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**AMAZON CRUISE SPECIES LIST**  
**MARCH 25 – APRIL 2, 2016**  
**ABOARD THE LA ESTRELLA AMAZONICUS**  
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**REFERENCE LOCATIONS WHILE ABOARD THE LA ESTRELLA AMAZONICUS**

1. Saturday, March 26 – Arrival in Iquitos, embark La Estrella Amozonica on river.
2. Sunday, March 27 – AM Porvenir & San Jouquin. PM Yarapa River
3. Monday, March 28 – AM Yanallpa Creek & village. PM Requena & Tapiche
4. Tuesday, March 29 – AM Zapote w/ picnic breakfast. PM Night ride and Checkpoint #1.
5. Wednesday, March 30 – AM Atun Poza. PM El Dorado River fishing and birding.
6. Thursday, March 31 – AM Supay Creek kayaking. PM San Jose Paranapura village w/shaman, Yarapa River for swimming & boat ride to confluence.
7. Friday, April 1 – AM Nauta market & Casual rainforest walk, Babachiro Creek boat ride. PM Tamishaco then Iquitos
8. Saturday, April 2 – AM Disembark

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**BIRDS**

**Tinamidae: Tinamous**

**Little Tinamou** *Crypturellus soui* – Heard calling on the Zapote River during our picnic breakfast ride

**Anhimidae: Screamers**

**Horned Screamer** *Anhima cornuta* – Best and most exciting looks were of a bird flying down from the treetops and landing a few feet from its two-egg nest

**Anatidae: Ducks and Geese**

**Muscovy Duck** *Cairina moschata* – Seen scattered along some of the smaller drainages

#### Cracidae: Guans, Chachalacas & Curassows

**Speckled Chachalaca** *Ortalis guttata* – Three were seen on the Babachiro Creek boat ride.

#### Phalacrocoracidae: Cormorants

**Neotropic Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax brasilianus* – With all that water we saw surprisingly few.

#### Anhingidae: Anhingas

**Anhinga** *Anhinga anhinga* – Just a few, and they were in flooded backwater eddies

#### Ardeidae: Herons, Egrets & Bitterns

**White-necked (Cocoi) Heron** *Ardea cocoi* – Best sighting was a group of three flying overhead at Atun Poza

**Great Egret** *Ardea alba* – Everywhere, the most common of the egret/heron clan. Quite often foraging in flocks

**Snowy Egret** *Egretta thula* – Definitely the second most common of the egrets, with best looks at individuals riding vegetation rafts downriver

**Striated Heron** *Butorides striatus* - Always saw at least three on any boat ride, usually flying just ahead of us

**Capped Heron** *Pilherodius pileatus* – Couldn't see too many of these beauties, but had at least thirty **Cattle Egret**

*Bubulcus ibis*– Really only saw about two dozen given there was very little in the way of open pasture

**Black-crowned Night Heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax* – We saw about a half-dozen on our nighttime boat ride

**Boat-billed Heron** *Cochlearius cochlearius* – Only one was seen by the second boat on our nighttime foray

**Rufescent Tiger Heron** *Tigrisoma lineatum* - One was seen on the El Dorado River during a torrential downpour

#### Cathartidae: New World Vultures

**Black Vulture** *Coragyps atratus* – Mostly around villages and towns and usually in groups

**Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture** *Cathartes burrovianus* – The smaller and more common of the two seen in small numbers every day

**Greater Yellow-headed Vulture** *Cathartes melambrotus* – The larger of the two species could be picked out of soaring groups. Didn't see more than a half-dozen

**Turkey Vulture** *Cathartes aura* – Not many, but some did have the yellow nape

#### Pandionidae: Osprey

**Osprey** *Pandion haliaetus* – Probably only a half dozen at most, and all would be migrants

#### Accipitridae: Hawks and Eagles

**Hook-billed Kite** *Chondrohierax uncinatus* – Seen twice, both perched. One on the Yarapa River & the second while kayaking

**Grey-headed Kite** *Leptodon cayanensis* – Always seen up in the air soaring, never did get a look at a perched bird

**Plumbeous Kite** *Ictinia plumbea* – Not common, but certainly the most frequently seen kite, and mostly while perched

**Snail Kite** *Rostrhamus sociabilis* – Mostly seen foraging, but we did have one very confident individual on Yanallpa Creek

**Slender-billed Kite** *Rostrhamus sociabilis* – Two different of these striking looking birds were seen over emergent wetlands

**Roadside Hawk** *Buteo magnirostris* – This small hawk was seen at least three times every day.

**Slate-colored Hawk** *Leucopternis schistaceus* – One boat got to see this bird on the Yanallpa River

**Black-collared Hawk** *Busarellus nigricollis* – The second most common raptor on the trip and certainly one of the most striking. Got to see a pair lock talons and tumble through the air

**Crane Hawk** *Geranospiza caerulescens* – Seen well perched on a treetop while eating our picnic breakfast

*Note: Falcons and Caracaras appear later in the checklist...*

#### Rallidae: Rails and Gallinules

**Gray-necked Wood-rail** *Aramides cajaneus* - Great looks by one of the boats on Yanallpa Creek.

**Purple Gallinule** *Porphyrio martinicus* – Sporadic but always on floating vegetation

#### Heliornithidae: Sungrebe & Finfoots

**Sungrebe** *Heliornis fulica* – Heard by most and seen by a few on the boat ride on Babachiro Creek

#### Jacaniidae: Jacanas

**Wattled Jacana** *Jacana jacana* – Where there was emergent vegetation there were always a few of these colorful birds

#### Scolopacidae: Sandpipers

**Spotted Sandpiper** *Actitis macularius* – Usually seen on rafts of floating vegetation moving down the river

#### Laridae: Gulls & Terns

**Large-billed Tern** *Phaetusa simplex* – There was always a group in sight of the boat

**Yellow-billed Tern** *Sternula superciliaris* – Much less common than its bigger brother

**Black Skimmer** *Rynchops niger cinerascens* - One was seen on our first full day out on the river

#### Columbidae: Pigeons & Doves

**Rock Pigeon** *Columba livia* - Seen in most all communities of any size that we visited

**Pale-vented Pigeon** *Patagioenas cayennensis* - Seen in various locations along the rivers, certainly one of the most common

**Ruddy Pigeon** *Columba subvinacea* – Seen in Nauta and along the Yanallpa River, but not very often seen

**Ruddy Ground Dove** *Columba talpacoti* – Seen in a few yards and lots as we walked the town of Nauta

**White-tipped Dove** *Leptotila verreauxi* – Seen more close to towns

#### Opisthocomidae: Hoatzin

**Hoatzin** *Opisthocomus hoazin* – Best look was of a single individual that scrambled from its over-the-water nest

#### Cuculidae: Cuckoos & Anis

**Little Cuckoo** *Coccyua minuta* – We saw three and given that cuckoos like to sit and ponder, we got very good looks at each individual

**Squirrel Cuckoo** *Piaya cayana* – Best look was on our third out of Iquitos from the boat

**Greater Ani** *Crotophaga major* – They always seemed to be in groups along the river's edge. And usually sunning themselves

**Smooth-billed Ani** *Crotophaga ani* – Very common especially around villages and pastures

#### Strigidae: Owls

**Spectacled Owl** *Pulsatrix perspicillata* – A solo individual in early morning posed for five minutes before flying off

#### Caprimulgidae: Nighthawks, Nightjars & Allies

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**Band-tailed Nighthawk** *Nyctiprogne leucopyga*– There were a number hunting over the lake on our evening outing in the Pacaya-Simiru Reserve.

**Pauraque** *Nyctidromus albicollis*– The most common of the nighthawks during our evening outing in Pacaya-Simiru

**Ladder-tailed Nightjar** *Hydropsalis climacocerca* – Seen on its day roost branches surrounded by water along calm tributaries

#### **Nyctibiidae: Potoos**

**Great Potoo** *Nyctibius grandis* – Seen on its day roost about eight feet above water. Very low compared to where we would expect a potoo to roost

#### **Apodidae: Swifts**

**Short-tailed Swift** *Chaetura brachyura*– Seen overhead on a couple of days in loose, mixed flocks

**Fork-tailed Palm Swift** *Reinarda squamata* – Usually seen near villages where thatched roofs were the primary roofing material

#### **Trochilidae: Hummingbirds**

**White-necked Jacobin** *Florisuga melivora* – A few of us had one individual as we were tied to an island and watching a male Barred Antshrike

**Black-throated Mango** *Anthracothorax nigricollis* – The most visible of all the hummingbirds we viewed near flowering vines

**Blue-chinned Sapphire** *Chlorostilbon notata* – Seen best feeding on the flowering Tillandsias that adorned the Great Potoo tree

**Golden-tailed Sapphire** *Chrysobriuronia oenoeuroniense* – One was seen during our outing to Yanallpa Village

**Glittering-throated Emerald** *Amazilia fimbriata* – Best look was while we were observing the tiger rat snake in the tree

#### **Trogonidae: Trogons**

**Black-tailed Trogon** *Trogon melanurus* – Two were seen with a good, long look at the one along the Yarupa River

**Green-backed (White-tailed) Trogon** *Trogon viridis* – Seen but mostly heard in several locations with best looks along Babachiro Creek

**Amazonian (Violaceous) Trogon** *Trogon ramonianus* – Only seen by Tapiche by the pink dolphin site

#### **Alcedinidae: Kingfishers**

**Ringed Kingfisher** *Ceryle torquata* – Seen every day and numerous times per day

**Amazon Kingfisher** *Chloroceryle amazona* – The second most common of the kingfishers we saw and usually low over the water

**Green Kingfisher** *Chloroceryle americana* – We only got to see this kingfisher well enough on three different occasions

**Pygmy Kingfisher** *Chloroceryle aenea* – Seen by one couple on the trip on an early morning coffee on the deck stint

#### **Bucconidae: Puffbirds**

**Black-fronted Nunbird** *Monasa nigrifrons* – Usually seen in pairs perched in trogon-fashion scanning trees for large insects disturbed by monkey troupes

**White-fronted Nunbird** *Monasa Morpheus* – Not nearly as common as the Black-fronted, but still with the characteristic trogon-like foraging technique

**Swallow-winged Puffbird** *Chelidoptera tenebrosa* – Seen well twice as it perched on the tops of trees for long periods of time

#### Galbulidae: Jacamars

**White-eared Jacamar** *Galbalcyrhynchus leucotis* – Usually seen in pairs and very confiding when perched on an exposed branch

#### Capitonidae: Barbets

**Scarlet-crowned Barbet** *Capito aurovirens* – Seen every day and usually in pairs. Very confiding giving us great looks

**Lemon-throated Barbet** *Eubucco richardsoni* – Seen well while dining on our breakfast picnic on the Zapote River

#### Toucans: Ramphastidae

**Chestnut-eared Aracari** *Pteroglossus castanotis* – Best views were of a pair in the treetops during our Babachiro Creek excursion

**Channel-billed Toucan** *Ramphastos vitellinus* – Heard but not seen during our kayak paddle

#### Picidae: Woodpeckers

**Spot-breasted Woodpecker** *Colaptes punctigula* – Seen by those on only one of the boats very early on in our trip

**Chestnut Woodpecker** *Celeus elegans* – Really a stunning woodpecker and great looks on the Yanallpa River

**Cream-colored Woodpecker** *Celeus flavus* – Amazing that such “bright” looking woodpecker can blend in so well

**Lineated Woodpecker** *Dryocopus lineatus* – Seen after our day in Nauta

**Yellow-tufted Woodpecker** *Melanerpes cruentatus* – The first woodpecker of our trip, a pair foraging near the parrot tree

**Crimson-crested Woodpecker** *Campephilus melanoleucos* – Very up close looks as it fed about twenty feet away from us on the Zapote River

#### Falconidae: Falcons & Carcaras

**Bat Falcon** *Falco rufigularis* – Seen perched on a tree top during our ride while others fished for pirhana

**Peregrine Falcon** *Falco peregrinus* – A very dark bird seen on our second morning out

**Black Caracara** *Daptrius ater* – Seen along the Yalapa River perched on a snag in the morning light

**Red-throated Caracara** *Ibycter americanus* – Seen flying as we disembarked at Shaman Maestro Juan’s village

**Yellow-headed Caracara** *Milvago chimachima* – This was the most common raptor on the trip. Seen in pairs and singularly along the river’s edge

#### Psittacidae: Macaws, Parrots & Parakeets – 16 Species!

**Blue and Yellow Macaw** *Ara ararauna* – Not an uncommon species, with our best look at a family group of three preening on a snag in early morning light

**Scarlet Macaw** *Ara macao* – A pair of birds flew across Babachiro Creek as we were heading back to the boat

**Chestnut-fronted Macaw** *Ara severus* – Seen almost every other day, mostly flying overhead and calling

**Red-bellied Macaw** *Orthopsittaca manilata* – This was the most common macaw and our best view was of a large group feeding on tree bark for its mineral content

**White-eyed Parakeet** *Aratinga leucophthalma* – We had a small group associating with the bark-feeding macaws

**Dusky-headed Parakeet** *Aratinga weddellii* – We had several groups of Dusky-headed on our first three days of the trip

**Canary-winged Parakeet (White-winged Parakeet)** *Brotogeris versicolurus* - Numbers of this small parakeet were a daily sight. Probably the most common of the Psittacidae on our trip

**Cobalt-winged Parakeet** *Brotogeris cyanopectus* – The second most common species of this family, and definitely the most confiding

**Tui Parakeet** *Brotogeris sanctithomae* – Seen and/or heard a half-dozen times on our trip

**Short-tailed Parrot** *Graydidascalus brachyurus* – Seen at least four times, but always in flight

**Blue-headed Parrot** *Pionus menstruus* – Second day out on the Yanallpa we had two small groups pass overhead. No mistaking those ultramarine blue

**Festive Parrot** *Amazona festiva* – Seen just about every day and usually in small groups or pairs.

**Yellow-crowned Parrot** *Amazona ochrocephala* – Definitely the biggest of Amazona species, but not the most common

**Orange-winged Parrot** *Amazona amazonica* – The most numerous of the parrots, and we were always alerted by their calls

**Mealy Parrot** *Amazona amazonica* – Seen almost every day and usually around cleared areas in the forest

**Blue-winged Parrotlet** *Forpus xanthopterygus* – Seen in small groups or pairs, mostly on the outskirts of villages or towns

#### Thamnophilidae: Antbirds

**Barred Antshrike** *Thamnophilus doliatus* - A few of us were up early and on the deck where we saw a male foraging in the shrub next to where our boat was tied to shore

**Black-crested Antshrike** *Thamnophilus dol???*us - We had a pair feeding at water level on the Zapote River

**Amazonian Streaked Antwren** *Myrmotherula multostriata* – Only seen by a few as it preferred to stay well hidden

#### Furnariidae: Ovenbirds & Woodcreepers (Dendrocolaptinae)

**Long-billed Woodcreeper** *Nasica longirostris* – Seen four different days and always working a tree

**Buff-throated Woodcreeper** *Xiphorhynchus guttatus* – Seen well by all on Atun Poza

**Strong-billed Woodcreeper** *Decon???*ychura longicauda – Seen by only a few a few on one of the boats

**Pale-legged Hornero** *Furnarius leucopus* – The high water levels made this a difficult bird to find and only those on one boat got to see this species

**Orange-fronted Plushcrown** *Metopothrix aurantiaca* – Good looks at a number of individuals, with the best being a bird that foraged relatively low on the edge of the Great Potoo stream

**Red-and-white Spinetail** *Certhiaxis mustelina* – We got to watch a pair building their nest outside of Requena

**Dark-breasted Spinetail** *Synallaxis albigularis* – Seen fairly well on our ride out to the confluence of the Marañon and Ucayali Rivers

**Parker's Spinetail** *Cranioleuca vulpecula* – Seen very well by one boat on our very first day as it foraged along the flooded edge of the Ucayali River

#### Tyrant Flycatchers: Tyrannidae

**Spotted Tody-Flycatcher** *Todirostrum maculatum* – Seen on three different occasions, but always on just one of the boats. Hopefully all got a look

**Drab Water Tyrant** *Ochthornis littoralis* – This is a well-named bird, but we got to see it at close range, especially when eye to eye in the boats

**White-headed Marsh-Tyrant** *Arundinicola leucocephala* – Two different birds were seen quite well, perching and foraging close to the water's surface

**Lesser Kiskadee** *Pitangus lictor* – Common along the river, especially quieter backwater areas

**Great Kiskadee** *Pitangus sulphuratus* – Very common, seen daily, often heard shouting its namesake cry.

**Boat-billed Flycatcher** *Megarynchus pitangua* – A pair were quite well on our way into the Hoatzin nesting site

**Social Flycatcher** *Myiozetetes similis* – Seen perched Shaman Maestro Juan’s village sign

**Streaked Flycatcher** *Myiodynastes maculatus* – Seen on our first morning as we motored past the Red-bellied Macaws feeding on the tree bark

**Piratic Flycatcher** *Legatus leucophaeus* – Usually seen associating with groups of nesting oropendola and caciques

**Short-crested Flycatcher** *Myiarchus ferox* – We got good views of this species along the riverine forests. It seemed to prefer this habitat over drier areas

**Tropical Kingbird** *Tyrannus melancholicus* – Always present and always in good numbers.

**Eastern Kingbird** *Tyrannus tyrannus* – We saw a few of these and they were always mixed in with the enormous number of migrating Fork-tailed Flycatchers

**Fork-tailed Flycatcher** *Tyrannus savana* – It was prime migration time for this species and on multiple days we had tree loads of this species. At other time larges flocks just moved in unison with the boat as we moved up or down the rivers

#### Cotingidae: Cotingas

**Purple-throated Fruitcrow** *Querula purpurata* – Usually seen flying over and being very vocal. Always heard them before we saw them

**Bare-necked Fruitcrow** *Gymnoderus foetidus* – Never did see a single male of this species, but we did get to see a number of females

**Amazonian Umbrellabird** *Cephalopterus ornatus* – Seen by one boat on our second day in dense forest

**Plum-throated Cotinga** *Cotinga maynana* – A stunning bird, seen three times, with one relatively good look by a few

#### Tityridae: Tityras, Schiffornis & Becards

**Masked Tityra** *Tityra semifasciata* – Seen on three days of the trip, march 23, 24 and 26.

**Black-crowned Tityra** *Tityra inquisitor* – We had one pair, in the little mixed flock we had one morning from the ship’s observation deck, March 25, with tanagers and Orange-fronted Plushcrown.

**Black-tailed Tityra** *Tityra cayana* – Only seen once along the Yanallpa River, but it was a pair of them

#### Hirundinidae: Swallows & Martins

**Brown-chested Martin** *Progne tapera* – A couple of small flocks feeding and perched on cloudy days gave us some very good looks

**Gray-breasted Martin** *Progne chalybea* – This was the more common of the two martins, and seen on five different days

**Southern Rough-winged Swallow** *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis* – Seen everyday, often in small numbers, perching, flying, and feeding

**White-winged Swallow** *Tachycineta albiventer* – Always around us and the most commonly perching swallow. Small perched groups gave us excellent at this sharp looking swallow

**Bank Swallow** *Riparia riparia* – A couple were seen mixed in with flocks of S. Rough-winged

**Barn Swallow** *Hirundo rustica* – Only seen on three days and in very small numbers. Always foraging over the water

#### Troglodytidae: Wrens

**Southern House Wren** *Troglodytes aedon carabayae* – A number of them were singing from rooftops in Nauta, good looks

**Thrush-like Wren** *Campylorhynchus turdinus* – Heard more often than seen, but one boat got very good looks when one was pished out

**Buff-breasted Wren** *Thryothorus leucotis* – Boisterous and heard every day. Seen well on only one day

### Donacobiidae: Donacobuius

**Black-capped Donacobius** *Donacobius atricapilla* – Mostly seen when there was tall, floating/anchored vegetation over flooded areas. A great looking, and inquisitive bird

### Turdidae: Thrushes

**Black-billed Thrush** *Turdus ignobilis* – Only heard, but a wonderful song that stopped everyone from talking

### Thraupidae: Tanagers & Allies

**Red-capped Cardinal** *Paroaria gularis* – Seen most days and always foraging low in branches overhanging the water

**Hooded Tanager** *Nemosia pileata* – This was the more common of the tanagers we encountered (other than Blue-gray and Masked Crimson) on our outings, seen on at least four days

**Masked Crimson Tanager** *Ramphocelus nigrogularis* – A stunning tanager always caught your attention, seen almost daily

**Silver-beaked Tanager** *Ramphocelus carbo* – A male was seen with nesting material and on another day a pair was seen foraging in mixed canopy

**Blue-gray Tanager** *Thraupis episcopus* – Certainly the most commonly seen tanager and on this side of the Andes they were sporting their white wing patch

**Palm Tanager** *Thraupis palmarum* – Seen on two different outings with both sightings in and around villages

**Paradise Tanager** *Tangara chilensis* – Certainly a stunning looking bird and seen three different times, usually high in the canopy .

**Lesson's Seedeater** *Sporophila bouvronides* – Usually very skittish, so looks were not very prolonged

**Lined Seedeater** *Sporophila lineola* – This and the Chestnut-bellied were the two seedeaters we saw the most

**Chestnut-bellied Seedeater** *Sporophila castaneiventris* – A fairly common species in clearings, around villages, and the park in Nauta

**Caqueta Seedeater** *Sporophila murallae* – Quick look by one of the boats

**Bananaquit** *Coereba flaveola Mexicana* – Seen in a couple of flowering trees on our shore leave in Nauta

**Grayish Saltator** *Saltator coerulescens* – Seen on at least three different days with good, long looks

### Emberizidae: Finches & Sparrows

**Yellow-browed Sparrow** *Ammodramus aurifrons* – Seen on a number of days and always at water's edge foraging

### Icteridae: Blackbirds & Orioles

**Oriole Blackbird** *Gymnomystax mexicanus* – Pretty stunning bird and seen on just about everyday of the trip

**Yellow-hooded Blackbird** *Chrysomus icterocephalus* – Usually seen near masses of floating vegetation with best views at Requena

**Velvet-fronted Grackle** *Lamprosar tanagrinus* – Just one sighting of this bird but it was in bright sun and in the open

**Shiny Cowbird** *Molothrus bonariensis* – Seen either solo or in very small flocks on four days

**Giant Cowbird** *Molothrus oryzivorus* – Seen on two different days with Segundo finding both of them

**Orange-backed Troupial** *Icterus croconotus* – Best look was on our second to last day with a bird perched in morning light out in the open

**Solitary Black Cacicque** *Cacicus solitarius* – Juan found this bird as we were tied to shore early on our third day

**Yellow-rumped Cacicque** *Cacicus cela* – Very common and seen multiple times everyday. The alpha male always stole the show

**Russet-backed Oropendola** *Psarocolius angustifrons* – Abundant nest in shoreline trees. Made for easy and good looks



### Fringillidae: Siskins, Goldfinches & Euphonias

**Thick-billed Euphonia** *Euphonia laniirostris* – Seen six different times and usually around the different villages

**White-vented Euphonia** *Euphonia minuta* – Seen only once by one of the boats, but Juan made sure we got to see the bird

## MAMMALS

### Edentata: Sloths

**Brown-throated Three-toed Sloth** *Bradypus variegatus* – Once we figured out how to develop a search image, we saw many every day

### Chiroptera: Bats

**Long-nosed Bat** *Rhynchonycteris naso* – Seen roosting right above the water line on vertical trunks.

**Fishing (or Bulldog) Bat** *Noctilio leporinus* – Seen at very close range the night we were returning from our night outing

**White-lined Sac-winged Bat** *Vampyrops brachycephalus* – Seen on our overland hike on the second to last day

### Primates: Monkeys & Allies

**Pygmy Marmoset** *Cebuella pygmaea* – We saw them on a couple of outings, but the sighting on our final sunset cruise feeding at sap wells was the best

**Saddle-backed Tamarin** *Saguinus fuscicollis* – We had a number of sightings of this active primate. They were very active and constantly feeding

**Night (Owl) Monkey** *Aotus vociferans* – All of us got great looks with four packed into the trunk of a submerged dead tree being the best. We did have other sightings

**Dusky Titi-Monkey** *Callicebus moloch* – Seen twice on our outings, this really is not an easy species to find

**Monk Saki Monkey** *Pithecia hirsute* – Remarkably, this was the second most common species sighted after squirrel monkey

**Brown Capuchin** *Cebus paella* – Only two sightings of this species, as they moved through the river's edge treetops

**White-fronted Capuchin** *Cebus albifrons* – The third most common of the primates during our tour of the upper Amazon

**Equatorial Saki Monkey** *IPithecia aequatorialis* – Not a common monkey for sure and definitely the find in the primate category

**Common Squirrel Monkey** *Saimiri sciureus* – This species lived up to its name, seen quite often, and always fun to see. Usually in large troops and accompanied by Monk Saki monkeys

**Bolivian Squirrel Monkey** *Saimiri boliviensis* – Common and seen on numerous days. Their darker heads made them easy to distinguish from the common squirrel monkey

### Rodentia: Rodents

**Yellow-crowned Brush-Tailed Tree Rat**, *Isothrix bistrata*, we had good views of two or three of these interesting little rodents that sit in tree holes and peering out

### Cetacea: Dolphins

**Pink River Dolphin** *Inia geoffrensis* - Seen almost daily and definitely challenging to photograph. Large nine-foot males were amazingly

**Gray River Dolphin** *Sotalia fluviatilis* – Less common but still seen frequently, especially at the mouths of smaller rivers. Very agile

## REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS

**Caiman Lizard** *Dracaena sp.* This snail-eating lizard was seen a few times, and always in its typical pose, lounging on a stout branch directly over an escape route into the water

**Amazon Green Iguana** *Iguana iguana* – Amazing how such a large lizard was capable of lounging on thick vegetation while blending into the vegetation

**Spectacled (White) Caiman** *Caiman crocodilus* – Seen on our night journey, with one scooped up by Juan for a closer look

**Glass Frog** (sp.) – Small frogs always found in floating mats of vegetation, very common!

**Crested Forest Toad** – seen well on our steamy forest walk

**Polkadot Treefrog** *Hypsiboas punctatus* – Not uncommon and always a treat given their unusual coloration

**Variable Clown Treefrog** *Dendropsophus Triangulum* – This group of frogs has been the centerpiece of evolutionary research and it was great to find them in the floating vegetation mats

**Clown Treefrog** – Giraffe phase *Dendropsophus leucophyllatus* – An easy favorite for many, we had many, and were able to get close-up photos on their floating mats of vegetation

**Red (Orange) – backed Poison Frog** *Ranitomeya reticulata* – Great close-up views of this thumbnail-sized species on our forest hike walk

**Pygmy Hatchet-faced Tree Frog** *Sphaenorhynchus carneus* – Seen in the floating mats of vegetation on our night excursion

**Greater Hatchet-faced Tree Frog** *Sphaenorhynchus lacteus* – Seen along with Pygmy Hatchets in the floating vegetation of quiet rivers.

**Long-nosed Rain Frog** – Also found on our night excursion to search out caimans

**Smoky Jungle Frog** – Only one was found on our daytime forest hike

**Hyla marmorata** – Found only once in the area of the calling Sungrebe

**Common Forest Anole** *Anolis trachyderma* – Seen on several of our jaunts up smaller tributaries.

**Collared Forest Gecko** – Found on our visit to the manatee center

**Western Leaf Lizard** – Another find on our forest walk, an animal with truly remarkable camouflage

**Anaconda** *Eunectes murinus* – A young snake was found wrapped around a vegetated stub right above the water. We got up close looks after its temporary capture

**Amazon Blunt-headed Tree Snake** – Only one but amazing how our boat drivers were able to find these so high up in the tree branches

**Tiger Rat Snake** – We watched from fifteen feet below as one of these moved through the branches

**Giant River Turtle** – Seen poking its head up a couple of times in black water rivers

**Yellow-spotted Turtle** *Podocnemis unifilis* – Seen only in the city pond where rescued species are released, in Nautica

## FISH

Arawana

Silver Piranha

Spotted Piranha

Large-toothed Tambaqui

Pacu Fish

Tetra Fish

Sabana Fish

Silver-hatched Sardine

Armored Fish

Stinger Catfish

Mota Catfish

Walking Catfish

Red-bellied Piranha

Lisa

## A (Very) Short List of LARGE INVERTEBRATES

Leaf-cutter Ant  
Amazonian Fire Ant  
Bullet Ant  
Ichichmi Ants – seen on palms as we motored up the smaller rivers  
Dung Beetle  
Leaf Katydid  
Rainbow Grasshopper  
Armored Millipede  
Nasute Termite  
Wolf Spider  
Pink-toed Tarantula  
Social Spider  
Golden Silk Spider  
Blue Morpho  
Argent Sulphur (many!)  
Caligo (Owl) Butterfly  
Tiger Longwing  
Peacock  
Glasswing  
Julia Butterfly  
Long-tailed Skipper  
Swallow-tailed Moth  
Green Pondhawk  
Amazon Red Darter  
Raspberry Skimmer