



**September 29 – October 8, 2019**  
**Brazil's Pantanal: Jaguars! And More...**  
**w/ Atlantic Forest Extension (Sept 25 – 29)**  
**with Xavier Munoz and Carlos Sanchez, 12 trip participants:**  
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(HO)= Heard Only

(I)=Introduced

(E)=Endemic to Brazil

(AE)=Atlantic Rainforest Endemic

**SUMMARY:** What an amazing tour! We saw a fantastic array of birds, mammals, and reptiles on our route. Avian highlights included Hyacinth Macaw, Toco Toucan, Red-legged Seriema, Agami Heron, Black-banded Owl, Black-capped Piprites, Frilled Coquette, Sungrebe, Scarlet-headed Blackbird, and many more. However, the two birds that captured the imaginations of our group the most were American Pygmy Kingfisher and Capped Heron (out of a total of 24 birds nominated for Best Bird of the Trip).

Mammals played a star role on our route, particularly in the Pantanal where we scored fantastic experiences with Jaguar, Giant Otter, Ocelot, Giant Anteater, and South American Tapir – a mouth watering assemblage of animals on just a relatively short visit! And how can we forget the Brazilian Giant Tortoise at Pousada Alegre or the fantastic *Rothschildia hopfferi* moth we photographed at Hotel do Ype, a spectacular moth endemic to the Atlantic Rainforest? The unique biogeography and isolation of the Atlantic Rainforest and the hyper-productivity of Brazil's Pantanal make for an unbeatable combination! Brazil is a birdwatcher's paradise and a naturalist's dream. Join us next year.

**BIRDS (334 species recorded, of which 15 were heard only):**

**RHEAS: Rheidae (1)**

**Greater Rhea** *Rhea americana*—quite common along the drier northern Transpantaneira Highway, particularly Pousada Piuval and Alegre. It is South America's largest bird!

**TINAMOUS: Tinamidae (2)**

**Undulated Tinamou** *Crypturellus undulatus*—unbeatable views of this secretive species at Pousada Piuval's waterhole in the late afternoon. Heard almost daily throughout the Pantanal.

**Red-winged Tinamou** *Rhynchotus rufescens*—a big surprise seeing this open country tinamou as we were leaving the Pantanal.

#### **SCREAMERS: Anhimidae (1)**

**Southern Screamer** *Chauna torquata*—these large and heavyset waterfowl were common in the southern Transpantaneira Highway and around Porto Jofre.

#### **DUCKS, GEESE AND SWANS: Anatidae (4)**

**White-faced Whistling-Duck** *Dendrocygna bicolor*—a few of these striking ducks at Campos do Jofre on our way to Porto Jofre.

**Black-bellied Whistling-Duck** *Dendrocygna autumnalis*—flocks seen at Pousada Piuval and Campos do Jofre.

**Muscovy Duck** *Cairina moschata*—great views at Pousada Piuval and Alegre.

**Brazilian Teal** *Amazonetta brasiliensis*—a pair of these unusual ducks sitting in a muddy area at Pousada Piuval on one of our safari rides.

#### **GUANS AND CURASSOWS: Cracidae (6)**

**Chaco Chachalaca** *Ortalis canicollis*—common and widespread in the Pantanal where their raucous calls were a constant presence!

**Dusky-legged Guan** *Penelope obscura*—locally common at Itatiaia National Park, where they were particularly tame and numerous around Hotel Ype. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**Chestnut-bellied Guan** *Penelope ochrogaster* (E)—we had great fortune with this Vulnerable species in the Pantanal, obtaining great views at Pousada Alegre, Piuval, and SouthWild.

**Blue-throated Piping-Guan** *Pipile cumanensis*—these large and arboreal guans were very common throughout the Pantanal.

**Red-throated Piping-Guan** *Pipile cujubi*—about equally as common and widespread as the preceding species.

**Bare-faced Curassow** *Crax fasciolata*—these elegant gamebirds were delightfully common and widespread in the Pantanal, a sign of very low hunting pressure.

#### **PIGEONS AND DOVES: Columbidae (10)**

**Rock Pigeon** *Columba livia* (I)—common in towns and cities in Brazil.

**Pale-vented Pigeon** *Patagioenas cayennensis*—this smaller, subtly colorful pigeon was regularly seen throughout the Pantanal.

**Picazuro Pigeon** *Patagioenas picazuro*—fantastic views of this very large pigeon species at Hotel Ype in the Atlantic Rainforest and at the SouthWild Lodge feeders.

**Plumbeous Pigeon** *Patagioenas plumbea*—heard singing and observed a couple of times at Hotel Ype in Itatiaia National Park. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**Ruddy Ground Dove** *Columbina talpacoti*—observed at Pousada Piuval and Alegre, but our best views were at the SouthWild Lodge feeders.

**Scaled Dove** *Columbina squammata*—excellent views of this pretty little dove at the feeders of Pousada Alegre and SouthWild Lodge.

**Picui Ground Dove** *Columbina picui*—observed twice on safari rides along the entrance road at Pousada Alegre.

**Long-tailed Ground Dove** *Uropelia campestris*—these delicately beautiful doves were quite common along the entrance road to Pousada Alegre. One bird seen along the entrance road to SouthWild Pantanal.

**White-tipped Dove** *Leptotila verreauxi*—common and conspicuous in the Pantanal.

**Eared Dove** *Zenaida auriculata*—a few at the feeders of SouthWild Pantanal Lodge.

### **CUCKOOS AND ALLIES: Cuculidae (6)**

**Guira Cuckoo** *Guira guira*—nice views of this unusual bird at Pousada Piuval (right around the lodge itself!) and Alegre.

**Greater Ani** *Crotophaga major*—single birds at Pousada Piuval and Alegre, vicinity of Porto Jofre, and SouthWild Pantanal Lodge.

**Smooth-billed Ani** *Crotophaga ani*—common and widespread in the Pantanal.

**Striped Cuckoo** *Tapera naevia*—great views from the boat of one singing at the top of a tree by the Cuiaba River.

**Little Cuckoo** *Coccyua minuta*—a pair of these furtive cuckoos showed well from the boat along the Cuiaba River.

**Squirrel Cuckoo** *Piaya cayana*—we saw this widespread and attractive species at Hotel do Ype in Itatiaia National Park, Pousada Piuval, and Pousada Alegre.

### **NIGHTJARS: Caprimulgidae (5)**

**Short-tailed Nighthawk** *Lurocalis semitorquatus*—one flying at close range for a small group of early risers just outside Hotel do Ype in Itatiaia National Park – super cool! [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**Band-tailed Nighthawk** *Nyctiprogne leucopyga*—common over the Cuiaba and Pixaim Rivers at dusk.

**Common Pauraque** *Nyctidromus albicollis*—common and widespread by voice in the Pantanal with a few individuals seen well in the spotlight.

**Little Nightjar** *Setopagis parvula (HO)*—heard singing from the Ocelot hide at SouthWild Pantanal Lodge.

**Spot-tailed Nightjar** *Hydropsalis maculicaudus*—one seen in the spotlight at Pousada Alegre with many more heard (whistled notes) just outside SouthWild Pantanal Lodge.

### **POTOOS: Nyctibiidae (1)**

**Great Potoo** *Nyctibius grandis*—roosting birds seen at Pousada Alegre and along the Cuiaba River near Porto Jofre. Two birds in the spotlight at Pousada Alegre.

### **SWIFTS: Apodidae (3)**

**Sooty Swift** *Cypseloides fumigatus (AE)*—several of these medium-sized swifts observed hunting high over Hotel do Ype in the Atlantic Rainforest. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**White-collared Swift** *Streptoprocne zonaris*—a squadron of these large, boomerang-like swifts overhead on one day at Hotel do Ype. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**Sick's Swift** *Chaetura meridionalis*—common overhead at Hotel do Ype in Itatiaia National Park, where they are a summer breeding resident that migrates elsewhere during the Brazilian 'winter'. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

### **HUMMINGBIRDS: Trochilidae (10)**

**Black Jacobin** *Florisuga fusca (AE)*—one of the more common and distinctive hummingbirds of the Atlantic Rainforest, seen well at the feeders at Hotel do Ype. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**Scale-throated Hermit** *Phaethornis eurynome* (AE)—a single bird visited the feeders intermittently at Hotel do Ype. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**Black-eared Fairy** *Heliostyris auritus*—brief views of this elegant hummingbird with bright white outer tail feathers along the road above Hotel do Ype. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**Frisled Coquette** *Lophornis magnificus* (E)—pretty little male seen well on the roadside above Hotel do Ype and another seen at Hotel Donati. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**Brazilian Ruby** *Clytolaema rubricauda* (E)—a close relative of the brilliants of the Andes and southern Central America, this Brazilian endemic was the most common hummingbird at the Hotel do Ype feeders. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**Violet-capped Woodnymph** *Thalurania glaucopis*—this elegant hummingbird was common at the Hotel do Ype feeders, second in numbers only to the Brazilian Ruby. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**White-throated Hummingbird** *Leucochloris albicollis*—regular at the feeders at Hotel do Ype. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**Versicolored Emerald** *Amazilia versicolor*—one or two birds were regular at the feeders at Hotel do Ype, usually late in the afternoon. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**Glittering-throated Emerald** *Amazilia fimbriata*—this pretty little hummingbird was the default member of its family in the Pantanal, where we saw it daily.

**Gilded Hummingbird** *Hylocharis chrysura*—one of these red-billed hummingbirds showed well from the boat along the Cuiaba River.

#### **RAILS, CRAKES AND ALLIES: Rallidae (4)**

**Ash-throated Crake** *Mustelirallus albicollis* (HO)—we heard the rolling calls of this secretive bird in the Campos do Jofre and the entrance road to SouthWild Pantanal on our final morning.

**Gray-cowled Wood-Rail** *Aramides cajaneus*—we saw this large and conspicuous rail daily while in the Pantanal, even coming to fruit and seed feeders.

**Slaty-breasted Wood-Rail** *Aramides saracura* (AE)—nice views of this close relative of the preceding species at Hotel do Ype and Hotel Donati. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**Common Gallinule** *Gallinula galeata*—quite a few paddling about in the large lake behind the Graal Alemao market en route to Itatiaia. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

#### **FINFOOTS AND SUNGREBE: Heliornithidae (1)**

**Sungrebe** *Heliornis fulica*—our group had very good luck with this species! Multiples seen along the Cuiaba River while searching for Jaguars and along the Pixaim River boat trip out of SouthWild.

#### **LIMPKIN: Aramidae (1)**

**Limpkin** *Aramus guarauna*—distant individuals at the Graal Alemao market en route to Itatiaia. Large concentrations of this apple snail-eating specialist throughout the Pantanal, where we saw it on a daily basis.

#### **PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS: Charadriidae (3)**

**Pied Lapwing** *Vanellus cayanus*—fantastic views of this extremely handsome shorebird along the Cuiaba River while searching (and looking at Jaguars!).

**Southern Lapwing** *Vanellus chilensis*—very common and widespread throughout our route in Brazil.

**Collared Plover** *Charadrius collaris*—this uncommon little plover performed well for us on the Cuiaba River while we were watching a Jaguar.

### **JACANAS: Jacanidae (1)**

**Wattled Jacana** *Jacana jacana*—common and very conspicuous in the Pantanal, often showing their vibrant yellow underwings when flushed.

### **SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES: Scolopacidae (2)**

**Solitary Sandpiper** *Tringa solitaria*—a few individuals observed at lonely, drying puddles at Pousada Piuval and Alegre – a winter visitor to Brazil.

**Lesser Yellowlegs** *Tringa flavipes*—one individual seen by some at a puddle at Pousada Piuval – a winter visitor to Brazil.

### **GULLS AND TERNS: Laridae (3)**

**Yellow-billed Tern** *Sternula superciliaris*—small numbers of this tiny tern flying up and down the Cuiaba River near Porto Jofre. Very similar in appearance to Least Tern.

**Large-billed Tern** *Phaetusa simplex*—we saw this large and unmistakable tern at Pousada Piuval and Alegre, Campos do Jofre, and SouthWild Pantanal Lodge.

**Black Skimmer** *Rhynchops niger*—small numbers daily along the Cuiaba River near Porto Jofre.

### **SUNBITTERN: Eurypygidae (1)**

**Sunbittern** *Eurypyga helias*—very common in the northern half of the Transpantaneira Highway, with especially good views on the Pixaim River near SouthWild. It is here that we saw a spectacular territorial display between three birds.

### **STORKS: Ciconiidae (2)**

**Jabiru** *Jabiru mycteria*—The tallest flying bird in South America, and the one with the second longest wingspan on the continent. We saw this species daily throughout the Pantanal, a testament to the high productivity of this habitat which is needed to support large populations of this species.

**Wood Stork** *Mycteria americana*—seen almost daily in the Pantanal but not as numerous as the preceding species (which is maybe only half the size, even though it is a large bird!).

### **ANHINGAS: Anhingidae (1)**

**Anhinga** *Anhinga anhinga*—seen along the Cuiaba and Pixaim River, where the deeper water allowed for good hunting opportunities.

### **CORMORANTS: Phalacrocoracidae (1)**

**Neotropic Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax brasilianus*—seen almost daily in the Pantanal, especially along deeper rivers.

### **HERONS AND EGRETS: Ardeidae (12)**

**Rufescent Tiger-Heron** *Tigrisoma lineatum*—this beautifully patterned heron was delightfully abundant in the Pantanal, where we saw it daily.

**Cocoi Heron** *Ardea cocoi*—the South American version of Great Blue Heron was very common and numerous in the Pantanal. We had a great encounter on the Cuiaba River of one spearing and eating a catfish.

**Great Egret** *Ardea alba*—common and widespread in the Pantanal.

**Snowy Egret** *Egretta thula*—common and widespread in the Pantanal.

**Little Blue Heron** *Egretta caerulea*—an uncommon heron in the Pantanal, with singles seen at Piuval and SouthWild.

**Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus ibis*—common and widespread in the Pantanal and in open agricultural fields outside of Itatiaia National Park in the southeast.

**Striated Heron** *Butorides striatus*—very similar in appearance to Green Heron, very common and widespread in the Pantanal.

**Agami Heron** *Agamia agami*—this elegant heron performed beautifully for us along the Pixaim River, our only encounter of this uncommon species on this tour.

**Whistling Heron** *Syrigma sibilatrix*—unusual among herons in that it prefers to hunt in dry fields much like a Cattle Egret, common only at Pousada Piuval and Alegre.

**Capped Heron** *Pilherodias pileatus*—this immaculate and sublimely beautiful heron occurs at lower densities in the Pantanal than most of the other species, but we still saw a few almost every day. **VOTED AS ONE OF THE TOP BIRDS OF THE TRIP!**

**Black-crowned Night-Heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax*—small numbers of this cosmopolitan nocturnal heron along the Cuiaba River.

**Boat-billed Heron** *Cochlearius cochlearius*—we spotlighted this almost comical-looking nocturnal heron at Pousada Alegre while looking for tapirs.

### **IBIS AND SPOONBILLS: Threskiornithidae (5)**

**Green Ibis** *Mesembrinibis cayennensis*—common and widespread in the Pantanal, often occurring in pairs.

**Bare-faced Ibis** *Phimosus infuscatus*—an adaptable ibis, seen at lower densities than usual on this tour. We saw it only at Pousada Piuval at seasonal, rapidly drying pools.

**Plumbeous Ibis** *Theristicus caerulescens*—these large and stocky ibis were common in the northern Transpantaneira Highway sites – Pousada Piuval and Alegre.

**Buff-necked Ibis** *Theristicus caudatus*—this boldly patterned ibis was common at Pousada Piuval and Alegre. A pair of these birds was regular on the grounds of SouthWild Pantanal Lodge in the early morning.

**Roseate Spoonbill** *Platalea ajaja*—a single flyover bird at Pousada Piuval and another mixed in with whistling-ducks at the Campos do Jofre wetlands en route to the Cuiaba River.

### **NEW WORLD VULTURES: Cathartidae (3)**

**Black Vulture** *Coragyps atratus*—very common in Brazil.

**Turkey Vulture** *Cathartes aura*—uncommon in the Pantanal of Brazil, but we managed to see a few individuals by scanning through vulture flocks there.

**Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture** *Cathartes burrovianus*—more numerous than Turkey Vulture in the Pantanal, seen almost daily.

### **OSPREY: Pandionidae (1)**

**Osprey** *Pandion haliaetus*—one migratory bird observed on the Cuiaba River while looking for Jaguars.

### **HAWKS, KITES AND EAGLES: Accipitridae (11)**

**White-tailed Kite** *Elanus leucurus*—pair observed by some trip participants along the Cuiaba River, hunting over an open field near a cattle ranch.

**Black Hawk-Eagle** *Spizaetus tyrannus*—one bird seen soaring overhead along the Agulhas Negras Road, the road that accesses the upper elevations of Itatiaia National Park. **EXTENSION ONLY**

**Black-collared Hawk** *Busarellus nigricollis*—this fish-eating specialist was pleasantly common and conspicuous in the Pantanal, where we saw it daily.

**Snail Kite** *Rostrhamus sociabilis*—this fish-eating specialist was very numerous behind the Graal Alemão en route to Itatiaia National Park; also seen on the last day while traveling back to the city of Cuiabá. Normally, this species is very numerous in the Pantanal but the drier conditions had forced most individuals to hunt elsewhere – a species very dependent on water levels for hunting its favored food item.

**Plumbeous Kite** *Ictinia plumbea*—one of these migratory kites flew overhead one late afternoon along the Cuiabá River.

**Crane Hawk** *Geranospiza caerulescens*—our best views of this striking raptor were along the Cuiabá River, where we got to see one inspect and pillage cacique nests for their nestlings. Their double-jointed legs allow them to reach into nests to pull out nestlings and small adult birds.

**Savanna Hawk** *Buteogallus meridionalis*—widespread and striking raptor with distinctive cinnamon plumage, seen daily in the Pantanal.

**Great Black Hawk** *Buteogallus urubitinga*—we saw this large raptor daily while birding in the Pantanal.

**Roadside Hawk** *Rupornis magnirostris*—seen almost daily in the Pantanal, a sit and wait predator that hunts mostly for frogs and small reptiles.

**White-tailed Hawk** *Geranoaetus albicaudatus*—seen by some while en route to Itatiaia National Park, perched on a utility pole. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**Short-tailed Hawk** *Buteo brachyurus*—one dark morph individual observed soaring overhead at the Agulhas Negras Road above Itatiaia. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

### **OWLS: Strigidae (6)**

**Tropical Screech-Owl** *Megascops choliba*—several trip participants got to see this small owl on the second night at the Ocelot blind at SouthWild Pantanal Lodge.

**Tawny-browed Owl** *Pulsatrix koenigswaldiana* (**AE**)—incredible views of this Atlantic Rainforest endemic right on the grounds of Hotel do Ype. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**Great Horned Owl** *Bubo virginianus*—seen at a day roost near an abandoned building at Campos do Jofre. It is incredible to think that this is the same species that occurs in the United States and Canada.

**Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl** *Glaucidium brasilianum*—a familiar sound in the early mornings and evenings in the forested areas of the Pantanal. We saw these professional bird-hunters at Pousada Piuval and Alegre.

**Burrowing Owl** *Athene cunicularia*—seen in the field where we also located two Giant Anteaters at Pousada Piuval.

**Black-banded Owl** *Ciccaba huhula*—seen at a stakeout at Pousada Piuval in the early evening – a very rare and local species in the northern Pantanal.

### **TROGONS: Trogonidae (2)**

**Blue-crowned Trogon** *Trogon curucui*—seen twice along the Cuiabá River's gallery forest near Porto Jofre.

**Surucua Trogon** *Trogon surrucura*—seen a few times at Hotel do Ype and on the Agulhas Negras Road. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

### **MOTMOTS: Momotidae (2)**

**Amazonian Motmot** *Momotus momota* (**HO**)—we heard the distinctive calls of this species in the gallery forest trail at SouthWild Pantanal Lodge.

**Rufous-capped Motmot** *Baryphthengus ruficapillus* (AE)—we saw this beautiful Atlantic Rainforest endemic right behind one of the cabins at Hotel do Ype! Unlike most motmots, it lacks the obvious tail rackets. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

#### **KINGFISHERS: Alcedinidae (4)**

**Ringed Kingfisher** *Megaceryle torquata*—we saw this largest of American kingfishers daily in the Pantanal.

**Amazon Kingfisher** *Chloroceryle amazona*—common and conspicuous in the Pantanal.

**American Pygmy Kingfisher** *Chloroceryle aenea*—our group had several great experiences with this species, including sightings at Campos do Jofre and SouthWild Pantanal Lodge. **VOTED AS ONE OF THE BIRDS OF THE TRIP!**

**Green Kingfisher** *Chloroceryle americana*—seen at Pousada Piuval, SouthWild Lodge, and along the Cuiaba River near Porto Jofre.

#### **PUFFBIRDS: Bucconidae (1)**

**Black-fronted Nunbird** *Monasa nigrifrons*—common inhabitant of seasonal dry forest and gallery forest throughout the Pantanal.

#### **JACAMARS: Galbulidae (1)**

**Rufous-tailed Jacamar** *Galbula ruficauda*—great views of this iridescent tropical species on the Cuiaba River and at SouthWild.

#### **TOUCANS: Ramphastidae (4)**

**Saffron Toucanet** *Pteroglossus bailloni* (AE)—these unique and attractive toucans were attending the feeders at Hotel do Ype during the extension – spectacular! [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**Chestnut-eared Aracari** *Pteroglossus castanotis*—our best views were at the Pousada Alegre feeders, where they were coming down low to eat bananas.

**Toco Toucan** *Ramphastos toco*—the largest of all the species of toucan, seen almost daily while in the Pantanal and also seen at Tiete Ecological Park in urban Sao Paulo.

**Red-breasted Toucan** *Ramphastos dicolorus* (AE)—quite common on the grounds of Hotel do Ype, a colorful and attractive large toucan of southeast Brazil. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

#### **WOODPECKERS: Picidae (14)**

**White-barred Piculet** *Picumnus cirratus*—seen well on the grounds of Hotel do Ype. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**White Woodpecker** *Melanerpes candidus* (HO)—heard only at Pousada Alegre, unfortunately did not cooperate for views.

**White-fronted Woodpecker** *Melanerpes cactorum*—very rare and local in the Pantanal, we were fortunate to see a pair of these small woodpeckers at Pousada Piuval.

**White-spotted Woodpecker** *Dryobates spilogaster*—our best views were on the Agulhas Negras Road above Itatiaia National Park. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**Little Woodpecker** *Dryobates passerinus*—seen at Pousada Alegre and another seen with a mixed feeding flock along the Cuiaba River.

**Robust Woodpecker** *Campephilus robustus* (AE)—seen briefly on the grounds of Hotel do Ype, the largest woodpecker species of the Atlantic Rainforest ecoregion.

**Crimson-crested Woodpecker** *Campephilus melanoleucos*—we saw this largest of Pantanal woodpeckers twice at Pousada Alegre.

**Lineated Woodpecker** *Dryocopus lineatus*—seen on the grounds of Hotel do Ype and heard drumming at Pousada Alegre in the late afternoon. A distinctive woodpecker closely related to the Pileated Woodpecker of temperate North America.

**Cream-colored Woodpecker** *Celeus flavus*—great views of this uncommon woodpecker of gallery forests that stretch along the shores of the Cuiaba River.

**Pale-crested Woodpecker** *Celeus lugubris*—our best views were at the observation tower at Pousada Piuval, where we got eye-level views of this regional specialty.

**Blond-crested Woodpecker** *Celeus flavescens*—seen once at Tiete Ecological Park in urban Sao Paulo, a spectacular woodpecker of the Atlantic Rainforest. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**White-browed Woodpecker** *Piculus aurulentus* (AE)—seen by some trip participants behind one of the cabins at Hotel do Ype. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**Green-barred Woodpecker** *Colaptes melanochloros*—we saw this attractive woodpecker at Pousada Alegre and Hotel do Ype. Our best views were at SouthWild, where one was feeding in a tree right by the lodge's restaurant.

**Campo Flicker** *Colaptes campestris*—a spectacular woodpecker of open country, observed in the upper elevations of the Agulhas Negras Road and at Pousada Piuval. Often feeds on the ground.

### **SERIEMAS: Cariamidae (1)**

**Red-legged Seriema** *Cariama cristata*—we saw this unmistakable and leggy hunter of open terrain at Pousada Piuval.

### **FALCONS AND CARACARAS: Falconidae (3)**

**Southern Caracara** *Caracara plancus*—we saw this scavenger quite often throughout Brazil.

**Yellow-headed Caracara** *Milvago chimachima*—seen once at Pousada Piuval.

**Bat Falcon** *Falco ruficularis*—one zipped by the safari truck at Pousada Piuval.

### **PARROTS: Psittacidae (12)**

**Monk Parakeet** *Myiopsitta monachus*—these unique little parakeets were a constant presence in the Pantanal. They are the only stick nesting parrot species in the world and often use the basement of Jabiru nests for this purpose!

**Yellow-chevroned Parakeet** *Brotogeris chiriri*—a common and ubiquitous parakeet in the Pantanal.

**Scaly-headed Parrot** *Pionus maximiliani*—seen rather often on the grounds of Hotel do Ype, including several perched in the bare trees behind the restaurant. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**Turquoise-fronted Parrot** *Amazona aestiva*—seen almost daily in the Pantanal, usually as flyover pairs commuting to their feeding or roosting sites.

**Blue-winged Parrotlet** *Forpus xanthopterygius*—amazing views of this diminutive parrots behind the Graal Alemão on a brief stop en route to Itatiaia National Park. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**Maroon-bellied Parakeet** *Pyrhura frontalis* (AE)—small flocks were regular in the bare trees behind the restaurant at Hotel do Ype. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**Hyacinth Macaw** *Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus*—the largest flying parrot species in the world! We saw this absolutely spectacular macaw daily at Pousada Piuval, Alegre, and SouthWild.

**Peach-fronted Parakeet** *Eupsittula aurea*—nice views at both SouthWild and Pousada Piuval.

**Blue-winged Macaw** *Primolius maracana*—seen regularly in flight at Hotel do Ype, but we managed to see them perched a couple of times during our stay. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**Blue-and-yellow Macaw** *Ara ararauna*—one semi-tame individual nesting in a tree on the Pousada Piuval grounds.

**Blue-crowned Parakeet** *Thectocercus acuticaudatus*—a few trip participants saw this uncommon species at Pousada Piuval, but our best views were along the entrance road to SouthWild.

**White-eyed Parakeet** *Psittacara leucophthalmus*—unusually uncommon during our time in Brazil, we saw this widespread species only three times: Agulhas Negras Road, behind the Graal Alemão, and Pousada Piuval.

### **ANTBIRDS: Thamnophilidae (13)**

**Great Antshrike** *Taraba major*—often heard but seen only on our boardwalk excursion at Pousada Alegre.

**Barred Antshrike** *Thamnophilus doliatus*—nice views of a male perched at the top of a bush while birding at the Campos do Jofre.

**Variable Antshrike** *Thamnophilus caerulescens*—a pair observed at the Agulhas Negras Road.

#### **EXTENSION ONLY**

**Star-throated Antwren** *Rhopias gularis* (E)—seen a couple of times while doing some roadside birding above Hotel do Ype – a boldly patterned and striking little antbird. **EXTENSION ONLY**

**Spot-breasted Antwren** *Dysithamnus stictothorax* (AE)—seen briefly on the grounds of Hotel do Ype.

#### **EXTENSION ONLY**

**Plain Antwren** *Dysithamnus mentalis*—seen quite well by the group on the grounds of Hotel do Ype.

#### **EXTENSION ONLY**

**Large-billed Antwren** *Herpsilochmus longirostris*—seen from the observation tower at Pousada Piuval.

**Rusty-backed Antwren** *Formicivora rufa*—we saw this strikingly patterned antwren along the entrance road to SouthWild Pantanal on our final morning.

**Ferruginous Antbird** *Drymophila ferruginea* (E)—we saw this striking species while birding the roadside above Hotel do Ype. **EXTENSION ONLY**

**Ochre-rumped Antbird** *Drymophila ochropyga* (E)—another striking Atlantic Rainforest antbird, seen along the roadside above Hotel do Ype. **EXTENSION ONLY**

**Mato Grosso Antbird** *Cercomacra melanaria*—a common bird by voice in the Pantanal, we got to appreciate its physical appearance along the Pixaim River on a boat trip.

**White-shouldered Fire-eye** *Pyriglena leucoptera* (AE)—great views of this antbird and its strikingly red eye along the roadside below Hotel do Ype. **EXTENSION ONLY**

**White-bibbed Antbird** *Myrmoderus loricatus* (E) (HO)—heard quite well along the roadside below Hotel do Ype, but we did not manage to lure this species out for views. **EXTENSION ONLY**

### **GNATEATERS: Conopophagidae (1)**

**Rufous Gnateater** *Conopophaga lineata*—nice views of this plump little bird along the roadside below Hotel do Ype. **EXTENSION ONLY**

### **TAPACULOS: Rhinocryptidae (2)**

**Slaty Bristlefront** *Merulaxis ater* (E)—brief views by some trip participants in the lower corner of a bush at Hotel Donati one afternoon. **EXTENSION ONLY**

**Mouse-colored Tapaculo** *Scytalopus speluncae* (AE) (HO)—heard to within mere feet along the roadside at Agulhas Negras Road – a proverbial feathered mouse that is very difficult to see. **EXTENSION ONLY**

### **ANTTHRUSHES: Formicariidae (1)**

**Rufous-tailed Antthrush** *Chamaeza ruficauda* (E) (HO)—we heard its bizarre ascending call at Agulhas Negras Road. **EXTENSION ONLY**

## **OVENBIRDS AND WOODCREEPERS: Furnariidae (27)**

**Olivaceous Woodcreeper** *Sittasomus griseicapillus*—we saw this smallest of woodcreepers a couple times at Hotel do Ype and once along the gallery forest trail at SouthWild Pantanal.

**White-throated Woodcreeper** *Xiphocolaptes albicollis* (AE)—great views of this large Atlantic Rainforest woodcreeper on the grounds of Hotel do Ype, probing the insides of palms and bromeliads for tasty morsels. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**Great Rufous Woodcreeper** *Xiphocolaptes major*—we saw this impressively large woodcreeper quite well at Pousada Piuval while we were searching for White-fronted Woodpecker.

**Lesser Woodcreeper** *Xiphorhynchus fuscus* (AE)—only one observed during our stay at Hotel do Ype in Itatiaia National Park. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**Buff-throated Woodcreeper** *Xiphorhynchus guttatus*—one calling bird observed briefly in the gallery forest trail at SouthWild Lodge.

**Red-billed Scythebill** *Campylorhamphus trochilirostris* (HO)—heard from the feeders at Pousada Alegre on our first morning there, but we never managed good views of it.

**Narrow-billed Woodcreeper** *Lepidocolaptes angustirostris*—our best views were at SouthWild Pantanal Lodge, where a pair was regular immediately around the lodge buildings – the most adaptable and widespread woodcreeper in this part of Brazil.

**Scaled Woodcreeper** *Lepidocolaptes squamatus* (E)—a pair seen along the Agulhas Negras Road high up in the trees, and another individual at Hotel do Ype. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**Streaked Xenops** *Xenops rutilans*—nice views of one feeding right over the road above Hotel do Ype on one of our mornings there – feeds almost like a miniature brown nuthatch. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**Pale-legged Hornero** *Furnarius leucopus*—great views of this pretty hornero along both the Cuiaba and Pixaim Rivers. We even witnessed one bird nesting in a bush right above some Giant Otters!

**Rufous Hornero** *Furnarius rufus*—conspicuous and numerous throughout the Pantanal. This species is the national bird of Argentina!

**Sharp-billed Treehunter** *Heliobletus contaminatus* (AE)—one feeding high up in an Araucaria tree along the Agulhas Negras Road while watching a mixed feeding flock. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner** *Philydor rufum*—seen well on the Agulhas Negras Road. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**Buff-browed Foliage-gleaner** *Syndactyla rufosuperciliata*—we saw this small and compact foliage gleaner twice: once on the Agulhas Negras Road and another at Hotel do Ype. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**Araucaria Tit-Spintail** *Leptasthenura setaria* (AE)—fleeting glimpses of this species on the Agulhas Negras Road. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**Rufous-fronted Thornbird** *Phacellodomus rufifrons*—seen only on the entrance road to SouthWild Pantanal, where it was quite common.

**Greater Thornbird** *Phacellodomus ruber*—a rather secretive species that was more commonly heard than seen, although we did manage good views from the safari truck at Pousada Alegre. Their messy ‘pile of sticks’ stick nests were a common sight in the Pantanal.

**Orange-eyed Thornbird** *Phacellodomus erythrophthalmus* (E)—nice views of this uncommon thornbird of the Atlantic Rainforest ecoregion right below Hotel do Ype. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**Itatiaia Spintail** *Asthenes moreirae* (E)—we saw this species right after our picnic lunch on the edge of a clearing, sneaking about in a line of bushes above treeline. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**Rusty-backed Spintail** *Cranioleuca vulpina*—seen very well along the Cuiaba River in mature gallery forest. This spintail dwells in the tree canopy rather than in thick shrubbery or undergrowth.

**Pallid Spintail** *Cranioleuca pallida* (E)—one of these arboreal spintails on the Agulhas Negras Road. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**Rufous Cacholote** *Pseudoseisura unirufa*—we saw these cool birds at Pousada Piuval, SouthWild, and along the Cuiaba River.

**Yellow-chinned Spinetail** *Certhiaxis cinnamomeus*—nice views of these wetland spinetails at Pousada Piuval and along the Cuiaba River, usually by semi-aquatic vegetation.

**Chotoy Spinetail** *Schoeniophylax phryganophilus*—great views of one perched on an open branch (!) at Campos do Jofre and another on the entrance road to SouthWild. The color pattern is vaguely reminiscent of the Dickcissel of North America.

**White-lored Spinetail** *Synallaxis albilora*—seen at Pousada Alegre and SouthWild Lodge, a regional endemic and Pantanal specialty.

**Rufous-capped Spinetail** *Synallaxis ruficapilla* (AE)—rather common along the roadside above Hotel do Ype, where we saw three individuals in one morning. Arguably, the most colorful spinetail of the trip!

#### EXTENSION ONLY

**Cinereous-breasted Spinetail** *Synallaxis hypospodia*—one perched up on a shrubby bush for the entire group while searching for Jaguars on the Cuiaba River.

#### MANAKINS: Pipridae (2)

**Helmeted Manakin** *Antilophia galeata*—the group obtained great views of a female in the gallery forest of SouthWild Pantanal Lodge but all too brief views of the splendid male.

**Swallow-tailed Manakin** *Chiroxiphia caudata* (AE)—fabulous views of both male and female individuals along the roadside above Hotel do Ype! EXTENSION ONLY

#### COTINGAS AND ALLIES: Cotingidae (3)

**Red-ruffed Fruitcrow** *Pyroderus sutatus* (HO)—we heard the deep, hollow calls of this species along the Agulhas Negras Road. EXTENSION ONLY

**Black-and-gold Cotinga** *Tijuca atra* (E) (HO)—we heard the high whistled notes of this striking cotinga on the Agulhas Negras Road. EXTENSION ONLY

**Bare-throated Bellbird** *Procnias nudicollis* (AE) (HO)—we heard the bizarre 'honk' of this species above Hotel do Ype one morning. EXTENSION ONLY

#### BECARDS AND TITYRAS: Tityridae (4)

**Black-tailed Tityra** *Tityra cayana*—our group had great luck with this usually uncommon bird, seeing it at both Pousada Alegre and along the Cuiaba River on our tour.

**Black-crowned Tityra** *Tityra inquisitor*—nice views at Pousada Piuval of a pair while searching for the White-fronted Woodpeckers.

**Green-backed Becard** *Pachyramphus viridis*—we discovered a pair nesting on the entrance road to SouthWild Lodge – a fantastic surprise!

**Chestnut-crowned Becard** *Pachyramphus castaneus*—pair seen in a tree in front of the Hotel do Ype restaurant on our first afternoon. EXTENSION ONLY

#### SHARPBILL AND ALLIES: Oxyruncidae (1)

**Black-tailed Flycatcher** *Myiobius atricaudus*—this redstart-behaving flycatcher performed nicely for us along the road above Hotel do Ype. EXTENSION ONLY

#### TYRANT FLYCATCHERS: Tyrannidae (45)

**Black-capped Piprites** *Piprites pileata* (AE)—incredible views of a pair gathering nesting material and taking it to a hidden nest along the Agulhas Negras Road, a behavior witnessed only a handful of times

by human observers – a rare and poorly known species of upper elevations in southeast Brazil.

**EXTENSION ONLY**

**Gray-hooded Flycatcher** *Mionectes rufiventris* (AE)—we saw this understory flycatcher along the road above Hotel do Ype. **EXTENSION ONLY**

**Sepia-capped Flycatcher** *Leptopogon amaurocephalus*—observed only along the lower elevations of the Agulhas Negra Road. **EXTENSION ONLY**

**Mottle-cheeked Tyrannulet** *Phylloscartes ventralis*—observed along the Agulhas Negras Road a couple of times. **EXTENSION ONLY**

**Serra do Mar Tyrannulet** *Phylloscartes difficilis* (E)—vaguely reminiscent of a fall plumage Chestnut-sided Warbler, seen once on the Agulhas Negras Road. **EXTENSION ONLY**

**Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant** *Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer*—we saw this diminutive flycatcher quite well in shrubby growth at SouthWild.

**Ochre-faced Tody-Flycatcher** *Poecilotriccus plumbeiceps*—seen well along the road below Hotel do Ype. **EXTENSION ONLY**

**Rusty-fronted Tody-Flycatcher** *Poecilotriccus latirostris*—seen only twice on the tour: once at Pousada Alegre and another at SouthWild.

**Gray-headed Tody-Flycatcher** *Todirostrum poliocephalum* (E)—seen along the Agulhas Negras Road and Hotel do Ype. **EXTENSION ONLY**

**Common Tody-Flycatcher** *Todirostrum cinereum*—small numbers in the Pantanal, particularly along the Cuiaba River in riverside vegetation.

**Yellow-olive Flycatcher** *Tolmomyias sulphurescens*—seen at Hotel do Ype and SouthWild, represented at each location by very different looking subspecies.

**Cliff Flycatcher** *Hirundinea ferruginea*—one individual living on the roof at Hotel do Ype, our only one of the trip. **EXTENSION ONLY**

**Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet** *Camptostoma obsoletum*—seen once at Hotel do Ype and daily in the low scrub at SouthWild Pantanal.

**Subtropical Doradito** *Pseudocolopteryx acutipennis*—an unobtrusive and rare flycatcher in the Pantanal, so we were very fortunate to see one in the floating vegetation along the Cuiaba River.

**White-crested Tyrannulet** *Serpophaga subcristata*—one individual observed at close range in the Araucaria forest section of the Agulhas Negras Road. **EXTENSION ONLY**

**Rough-legged Tyrannulet** *Phyllomyias burmeisteri*—one along the road near Hotel do Ype in Itatiaia National Park. **EXTENSION ONLY**

**Planalto Tyrannulet** *Phyllomyias fasciatus*—three individuals seen in the tree canopy on the Agulhas Negras Road. **EXTENSION ONLY**

**Plain Tyrannulet** *Inezia inornata*—one seen well in a mixed feeding flock at Pousada Piuval.

**Euler's Flycatcher** *Lathrotriccus euleri*—one seen in the dark undergrowth below Hotel do Ype, quite similar in appearance to the following species but lacking the pale supercilium. **EXTENSION ONLY**

**Fuscous Flycatcher** *Cnemotriccus fuscatus*—seen quite well in the undergrowth of the gallery forest at SouthWild Lodge.

**Vermilion Flycatcher** *Pyrocephalus rubinus*—one of these vibrantly colored flycatchers at Pousada Alegre.

**Velvety Black-Tyrant** *Knipolegus nigerrimus* (E)—our first one was a distant bird on top of the abandoned hotel at Itatiaia National Park. We saw a second bird right on the grounds of Hotel do Ype on our final morning in the Atlantic Rainforest. **EXTENSION ONLY**

**Blue-billed Black-Tyrant** *Knipolegus cyanirostris*—several striped females and a single male while birding the Agulhas Negras Road. **EXTENSION ONLY**

**Yellow-browed Tyrant** *Satrapa icterophrys*—one of these colorful flycatchers was a nice surprise at the Graal Alemão en route to Itatiaia National Park. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**White-rumped Monjita** *Xolmis velatus*—a lovely black and white flycatcher of open grassland and savannah, observed at Pousada Piuval and SouthWild Pantanal. The common name ‘monjita’ means little nun.

**Black-backed Water-Tyrant** *Fluvicola albiventer*—very common black and white flycatcher in the Pantanal, often seen scampering around the edges of water.

**Masked Water-Tyrant** *Fluvicola nengeta*—one or two were resident on the grounds of Hotel do Ype, the Atlantic Rainforest equivalent of the preceding species. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**White-headed Marsh Tyrant** *Arundinicola leucocephala*—the ‘marshmellow-headed’ bird, seen in small numbers at Pousada Piuval and Alegre as well as the Campos do Jofre.

**Long-tailed Tyrant** *Colonia colonus*—a pair was nesting in a dead palm snag right in front of the Hotel do Ype restaurant! They feed exclusively on flying insects, especially stingless bees. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**Dull-capped Attila** *Attila bolivianus* (HO)—heard calling from the observation tower at Pousada Piuval and again in the gallery forest trail near SouthWild.

**Gray-hooded Attila** *Attila rufus* (E) (HO)—heard well along the roadside above Hotel do Ype, but we never managed to see this attractive flycatcher. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**Sibilant Sirystes** *Sirystes sibilator*—great views along the roadside below Hotel do Ype on two days. Looks almost like a cross between an Eastern Kingbird and a Dusky-capped Flycatcher. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**Rufous Casiornis** *Casiornis rufus*—nice views of this pretty rufous flycatcher in the gallery forest at SouthWild Pantanal Lodge.

**Swainson’s Flycatcher** *Myiarchus swainsoni*—two of these *Myiarchus* flycatchers performed well for the group at Agulhas Negras Road. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**Short-crested Flycatcher** *Myiarchus ferox*—the most frequently seen *Myiarchus* flycatcher on our route, seen both in the Atlantic Rainforest and in the Pantanal.

**Cattle Tyrant** *Machetornis rixosa*—very common and tame flycatcher in the Pantanal, frequently observed running across the lawns of the various lodges in the Pantanal.

**Lesser Kiskadee** *Pitangus lictor*—not quite as common and numerous as the following species, observed almost daily near water in the Pantanal.

**Great Kiskadee** *Pitangus sulphuratus*—a familiar and widespread flycatcher in Brazil, seen almost daily.

**Boat-billed Flycatcher** *Megarynchus pitangua*—singles seen at both Hotel do Ype and SouthWild Pantanal Lodge, differentiated from the previous species by the lack of rufous in the wings and the large ‘Roman nose’ bill.

**Rusty-margined Flycatcher** *Myiozetetes cayanensis*—common and widespread in the Pantanal.

**Social Flycatcher** *Myiozetetes similis*—a couple birds were resident on the grounds of Hotel do Ype in Itatiaia National Park. The Pantanal is a gap in this otherwise widespread bird’s distribution! [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**Streaked Flycatcher** *Myiodynastes maculatus*—we observed this migratory flycatcher at both Hotel do Ype and Pousada Alegre.

**Piratic Flycatcher** *Legatus leucophaeus*—we observed this nest usurping flycatcher at Pousada Alegre and SouthWild Pantanal, a summer breeder in this part of its range and quite actively singing while we were there.

**Tropical Kingbird** *Tyrannus melancholicus*—common and widespread throughout.

**Fork-tailed Flycatcher** *Tyrannus savana*—one seen from the grounds of the rather birdless Hampton by Hilton at Guarulhos, but we obtained much better views of this spectacular flycatcher at the top of a tree by the Cuiaba River while we were waiting for a Jaguar to show.

### **VIREOS AND GREENLETS: Vireonidae (3)**

**Rufous-browed Peppershrike** *Cyclarhis gujanensis*—individuals seen at Hotel do Ype and on the wetland boardwalk at Pousada Alegre – one of the largest vireo species!

**Rufous-crowned Greenlet** *Hylophilus poicilotis* (AE)—a small flock of these cute little vireos showed well on the Agulhas Negras Road. [\*\*EXTENSION ONLY\*\*](#)

**Ashy-headed Greenlet** *Hylophilus pectoralis*—our best views were in the gallery forest at SouthWild.

### **CROWS AND JAYS: Corvidae (1)**

**Purplish Jay** *Cyanocorax cyanomelas*—a large and omnipresent jay of fruit feeders at Pousada Piuval, Alegre, and SouthWild.

### **DONACOBIUS: Donacobiidae (1)**

**Black-capped Donacobius** *Donacobius atricapillus*—locally numerous in the Pantanal wherever there was emergent vegetation along rivers and seasonal pools. This species is most closely related to the Reed- and Grasshopper-Warblers of the Old World.

### **SWALLOWS AND MARTINS: Hirundinidae (5)**

**Blue-and-white Swallow** *Pygochelidon cyanoleuca*—nesting right on the grounds of Hotel do Ype.

#### [\*\*EXTENSION ONLY\*\*](#)

**Southern Rough-winged Swallow** *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*—common and widespread throughout our route in Brazil.

**Gray-breasted Martin** *Progne chalybea*—we saw these non-migratory martins sporadically in southeast Brazil and in the Pantanal, usually near man-made structures.

**Brown-chested Martin** *Progne tapera*—very numerous and conspicuous throughout the Pantanal.

**White-winged Swallow** *Tachycineta albiventer*—we saw these attractive swallows daily in the Pantanal, especially near rivers and areas of open water.

### **GNATCATCHERS: Polioptilidae (1)**

**Masked Gnatcatcher** *Poliophtila dumicola*—our best views of these cute little birds were at SouthWild Pantanal, both in the low scrub and in the gallery forest areas.

### **WRENS: Troglodytidae (4)**

**House Wren** *Troglodytes aedon*—nice views of a couple singing birds on the grounds of Hotel do Ype.

#### [\*\*EXTENSION ONLY\*\*](#)

**Thrush-like Wren** *Campylorhynchus turdinus*—a large and very arboreal wren, seen well at Pousada Piuval and Alegre. The loud volley of repeated notes was a common sound in the Pantanal.

**Moustached Wren** *Pheugopedius genibarbis*—a pair of these furtive birds gave brief but good views at the entrance to the gallery forest trail at SouthWild.

**Buff-breasted Wren** *Cantorchilus leucotis* (HO)—heard well along the entrance road to SouthWild on our final morning

### **MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS: Mimidae (1)**

**Chalk-browed Mockingbird** *Mimus saturninus*—quite common in the drier northern half of the Transpantaneira Highway, seen especially well at the Pousada Alegre feeders.

### **THRUSHES: Turdidae (4)**

**Pale-breasted Thrush** *Turdus leucomelas*—great views right on the grounds of Hotel do Ype, often coming right to the fruit feeders along with the colorful tanagers. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**Yellow-legged Thrush** *Turdus flavipes*—reminiscent of the Eurasian Blackbird in Europe, seen well along the roadside above Hotel do Ype. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**Rufous-bellied Thrush** *Turdus rufiventris*—common and widespread, the ‘American Robin’ in terms of appearance and behavior in Brazil.

**Creamy-bellied Thrush** *Turdus amaurochalinus*—distant but good views at the waterhole one late afternoon at Pousada Alegre.

### **OLD WORLD SPARROWS: Passeridae (1)**

**House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus* (I)—observed en route to Itatiaia National Park on one of our stops. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

### **PIPITS AND WAGTAILS: Motacillidae (1)**

**Yellowish Pipit** *Anthus lutescens* (HO)—several heard singing in an open field at Pousada Piuval

### **FINCHES AND EUPHONIAS: Fringillidae (4)**

**Blue-naped Chlorophonia** *Chlorophonia cyanea*—nice views for some trip participants of this beautiful species at Hotel do Ype. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**Purple-throated Euphonia** *Euphonia chlorotica*—two birds seen well on the entrance road to SouthWild on our final morning there.

**Chestnut-bellied Euphonia** *Euphonia chrysopasta* (AE)—regular at the fruit feeders at Hotel do Ype.

[EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**Hooded Siskin** *Spinus magellanicus*—very good views of this finch behind the Graal Alemão and on the Agulhas Negras Road. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

### **NEW WORLD SPARROWS: Passerellidae (1)**

**Rufous-collared Sparrow** *Zonotrichia capensis*—small numbers present at the seed feeders at Hotel do Ype. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

### **NEW WORLD BLACKBIRDS: Icteridae (14)**

**White-browed Meadowlark** *Leistes superciliosus*—one female seen at Pousada Alegre.

**Crested Oropendola** *Psarocolius decumanus*—we saw these large icterids almost daily in the Pantanal, as well as one flying by on the road to Agulhas Negras while we were eating Pão de Queijo.

**Solitary Black Cacique** *Cacicus solitarius*—seen at Pousada Alegre, Hotel Pantanal Mato Grosso (on one of our lunch stops), along the Cuiaba River, and at SouthWild.

**Yellow-rumped Cacique** *Cacicus cela*—we saw this striking blackbird daily in the Pantanal, where it was very common and numerous.

**Red-rumped Cacique** *Cacicus haemorrhous*—a regular at the fruit feeders at Hotel do Ype. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**Variable Oriole** *Icterus pyrrhopterus*—two observed at Pousada Alegre.

**Orange-backed Troupial** *Icterus croconotus*—a very large and striking oriole that was delightfully common during our stay in the Pantanal.

**Screaming Cowbird** *Molothrus rufoaxillaris*—two observed at the horse stall behind Pousada Piuval, a rare and uncommon species in the Pantanal.

**Shiny Cowbird** *Molothrus bonariensis*—very common and widespread.

**Giant Cowbird** *Molothrus oryzivorus*—our best views were at seed feeders in the early morning, such as those found at Pousada Alegre. Giant Cowbird specializes in parasitizing other large blackbirds such as caciques and oropendolas.

**Scarlet-headed Blackbird** *Amblyramphus holosericeus*—incredible views of this striking bird along the Transpantaneira Highway as we were making our way south to Porto Jofre. This beautiful bird requires extensive reedbeds, and so occurs only at lower densities relative to other blackbird species.

**Chopi Blackbird** *Gnorimopsar chopi*—seen at Pousada Piuval and Alegre, often on the ground near lodge buildings.

**Grayish Baywing** *Agelaioides badius*—common and widespread in the Pantanal.

**Unicolored Blackbird** *Agelasticus cyanopus*—small numbers seen at Pousada Alegre, SouthWild, and along the Cuiaba River. Although the males are uniformly black, the females have lovely yellow underparts.

### **NEW WORLD WARBLERS: Parulidae (3)**

**Golden-crowned Warbler** *Basileuterus culicivorus*—we saw the colorful golden-bellied subspecies on the grounds of Hotel do Ype. In addition, we saw the drab white-bellied subspecies in the gallery forest near Porto Jofre.

**Flavescent Warbler** *Myiothlypis flaveola*—seen only at Pousada Alegre on a quiet forest trail.

**White-browed Warbler** *Myiothlypis leucoblephara* (AE)—two of these birds cooperated for us on the Agulhas Negras Road in Itatiaia National Park. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

### **MITROSPINGID TANAGERS: Mitrospingidae (1)**

**Olive-green Tanager** *Orthogonyx chloricterus* (E)—very common at the Hotel do Ype fruit feeders. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

### **TANAGAERS AND ALLIES: Thraupidae (38)**

**Brown Tanager** *Orchesticus abeillei* (E)—small flocks observed on two days on the grounds of Hotel do Ype. These unusual tanagers look almost like the unrelated foliage-gleaners. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**Red-crested Cardinal** *Paroaria coronata*—our best views of this lovely species were at the SouthWild seed feeders.

**Yellow-billed Cardinal** *Paroaria capitata*—very numerous in the Pantanal, often forming carpets of red, white, and blue under the feeders of lodges like Pousada Alegre and SouthWild.

**Magpie Tanager** *Cissopis leverianus*—these large, unmistakable tanagers were regular at the fruit feeders at Hotel do Ype. They behave in some ways more like a jay than a tanager. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**Hooded Tanager** *Nemosia pileata*—seen only on the gallery forest trail accessible from SouthWild.

**Buff-throated Warbling-Finch** *Microspingus lateralis* (E)—endemic to the highlands of southeast Brazil, we had great views of this species along the Agulhas Negras Road where it was quite common.

### **EXTENSION ONLY**

**Black-goggled Tanager** *Trichothraupis melanops*—common at the fruit feeders at Hotel do Ype and a few sightings along the roadside above that lodge. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**Gray-headed Tanager** *Eucometis penicillata*—a pair of these birds gave us distant views at the Pousada Alegre waterhole one afternoon.

**Ruby-crowned Tanager** *Tachyphonus coronatus* (AE)—abundant at the fruit feeders at Hotel do Ype. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**Brazilian Tanager** *Ramphocelus bresilius* (E)—perhaps one of the most strikingly colorful tanagers of southeast Brazil, we only saw one male behind the Graal Alemão en route to Hotel do Ype. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**Silver-beaked Tanager** *Ramphocelus carbo*—one of the most common passerines in the Pantanal.

**Diademed Tanager** *Stephanophorus diadematus* (AE)—we saw this deep blue tanager in the highlands of the Agulhas Negras Road. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**Fawn-breasted Tanager** *Pipraeidea melanonota*—another specialty of the upper elevations of the Atlantic Rainforest, seen only along the Agulhas Negras Road. The subspecies here differs markedly from those seen in the Andes. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**Sayaca Tanager** *Thraupis sayaca*—common and widespread in Brazil.

**Golden-chevroned Tanager** *Thraupis ornata* (E)—regular at the fruit feeders at Hotel do Ype, yet another of Brazil's colorful endemic tanagers. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**Palm Tanager** *Thraupis palmarum*—quite common and widespread in Brazil, although not as numerous as Sayaca Tanager. The birds in the Pantanal had a deep, oily green hue to their plumage.

**Burnished-buff Tanager** *Tangara cayana*—one colorful male at the Graal Alemão en route to Hotel do Ype in Itatiaia National Park. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**Green-headed Tanager** *Tangara seledon* (AE)—these fluorescent tanagers were common attendants at the Hotel do Ype feeders – perhaps southeast Brazil's most photographed tanager species. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**Brassy-breasted Tanager** *Tangara desmaresti* (E)—our best views were in the upper elevations of Itatiaia National Park, particularly along the Agulhas Negras Road where they were common. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**Gilt-edged Tanager** *Tangara cyanoventris* (E)—a few birds seen flitting in the trees above the road near Hotel do Ype offered nice views. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**Swallow Tanager** *Tersina viridis*—a few seen along the roadside above Hotel do Ype, perhaps nesting by one of the waterfalls. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**Blue Dacnis** *Dacnis cayana*—very common at the Hotel do Ype fruit feeders. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**Rufous-headed Tanager** *Hemithraupis ruficapilla* (E)—several seen on the road leading up to Hotel do Ype on our final morning. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**Chestnut-vented Conebill** *Conirostrum speciosum*—seen at Pousada Piuval and along the Cuiaba River, but we did not get to really appreciate this species until we saw them well at SouthWild.

**Uniform Finch** *Haplospiza unicolor* (AE)—we saw this pretty little gray bamboo specialist in the Araucaria forest section on the Agulhas Negras Road. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**Bay-chested Warbling-Finch** *Castanozoster thoracicus* (E)—another endemic warbling-finch to southeast Brazil, seen only along the Agulhas Negras Road where it is quite common. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**Saffron Finch** *Sicalis flaveola*—very numerous and widespread on our route in Brazil.

**Great Pampa-Finch** *Embernagra platensis*—one of these large and sluggish finches performed very well for us in the upper reaches of the Agulhas Negras Road, well above treeline. [EXTENSION ONLY](#)

**Blue-black Grassquit** *Volatinia jacarina*—singles observed at Pousada Piuval and SouthWild.

**White-bellied Seedeater** *Sporophila leucoptera*—singles seen at Pousada Piuval, Alegre, and SouthWild.

**Chestnut-bellied Seed-Finch** *Sporophila angolensis*—observed at Pousada Piuval and Alegre.

**Double-collared Seedeater** *Sporophila caerulea*—extremely numerous at the cornmeal feeder at Hotel do Ype, where several dozen were a constant feature in the early morning. We also saw one or two birds at the SouthWild feeders.

**Rusty-collared Seedeater** *Sporophila collaris*—seen at Pousada Alegre, Campos do Jofre, and SouthWild.

**Red-crested Finch** *Coryphospingus cucullatus*—two seen from the safari truck in the seasonal dry forest of Pousada Alegre.

**Bananaquit** *Coereba flaveola*—numerous at the feeders of Hotel do Ype, also seen at the hummingbird feeder at SouthWild.

**Grayish Saltator** *Saltator coerulescens*—these large and drab tanagers were pretty common in the Pantanal, seen at most sites.

**Green-winged Saltator** *Saltator similis*—seen daily at Hotel do Ype and on the Agulhas Negras Road.

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**Thick-billed Saltator** *Saltator maxillosus* (AE)—great views of one bird by the ranger check station on the Agulhas Negras Road, right where the forest gives way to open scrub above the treeline. EXTENSION ONLY

### Mammals (24 species)

**Giant Anteater** *Myrmecophaga tridactyla*—we could not ask for a better experience than the one we had at Pousada Piuval with two anteaters on one morning!

**Six-banded Armadillo** *Euphractus sexcinctus*—one seen at the waterhole one early evening at Pousada Alegre.

**Greater Bulldog Bat** *Noctilio leporinus*— nice views in the spotlight from the floating hotel on the Cuiaba River.

**Pallas's Long-tongued Bat** *Glossophaga soricina*—observed taking sugar water at night from the hummingbird feeders at Hotel do Ype. EXTENSION ONLY

**Black-striped Capuchin** *Sapajus libidinosus*—nice views in the Pantanal, including several individuals drinking water in the late afternoon at Pousada Alegre.

**Brown Howler Monkey** *Alouatta guariba*— EXTENSION ONLY

**Black-and-gold Howler Monkey** *Alouata caraya*—our best views were along the Cuiaba River while searching for Jaguars.

**Tapeti (Brazilian Rabbit)** *Sylvilagus brasiliensis*

**Guianan Squirrel** *Sciurus aestuans*—small numbers around Hotel do Ype. EXTENSION ONLY

**Brazilian Porcupine** *Coendou prehensilis*—one individual curled up into the upper tree canopy along the gallery forest trail at SouthWild.

**Azara's Agouti** *Dasyprocta azarae*—seen in the Atlantic Rainforest and in the Pantanal.

**Capybara** *Hydrochoerus hydrochaeris*—very common herding mammal in the Pantanal.

**Crab-eating Fox** *Cerdocyon thous*—very tame and unafraid animals walked to within feet of us at Pousada Alegre while we were watching the bird feeders.

**Tayra** *Eira barbara*—two trip participants got great photos of this tropical weasel on the grounds of Hotel do Ype. EXTENSION ONLY

**South American Coati** *Nasua nasua*—small family groups were regularly seen at Pousada Piuval and Alegre. Fun!

**Neotropical River Otter** *Lontra longicaudis*—seen on our final morning on the Cuiaba River, a much shyer and less frequently seen species than Giant Otter.

**Giant Otter** *Pteronura brasiliensis*—fantastic views along the Cuiaba River of a family group successfully hunting and eating a crunchy catfish (plecostomus).

**Crab-eating Raccoon** *Procyon cancrivorus*—one seen along the entrance road to SouthWild on our final morning.

**Ocelot** *Leopardus pardalis*—seen on two evenings from the Ocelot hide at SouthWild.

**Jaguar** *Panthera onca*—the star of the Pantanal and its apex predator – great views daily along the Cuiaba River of multiple individuals.

**Brazilian Tapir** *Tapirus terrestris*—two individuals of this heaviest of South American land mammals spotted at Pousada Alegre; another seen during the day while driving south to Porto Jofre. Incredible!

**Red Brocket Deer** *Mazama americana*—we saw these small deer regularly at Pousada Alegre.

**Gray (Brown) Brocket Deer** *Mazama gouazoubira*—one seen at Pousada Alegre.

**Marsh Deer** *Blastocerus dichotomus*—the largest deer species in South America and one of its most Endangered due to hunting, but still quite common and seen often in the Pantanal (a stronghold).

### Reptiles (7 species)

**Yacare Caiman** *Caiman yacare*—abundant in the Pantanal.

**Brazilian Giant Tortoise** *Chelonoidis denticulatus*—seen along the entrance road at Pousada Alegre.

**Green Iguana** *Iguana iguana*—seen along the Cuiaba River in overhanging vegetation.

**Argentine Black-and-white Tegu** *Tupinambis merianae*—nice views at Pousada Alegre and along the road leading down from Hotel do Ype.

**Giant Ameiva** *Ameiva ameiva*

**Amazon Lava Lizard** *Tropidurus torquatus*

**Yarara Lancehead** *Bothrops jararaca*—one of our trip participants found one in the firewood pile in front of his cabin – be careful out there!