *Cupathecla cupentus*
- Hairstreak sp *Theclopsis gargara*
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- Hanno Blue** *Hemiargus hanno*
- Hemmark sp *Nymphidium cachrus*

Hemmark sp *Nymphidium lisimon*  
 Hemmark sp *Nymphidium mantus*  
**Hermes Satyr** *Hermeuptychia hermes*  
**Julia Heliconian** *Dryas iulia*  
**Mallow Scrub-Hairstreak** *Strymon istapa*  
 Metalmark sp *Melanis aegates*  
 Metalmark sp *Parvospila emylus*  
 Metalmark sp *Parvospila lucianus*  
 Metalmark sp *Stalachtis calliope*  
**Mexican Fritillary** *Euptoieta hegesia*  
**Mimosa Skipper** *Cogia calchas*  
 New world flannel moth sp *Trosia dimas*  
 noctuid sp *Ronania marmorides*  
**Orange-spotted Flower Moth** *Syngamia florella*  
**Orcus Checkered-Skipper** *Bursinus orcus*  
 Owlet moth sp *Eulepidotis julianata*  
 Owlet moth sp *Hemeroblemma opigena*  
 Owlet moth sp *Herminodes atrosignata*  
**Parce Sphinx Moth** *Callionima parce*  
 Pearl moth sp *Syngamilyta pretiosalis*  
**Penelope's Ringlet** *Cissia penelope*  
**Pink Hawkmoth** *Adhemarius gannascus*  
**Plain Longtail** *Spicauda simplicius*  
 Prominent moth sp *Crinodes bellatrix*  
 Prominent moth sp *Strophocerus sericea*  
 Prominent moth sp *Strophocerus thermesia*  
**Red Postman** *Heliconius erato*  
 Saddleback caterpillar moth sp *Acharia nesea*  
 Satyr sp *Nhambikuara furina*  
**Scops Witch Moth** *Feigeria scops*  
 Silkmoth sp *Titaea tamerlan*  
**Spangled Cupid** *Helicopsis cupido*  
 Sphinx moth sp *Manduca paphus*  
**Thamyra Satyr** *Taygetis thamyra*  
**Tropical Buckeye** *Junonia evarete*  
**Tropical Woodskimmer** *Uracis imbuta*  
**Variable Cracker** *Hamadryas feronia*  
**West Indian Mangrove Buckeye** *Junonia neildi*  
**White Peacock** *Anartia jatrophae*

Miscellaneous (14 species):

**Banana Cockroach** *Panchlora nivea*  
 Cerambycid beetle sp *Onychocerus scorpia*  
 Click beetle sp *Semiotus ligneus*  
 Dung beetle sp *Canthon luteicollis*  
**Great Pondhawk** *Erythemis vesiculosa*  
**Helicopter Damselfly** Pseudostigmatinae sp  
 leaf katydid sp *Steirodon* sp  
 Myrmicine ant sp *Daceton armigerum*  
**Patent leather beetle** Passalinae sp

Planthopper sp *Lystra pulverulenta*  
Red-tailed Blackwing *Diastatops obscura*  
Velvet ant sp *Traumatotutilla americana*  
**Wax-tailed Planthopper** *Pterodictya reticularis*  
**Wide-collared Lichen Cicada** *Proarna insignis*

Spiders (7 species):

Garden orbweaver sp *Argiope submaronica*  
**Golden Silk Spider** *Trichonephila clavipes*  
Jumping spider sp *Leptofreya ambigua*  
Orchard spider sp *Leucauge argyra*  
Jumping spider sp *Phiale guttata*  
**Pretty Orbweaver** *Eriophora nephiloides*  
**Tropical Orb Weaver** *Eriophora fuliginea*

#### LOCATIONS AND NOTES:

Day 1: Thursday, November 6, 2025; Cara Lodge, Georgetown National Park  
Day 2: Friday, November 7, 2025; Mahaica River, Naresh's house, Mahaica River bridge, Non-Pareil Seawall, Georgetown Botanical Garden  
Day 3: Saturday, November 8, 2025; Cara Lodge, Hospital Seawall, Kaieteur Falls, Surama Ecolodge  
Day 4: Sunday, November 9, 2025; Surama Ecolodge, Buro-Buro Trail, Surama entrance road, Surama Lake  
Day 5: Monday, November 10, 2025; Buro-Buro Trail to river, Buro-Buro River, eagle nest site, Surama Village  
Day 6: Tuesday, November 11, 2025; Rupununi River from Kwatamang Landing, Rupununi Road, Atta Rainforest Lodge  
Day 7: Wednesday, November 12, 2025; Atta Canopy Walkway, Atta trails & grounds, Rupununi Road, white sand forest, topaz bridge, owl location  
Day 8: Thursday, November 13, 2025; Atta Rainforest lodge, Rupununi Road, Moreiru Pond, Karasabai, Karasabai Road, Manari Ranch  
Day 9: Friday, November 14, 2025; Manari Ranch, Mussu Lake, Takutu River in Lethem  
Day 10: Saturday, November 15, 2025; Nappi Village, Manari Ranch, JR Ranch  
Day 11: Sunday, November 16, 2025; Moco-Moco Village, Sky Valley Waterfalls trail, Fazenda Buritizal Grosso (Bonfim, Roraima, Brazil), Manari Ranch  
Day 12: Monday, November 17, 2025; Manari Ranch; flight to Georgetown; departures