

July 18 – 27, 2018
Brazil's Pantanal: Jaguars! And More...
w/ Atlantic Forest Extension

TOUR SPECIES LIST

With Xavier Munoz, guide for Pantanal, Demis Bucci for Atlantic Forest and Peg Abbott of Naturalist Journeys, with 13 participants (10 on the extension): David, Dottie, Holly, Gerold, Steve, Kate, Janet, Lynn, Linda, Susan, Jan, Bud and Gingy.



We had a marvelous trip down the Transpantania, still wild and full of birds and mammals. From our ranch lodgings we explored on foot and by boat and vehicle: our final two days were aboard a houseboat on the Cuiaba River from which we searched (successfully!) for Jaguar. We had a spectacular array of water birds (20+ species!) including the iconic Jabiru gulping down an eel. We saw all five species of kingfisher in one day on a boat ride on the Pixaim River, we had good looks at Giant Anteater and Giant Otter, including the playful antics of a group in the river and another group haggling over a freshly caught

fish. Hyacinth Macaws were stunning, one of 12 species of parrots encountered. We had over 40 species of flycatchers, a grand array of ovenbirds and allies, 15 species of hummingbirds and an absolute rainbow of colorful tanagers seen on the combined main tour and Atlantic Forest extension. Great Antshrike was a thrill to see! Group favorite species included Hyacinth Macaw, Jabiru, Capped Heron, Black-collared Hawk, Diademed Tanager and more.

Route for Extension (4 field days)

July 14 – Sao Paulo

July 15, 16, 17, 18 Itatiaia National Park, based from hotel at Ype

Route for Main Tour (8 field days)

July 18 Sao Paulo

July 19 Puival – upper Transpantania

July 20, 21 – Pouso Alegre – middle Transpantania

July 22, 23 – South Wild (Santa Teresa) Pixaim River

July 24 – Lower Transpantania and Cuiaba River and tributaries on houseboat from Pto. Jofre

July 25 – Cuiaba River and tributaries from Pto. Jofre

July 26 – Return to Cuiaba (full Transpantania)

July 27 – Departures

KEY

(HO)= *Heard Only, also indicated by italics*

(I)=Introduced

(E)=Endemic

(RE)=Regional Endemic

SP = Sao Paulo and vicinity including travel days to and from Itatiaia NP

AF = Atlantic Forest

PT = Pantanal

** = seen on extension only (AF or Travel)

(xx) after code is the number of days seen out of 8 for the main tour and 4 for the extension.

BIRDS (317 species recorded, of which 15 were heard only):

RHEAS: Rheidae (1)

Greater Rhea *Rhea americana*—PT (5): Our first individual seen was walking and feeding slowly on the road into Pousada Puival. We had several come in close, a family group with two adults a youngster, then in subsequent days mainly from the main Transpantania, we saw individuals feeding. The entry road to Pouso Alegre was also good for this species.



TINAMOUS: Tinamidae (2)

Undulated Tinamou *Crypturellus undulatus*—PT (5): Heard nightly. Two were seen as we waited for Tapir to possibly come in at the pond site close to Pouso Alegre they are known to frequent, two individuals in different areas from the truck as we waited our second night. Peg, Bud and Gingy had one as they departed walking on the main road just before the exit to the Transpantania that Bud was able to photograph.

** **Brown Tinamou** *Crypturellus obsoletus*—AF (2): Heard our first day at Ype, then seen by Susan and Jan on a walk down the road their free day from the lodge, a great sighting of this elusive species.

SCREAMERS: Anhimidae (1)

Southern Screamer *Chauna torquata*— PT (5): First seen at a small pond we stopped at coming out of Pocone, five individuals in tall grass, we then saw a pair at good photo range on the road into Piuval. At the same time, we logged our first pair of Hyacinth Macaws, a spectacular start to the trip! We then had an individual sighted from the tower we walked up for amazing vistas of the expanse of Piuval wetlands, a lone one in the marsh. We had a few others scattered throughout the immense numbers of herons and egrets, and one in the scope at fairly close range from the ruins of the Guard Station.

DUCKS, GEESE AND SWANS: Anatidae (4)

White-faced Whistling-Duck *Dendrocygna bicolor*— PT (1): Small groups of 4-5 seen as we traveled by tractor out the river behind Pousada Puival.

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck *Dendrocygna autumnalis*— PT (2): Seen in groups of 10-20 along the waterway leading out from Pousada Puival.

Muscovy Duck *Cairina moschata*— PT (1): A couple of individuals spotted on the tractor ride from Pousada Puival.

Brazilian Teal *Amazonetta brasiliensis*— SP (1): First seen on optional trip to the state park arrival day. Travel, distant pair, on the road up to Ype at roadside rest stop by water. PT (1): First a pair, then groups of 20+ were flushed out of water in the roadway leading out from Piuval by tractor to the river area.

GUANS AND CURASSOWS: Cracidae (5)

Chaco Chachalaca *Ortalis canicollis*— PT (7): Very common, seen in fairly large groups of a dozen or more at times, and quite vocal, the morning alarm clock at Pouso Alegre. They continued throughout the tour to be common, though less so during our days on the river.

**** Dusky-legged Guan** *Penelope obscura*— AF (4): very common at Ype, at feeders, in the forest, seen all days.

Chestnut-bellied Guan *Penelope ochrogaster* (E)— PT (8): Two seen on the road into Pousada Puival, fairly close to the road. Less common than the chachalacas, we found pairs and small groups each day. At the river at the end of our stay, they became the most common of the guans seen.

Common (Blue-throated) Piping-Guan *Pipile cumanensis*— PT (6): Highest numbers were seen during our days on the river, but we saw them throughout our time at various fazendas and pousadas of the Pantanal. Along the river at the end of our trip, we'd see them in groups of 4-5 several times a day, often flying over the river to roost high in the picturesque riverine trees.

Common (Red-throated) Piping-Guan *Pipile cujubi*— PT (3): Seen in higher numbers than in previous years, all along the route.

Bare-faced Curassow *Crax fasciolata*— PT (8): Eagle-eye Xavier spotted two pair, both at a distance, in and around Pousada Puival.

STORKS: Ciconiidae (3)

Jabiru *Jabiru mycteria*— PT (8): Seen right at the start, even before Pocone, feeding and one adult on a nest. We stopped for a photogenic one on the tractor ride, and Holly spied a nest in the distance with two chicks once we stopped and got out of the tractor at the river. We continued to see them throughout the trip, marveling at their size. Many were paired and nesting. One at close range feeding on a huge eel it caught in a small pond was the most memorable.

Wood Stork *Mycteria americana*— PT (8): Seen at our first stops feeding and flying, then seen in big number, several hundred, on a big roost / nest area at the river at the end of Pousada Puival's tractor ride. Throughout the route, we saw them grouped in trees by the dozen and feeding voraciously in small drawn-down ponds. Flying over they seemed elegant (less so up close and personal!)

Maguari Stork *Ciconia maguari* — PT (1): Xavier found a group of over 20 the last day for return run to Cuiaba across the entire Transpantaniara. They were scope views, fairly close to the road, south of the ruins of the old Guard Station.

CORMORANTS: Phalacrocoracidae (1)

Neotropic Cormorant *Phalacrocorax brasilianus*— SP (1): travel day, roadside rest reservoir. PT (8): Numerous, we first listened to their strange cackling noises under a roost area by the river out from Pousada Puival. We then saw them daily by the hundreds, drying their wings, uttering rattling calls, making V's against sunset skies. On the river portion they were abundant.

ANHINGAS: Anhingidae (1)

Anhinga *Anhinga anhinga*— PT (8): Common but in smaller numbers than cormorants in the wet areas of Pousada Puival. They decorated tall standing, leafless trees at the river edge out from Puival. Their numbers increased as we made our way to Pto. Jofre and the larger river, where they were abundant.

HERONS AND EGRETS: Ardeidae (11)

Rufescent Tiger-Heron *Tigrisoma lineatum*— PT (8): Adults and juveniles seen daily, in good number, throughout.

Capped Heron *Pilherodius pileatus*— PT (2): Seen along the larger rivers, and at a few locations along the lower part of the Transpantaniera. 1-4 individuals at our sightings. We got a few photo opportunities of this shy and beautiful species.

Cocoi Heron *Ardea cocoi*— PT (8): Seen daily, one of the most regularly seen and common species of the trip. High count over 100. Linda and Peg joked on the final day counting them as if a summary for the tour, 3001, 3002...

Great Egret *Ardea alba*— SP (1): First seen on optional state park trip on first day; Travel day, roadside rest reservoir. PT (8): Abundant and seen daily, high count over 100

Snowy Egret *Egretta thula*— PT (8): Numerous, seen daily, high count over 100

Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerulea*—PT (5): Not common, seen on about half our days, 1-3 individuals.

Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*— PT (7): Common, seen particularly around herds of cattle at the big fazendas.

Striated Heron *Butorides striatus*—PT (8): Numerous, seen daily.

Whistling Heron *Syrigma sibilatrix*— PT (2): Seen at the first pond we stopped at off in the grass pasture adjacent (scope views), then seen again while still in the upland areas as this heron is not one that feeds in water.

Black-crowned Night-Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*—PT (8): Numerous, seen daily, adults and juveniles, at times a dozen or more at one spot.

Boat-billed Heron *Cochlearius cochlearius*— PT (6): We found several clusters of this night-feeding species, roosting in thick vegetation. One perched above one of our Jaguar sightings, almost going unnoticed!

IBIS AND SPOONBILLS: Threskiornithidae (5)

Green Ibis *Mesembrinibis cayennensis*—PT (6): A few individuals seen at all our locations, the first in very good light as we stopped on the Transpantaniera, but this species is not at all common.

Bare-faced Ibis *Phimosus infuscatus*—PT (3): Quite common in the wetter marsh area of Piuval, less common once leaving that location.

Plumbeous Ibis *Theristicus caerulescens*—PT (8): Seen in pairs or as individuals, daily, numbers for the day between 2 and 30 or so.

Buff-necked Ibis *Theristicus caudatus*—PT (7): Seen as pairs or small groups, scattered, sometimes in the yards of the pousadas, often in pastures with cattle.

Roseate Spoonbill *Platalea ajaja*—PT (3): Seen mainly around the Piuval area and the ponds of the start of the trip near Pocone, not seen in the lower reaches. High count 42.

NEW WORLD VULTURES: Cathartidae (2)

Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus*— AF (4): Seen daily, often spotted by Dottie who joked about it being “her” bird. PT (8): Also seen daily, flying, bathing in the rivers, resting on river sandbars.

Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture *Cathartes burrovianus*—PT (8): Very common, dozens seen daily.

OSPREY: Pandionidae (1)

Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*— PT (1): We spotted one flying over the Cuiaba River from Pto. Jofre, carrying a fish. Probably a young bird that did not migrate north after wintering.

HAWKS, KITES AND EAGLES: Accipitridae (7)

** **White-tailed Kite** *Elanus leucurus*— SP (1): travel day to AF, roadside.

Black-collared Hawk *Busarellus nigricollis*— PT (8): Almost as iconic as the Jabiru, we saw them daily and enjoyed their beauty, often perched and sunning. Pairs were seen courting but no nesting activity.

Black Hawk-Eagle *Spizaetus tyrannus* — AF (1): HO, Peg pointed out its high pitched eerie calls, which Demis identified. We hoped it would fly across the nice valley view of the bamboo trail, but no..

Snail Kite *Rostrhamus sociabilis*—SP (1), roadside rest reservoir, seen by Steve. PT (8): Seen daily at times over 100 individuals. We watched them eviscerate snails, and in acrobatic flight pluck them from vegetation. Juveniles were numerous as well as adults.

Savanna Hawk *Buteogallus meridionalis*— PT (8): Common, some had started nesting and almost all were paired. We watched them soaring, hunting, perched. On driving days down the Transpantianiera we might see a dozen or more pairs.

Great Black Hawk *Buteogallus urubitinga*—PT (5): Good close views, not common, but seen regularly along the river corridors.

Roadside Hawk *Rupornis magnirostris*—AF (1): seen on the road up to the high country of Itatiaia NP, Agulhas Negras section, soaring. PT (7): Fairly common, 1-10 seen a day, most of them the dark-headed morph.

** **White-tailed Hawk** *Geranoaetus albicaudatus*— SP (1): travel day to AF, roadside, on individual seen perched and then flying off.

SUNBITTERN: Eurypygidae (1)

Sunbittern *Eurypyga helias*—PT (3): We had very good looks at this species on a walk out from Pouso Alegre at a pond, then again on the boat trip from South Wild on the Pixiam River. That day we saw a pair mating, springtime in Pantanal!

RAILS, COOTS AND ALLIES: Rallidae (4)

Gray-cowled Wood-Rail *Aramides cajaneus*— PT (5): Seen on most days, 1 to a dozen individuals.

** **Slaty-breasted Wood-Rail** *Aramides saracura* (RE)— AF (2): Ype, seen below us on the lawn area edge of hedgerows by the cabins. Also heard our final morning.

Purple Gallinule *Porphyrio martinica*—PT (1): Just one individual, pointed out by Holly as we stopped at a bridge going down Transpantianiera from South Wild.

** Common Gallinule *Gallinula galeata*— SP (1): Travel day from SP to Ype, roadside rest area at a reservoir, about a dozen individuals.

LIMPKIN: Aramidae (1)

Limpkin *Aramus guarauna*—PT (8): Numerous, vocal, often in clusters of several dozen feeding in a frenzy. Seen daily.

STILTS AND AVOCETS: Recurvirostridae (1)

Black-necked Stilt *Himantopus mexicanus*—PT (2): Not common, seen mainly in the marshy areas of Piuval. Several dozen individuals.

PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS: Charadriidae (2)

Pied Lapwing *Vanellus cayanus*—PT (2): Not seen until we were down at the Cuiaba River on the boat portion of our trip, seen on two days, pairs on more developed sandbars. Fewer than others years as the water level of the river was high.

Southern Lapwing *Vanellus chilensis*—SP (1): A pair seen at the airport. PT (8): Common, vocal, seen daily. Most numerous at Piuval and along the wet areas of the lower road corridor.

JACANAS: Jacanidae (1)

Wattled Jacana *Jacana jacana*— PT (7): Common in wetland areas from small ponds to large riverbanks, we saw many adults and full-sized juveniles, none were seen nesting.

GULLS AND TERNS: Laridae (3)

Yellow-billed Tern *Sternula superciliaris*— PT (3): Seen only on our final days on the larger river corridor from Pto. Jofre.

Large-billed Tern *Phaetusa simplex*— PT (7): Seen on many of the rivers of our route, starting with Piuval and then quite common on the river from Pto. Jofre where we got our best looks.

Black Skimmer *Rhynchops niger*— PT (4): Seen on the large river from Pto. Jofre (and a few on the Pixaim River.

PIGEONS AND DOVES: Columbidae (11)

Rock Pigeon *Columba livia* (I)—SP (2): First seen around Sao Paulo on first day; Seen along the highways. PT (1): Cuiaba.

Pale-vented Pigeon *Patagioenas cayennensis*— PT (4): Seen in small numbers, far less numerous than Picazueros.

Picazuro Pigeon *Patagioenas picazuro*—SP(1): Travel, roadside and roadside reservoir area, AF (4): Ype and vicinity all days. PT (8): Numerous, seen daily, high counts over 100 on travel days.

**** Plumbeous Pigeon** *Patagioenas plumbea*— AF (3): Great looks at one individual at Donati, then seen as we ascended the road to the high country of Itatiaia NP.

Ruddy Ground-Dove *Columbina talpacoti*— PT (6): First seen at state park near Sao Paulo on first day; Seen in small groups on most days of the main tour.

Scaled Dove *Columbina squammata*—PT (3): Our best views were during our time at Pouso Alegre where we got photographs and were able to watch them in detail. Some groups were over a dozen individuals.

Picui Ground-Dove *Columbina picui*—PT (5): Seen on at least half our days, in small numbers, most noticed at South Wild.

Long-tailed Ground-Dove *Uropelia campestris*— PT (4): Seen well on our walks from Pouso Alegre and South Wild.

White-tipped Dove *Leptotila verreauxi*— PT (8): Seen daily, scattered individuals and sometimes mixed in with the more abundant Picazuro Pigeons.

Gray-fronted Dove *Leptotila rufaxilla*— PT (1): Our best views were of a couple individuals in the grass at the tapir blind near Pouso Alegre as we waited for this elusive mammal to possibly show.

Eared Dove *Zenaida auriculata*—SP (1): Travel, hotel grounds. PT (2): Cuiaba, Pocone, and Pouso Alegre, typically a few individuals.

CUCKOOS AND ALLIES: Cuculidae (4)

Guira Cuckoo *Guira guira*—PT (3): Best views were at Piuval and Pouso Alegre, gleaming in the sun at dawn, and flying about in groups of 6 -10, often on the ground or in low vegetation, highly visible and several groups seen per outing.

Smooth-billed Ani *Crotophaga ani*— PT (8): Seen daily, groups of 4-12, common especially along the river margins.

Striped Cuckoo *Tapera naevia*— PT (1): HO, one individual on our walk out from Pouso Alegre, calling continuously but not curious to playback at this time of year.

Squirrel Cuckoo *Piaya cayana*—AF (3): First seen at state park near Sao Paulo; Seen as we arrived at Ype, then on our walk down the road the following day. PT (2): Individuals seen at Pouso Alegre and along the river corridor from Pto. Jofre.

OWLS: Strigidae (4)

Tropical Screech-Owl *Megascops choliba*—PT (1): HO by Holly at Piuval, early in the evening on the hotel grounds. Confirmed later by Xavier.

**** Tawny-browed Owl** *Pulsatrix koeniswaldiana* (RE)—AF (2): Steve was able to find and photograph this owl early the third morning from the lodge. The night before that one, a pair was calling loudly and making the rounds of the hotel, heard by Gingy in the upper area, then Peg along the roadside, loud enough as a courting duo to wake us in the middle of the night, but not readily seen without leaving our warm cabins.. We had tried owling post dinner without success, but at about 1AM a pair were active.

Great Horned Owl *Bubo virginianus*— PT (1): Good views at the ruins of the Guard Station in the lower road corridor above Pto. Jofre.

Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl *Glaucidium brasilianum*— PT (5): Great views on both mornings at Pouso Alegre, individuals also heard at other locations.

NIGHTJARS: Caprimulgidae (3)

Nacunda Nighthawk *Chordeiles nacunda*— PT (2): Great views from the tractor ride and near the hotel main buildings in the open pasture at Piuval.

Band-tailed Nighthawk *Nyctiprogne leucopyga*— PT (1): Seen flying at sunset, just off our boat on a tributary of the Cuiaba River. A few dozen individuals attracted to the ship lights.

Common Pauraque *Nyctidromus albicollis*—AF (1): Seen on the road up to Ype by a few in the front seat as we headed in past dark coming from our high country day. PT (3): Heard at Piuval, then seen at Pouso Alegre and South Wild.

POTOOS: Nyctibiidae (1)

Great Potoo *Nyctibius grandis*—PT (1): Just amazing views of one on a day roost at South Wild. We landed our boats and walked in a short way from the Pixaim River to see it. Wow!

SWIFTS: Apodidae (1)

**** White-collared Swift** *Streptoprocne zonaris*— AF (2): Seen above the park headquarters and Visitor Center as we entered Itatiaia NP and then again from a bridge on the highlands day.

HUMMINGBIRDS: Trochilidae (15)

**** Black Jacobin** *Florisuga fusca* (RE)— AF (3): Feeder bird at Ype, at least one individual.

**** Dusky-throated Hermit** *Phaethornis squalidus* (E)— AF (2): One individual seen feeding in a flowering bromeliad as we walked down the road, it repeatedly visited flowers, enough we caught great looks and a few photos.

**** Planalto Hermit *Phaethornis petrel*** — AF (2): This giant was seen feeding on flowers around the lodge, very close views on our arrival day, it did not come in to feeders.

**** Scale-throated Hermit *Phaethornis eurynome* (RE)**— AF (3): First seen at state park near Sao Paulo; Seen both at feeders and while on outings from our lodge at Ype, more common than the other hermits.

**** Black-eared Fairy *Heliotrix auritus***— AF (3): At least one individual frequented flowers to the pool side of the feeders at Ype. We saw a couple on flowering trees in the forest, and one perched for quite some time at the lovely garden we stopped at while walking down the hill, where many fruit trees were in bloom.

**** Frilled Coquette *Lophornis magnificus***— AF (1): We first found a female while in the garden with many fruiting trees below our lodge at Ype, we then saw a male while on the same day at Donati, and Gerold and Holly found a male feeding on Lantana right around the cabins at Ype.

Black-throated Mango *Anthracothorax nigricollis*— PT (1): One female seen on flowers, feeding, on our walk from South Wild along the entry road.

**** Green-crowned Plovercrest *Stephanoxis lalandi* (E)**— AF (1): Good looks at three males (E) on a lek area as we visited Itatiaia National Park with guide Demis Bucci.

**** Brazilian Ruby *Clytolaema rubricauda* (RE)**—AF (3): Common at the feeders and around the grounds and roadside near Ype, also seen at Donati. Peg watched a male take a “dustbath” on a dry cluster of moss on a branch, fanning out all body parts to rub and clean. Males and females very active at feeders.

Swallow-tailed Hummingbird *Eupetomena macroura*— SP (1): Travel, one frequented the hotel grounds in Sao Paulo, another one at the roadside rest reservoir area. AF (1): Seen at Donati, one individual.

**** Violet-capped Woodnymph *Thalurania glaucopis***— AF (4): This beauty was numerous and active constantly at the feeders at Ype, but also seen on walks, and on the trip up into the Itatiaia NP highlands.

**** White-throated Hummingbird *Leucochloris albicollis* (RE)**— AF (3): Several individuals at the feeders at Ype.

**** Versicolored Emerald *Amazilia versicolor***— AF (1): Seen at the lower garden with fruiting trees in good number, over a dozen in the small area we birded.

**** Sapphire-spangled Emerald *Amazilia lactea***— AF (1): Seen in fruiting trees at the lovely garden below Ype.

Glittering-throated Emerald *Amazilia fimbriata*— PT (4): The only hummingbird seen regularly, we got views of individuals at all our locations except Piuval.

TROGONS: Trogonidae (1)

**** Surucua Trogon *Trogon surrucura***— AF (1): We saw two individuals of the yellow-breasted race, one on the road below Ype and the other at the garden with fruiting trees. Demis saw a red-breasted race individual by the swimming pool coming down to a meal, so this is an overlap area. We all then got to see this beauty when as we were leaving for SP, one was perched right next to the road. Oblivious, it let us all pile out and get some great pix before going farther into the forest to feed.

KINGFISHERS: Alcedinidae (5)

Ringed Kingfisher *Megaceryle torquata*— PT (8): Numerous, seen daily in good number.

Amazon Kingfisher *Chloroceryle amazona*—PT (8): Seen regularly but in far smaller number than the Ringed.

Green Kingfisher *Chloroceryle americana*— PT (5): Seen well on a couple of boat outings.

Green-and-rufous Kingfisher *Chloroceryle inda*— PT (1): Beautiful looks at one female on the Pixaim River outing, then glimpses of the pair flying. Seen only on one day.

American Pygmy Kingfisher *Chloroceryle aenea*—PT (2): Seen well at South Wild on the Pixaim River, then again at the ruins of the Guard Station outside Pto. Jofre, two individuals.

MOTMOTS: Momotidae (1)

**** Rufous-capped Motmot** *Baryphthengus ruficapillus* (RE)— AF (1): HO one morning on the road just below Ype, when we stopped to watch the Crab-eating Fox as we left early for the high country.

PUFFBIRDS: Bucconidae (2)

Black-fronted Nunbird *Monasa nigrifrons*—PT (5): Seen on all the major rivers, at our four main locations.

**** Crescent-chested Puffbird** *Malacoptila striata* (E) — SP (1) seen by those who went on the optional field trip on arrival day at the state park.

JACAMARS: Galbulidae (1)

Rufous-tailed Jacamar *Galbula ruficauda*— PT (7): Great and repeated looks at this elegant bird, a favorite of those photographing and often fairly tolerant – seen on all but our first day going into Piuval.

TOUCANS: Ramphastidae (4)

**** Saffron Toucanet** *Pteroglossus bailloni* (RE)— AF (1): Four were seen on final morning, walking in the Bamboo Forest. We were alerted by calls and spotted them high in the canopy. What a bird!

Chestnut-eared Aracari *Pteroglossus castanotis*—AF (1): Seen in the forested area below the lodge
PT (6): We often saw a pair or small group flying as we walked out from our various lodges, but at Pouso Alegre they came into feeders, looking for fruit with time for us to watch their antics. Seen daily except days on the river from Pto. Jofre.

Toco Toucan *Ramphastos toco*—SP (1): Travel, seen crossing the road not far from our roadside reservoir rest stop. PT (7): Common, seen often in flight and to our delight they also came into fruiting trees at our lodges. Best views were in early morning light at South Wild when they put out feed; seeing toucans alongside curasows was nice!

**** Red-breasted Toucan** *Ramphastos dicolorus*—AF (1): Two seen near a supposed nest site on the road below Ype. We did not see them attending the nest, but one emerged from a hole in a palm before they went out to feed.

WOODPECKERS: Picidae (11)

**** White-barred Piculet** *Picumnus cirratus*—AF (2): One individual seen well on our walk down the road from Ype, poking and probing as it fed in the lush epiphytic vegetation. Also heard on our final day's walk in bamboo forest.

White Woodpecker *Melanerpes candidus*— PT (1): Holly, Gerold and Steve caught a sighting of this species as it came through as we unloaded our gear at South Wild. This woodpecker eats fruit and it paused briefly in the “magic tree” aligned with the river. We tried for the next days to find others, but this was the only sighting.

**** Yellow-fronted Woodpecker** *Melanerpes flavifrons* (RE)— AF (2): Three put on a good show, vocal and displaying, on a prominent dead snag and a tree nearby as we walked down the road below Ype.

**** White-spotted Woodpecker** *Veniliornis spilogaster*— AF (2): First seen at state park near Sao Paulo on first day; Seen on our arrival day at Ype, then we got good looks at two as we walked down the road our first full morning from the lodge.

Little Woodpecker *Veniliornis passerines*—PT (3): We saw several individuals and pairs, they were tolerant of approach, busy feeding. Best seen on walks from Pouso Alegre, and then on the walk at South Wild.

**** White-browed Woodpecker** *Piculus aurulentus*— AF (2): A pair was seen very well on the day we ascended the road to the highland portion of Itatiaia NP, still in lush forest, we had striking views. Marked again on the trail of our final day.

Green-barred Woodpecker *Colaptes melanochloros*— AF (1): One came in to the general feeder area, working trees above the lower cabins the day we arrived to Ype. PT(3): We had one very close pair seen in a tree that was hopping with activity on a morning walk out from Pouso Alegre. Then seen several times at South Wild.

Campo Flicker *Colaptes campestris*— PT (4): A favorite for many, this colorful flicker was first seen at a pond stop just outside Pocone. We had them several times, including a close pair on the entry road and lawn of South Wild.

Pale-crested Woodpecker *Celeus lugubris*— PT (1): One individual seen by Xavier and Steve in very dense tangles in the gallery forest we walked in from South Wild.

Lineated Woodpecker *Dryocopus lineatus*—PT (2): First seen at state park near Sao Paulo; Individuals seen at Piuval and Pouso Alegre on morning walks from each lodge.

**** Robust Woodpecker** *Campephilus robustus* (RE)— AF (1): A great sighting right from the porch of the lodge at Ype, we watched a pair for some time working on a palm, feeding.

SERIEMAS: Cariamidae (1)

Red-legged Seriema *Cariama cristata*— PT (2): We had distant views of this species out in the cleared pasture areas of Piuval, then driving out of Pantanal, both groups had much closer looks along the roadside as we neared the exit.

FALCONS AND CARACARAS: Falconidae (5)

Southern Caracara *Caracara plancus*—SP (1): Travel day en route to Ype. AF (2): Both days, this species was noted as we explored the area, 1-2 individuals. PT (8): Common, seen daily, several pairs several of which were courting and a few nesting.

Yellow-headed Caracara *Milvago chimachima*—SP (1): Travel, at our roadside reservoir rest stop. PT (1): One individual seen along the river from Pto. Jofre

**** Barred Forest-Falcon** *Micrastur ruficollis*—AF (1): HO, one individual heard as we stopped to watch a Crab-eating fox, as always with this species early in the morning, as we drove out at dawn to get to the highland area of Itatiaia, on the road below Ype.

Laughing Falcon *Herpetotheres cachinnans*— PT (3): Good looks at Piuval perched on a open-crowned tree, then one individual heard at Pouso Alegre, then another seen the last day as the group departed the park.

**** American Kestrel** *Falco sparverius* — SP (1): Travel day to Ype, one individual seen on the telephone wires.

PARROTS: Psittacidae (12)

Monk Parakeet *Myiopsitta monachus*—PT (7): Common, seen daily, nesting often in the lower parts of large Jabiru stick nests, great views from the tower at South Wild, first encountered on our second day and then seen throughout.

**** Plain Parakeet** *Brotogeris tirica* (E)— AF (3): Ype area, large flocks, seen daily, feeding mainly in orange flowering trees.

Yellow-chevroned Parakeet *Brotogeris chiriri*— PT (7): Common, seen in flocks of 10-20, daily.

**** Pileated Parrot** *Pionopsitta pileata* (RE)—AF (2): HO, early in the morning as we started down the road from our lodge at Ype, we were engrossed in seeing another species when two made a flyover, calling. Then a pair came in to the porch-view area, nice!

Scaly-headed Parrot *Pionus maximiliani*—AF (4): Ype and Itatiaia NP, seen daily, 1-5 individuals. PT (3): Seen on several occasions, usually a pair, perched and flying. Seen on 3 days, Pouso Alegre and South Wild forest areas.

Turquoise-fronted Parrot *Amazona aestiva*— PT (8): Seen on all days of our journey, including a mating pair on the morning walk from Pouso Alegre.

**** Blue-winged Parrotlet** *Forpus xanthopterygius*—SP (1): Travel, great views at our first gas station, reservoir rest stop at close range in a palm. AF (3): We saw them around the lodge at Ype and along the road below. Small groups.

**** Maroon-bellied Parakeet** *Pyrrhura frontalis*— AF (3): Seen well at the Visitor Centre, then at Ype from the lodge, vocal and feeding, often at fairly close range.

Hyacinth Macaw *Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus* (RE)— PT (6): Seen right away as we drove into Pousada Piuvál, then present each day at Pouso Alegre, and seen briefly at South Wild. A stunning, iconic species, we saw them mainly in pairs, both flying and perched. Vocal!

Peach-fronted Parakeet *Eupsittula aurea*— PT (5): Excellent views of this beauty, we saw them on most days of our journey, mainly in small groups feeding, flying from one feed tree to another.

**** Blue-winged Macaw** *Primolius maracana* (RE)—AF (3): We at first only heard them on our arrival day, but the following morning, early, we got good views of two perched, and another two flying, from the veranda of the lodge at Ype.

White-eyed Parakeet *Psittacara leucophthalmus*— PT: Seen on our last segment of the journey, at South Wild and then along the river from Pto. Jofre, pairs and small flocks.

ANTBIRDS AND ALLIES: Thamnophilidae (18)

Giant Antshrike *Batara cinerea*— AF (1): A totally amazing bird, Peg commented it acted like a roadrunner up in the tree. It was huge, and active, feeding on fruits in vines that wrapped large trees on the Trilha Tres Picas, wow! Two individuals.

**** Large-tailed Antshrike** *Mackenziaena leachii* (RE) — AF (2): HO at Ype, Demis pointed out a distant call on two of our walks, but each time we were on to other birds that were close, just so much to see!

Tufted Antshrike *Mackenziaena severa* —AF (1): HO - One vocal and very close individual gave us bare glimpses but never a full picture, in dense vegetation on the road below Ype.

Great Antshrike *Taraba major*— PT (3): Seen well on a morning walk from Piuvál into the gallery forest, then again at South Wild, where we had a pair.

Barred Antshrike *Thamnophilus doliatus*— PT (2): Seen well on a walk from Pouso Alegre, then again at the ruins of the Guard Station en route to Pto. Jofre.

**** Variable Antshrike** *Thamnophilus caerulescens*—AF (3): Seen at Donati, and then again on the road going up to the highlands of Itatiaia NP.

**** Star-throated Antwren** *Rhopias gularis* (E)— AF (1): Wonderful to see one individual of this very pretty antwren in thickets of vegetation near a small stream that crossed the road, vocal, but also visible.

**** Spot-breasted Antvireo** *Dysithamnus stictothorax* — AF (2): We were successful at finding this species our final morning when a mixed flock came through on the Tres Picos trail. Demis' keen ear picked up this call a previous day on the forested section of our full-day outing, and we tried to bring it in, but only got to listen to it calling.

**** Plain Antvireo** *Dysithamnus mentalis*— AF (2): First seen at state park near Sao Paulo; Seen in mixed flocks, the forested lower reaches of the other entrance road to Itatiaia NP, and on the lush Tres Picos (bamboo) trail.

**** Rufous-backed Antvireo** *Dysithamnus xanthopterus* — AF (1): Seen in two different mixed flocks, very good looks, its rusty back reminded some of juncos in color pattern, but in behavior it was a true gleaner, rarely pausing long between probing bouts in search of food in the canopy.

**** Rufous-winged Antwren** *Herpsilochmus rufimarginatus* — AF (1): Seen in a mixed flock, two birds, at the Visitor Center of Itatiaia NP on the road up to Ype.

Black-capped Antwren *Herpsilochmus atricapillus*— PT (1): Holly found this little gem as we were focused on a posing Rufous-tailed Jacamar on the vehicle tour from Piuval, several of the group were able to switch over and get at least a glimpse.

Rusty-backed Antbird *Formicivora rufa*—PT (1): We got excellent looks at this species as we walked out the entry road from South Wild, in the scattered shrub vegetation, a pair.

**** Ferruginous Antbird** *Drymophila ferruginea* (E)— AF (1): Demis found us a pair on the bamboo trail we did the final morning, and they were pretty cooperative in the dense vegetation.

**** Rufous-tailed Antbird** *Drymophila genei* (E)—AF (1): Good views along the roadside as we first started to the entry gate for the highland section to Itatiaia NP, one individual.

**** Ochre-rumped Antbird** *Drymophila ochropyga* (E)— AF (3): Mainly heard, other than a few glimpses. We had three different times to try for this skulker, calling it out, listening to it respond, finally the third round a few of the group getting glimpses of a tail or rump. The stay back, and in dense vegetation, as it is winter, they are not keen to respond, but still – the quest is fun to try!

**** Streak-capped Antwren** *Terenura maculata*—AF (3): Seen well at the Visitor Center on the road up to Ype, and then also at Donati, at close range back by the work area where firewood and vehicle supplies are stored.

Mato Grosso Antbird *Cercomacra melanaria*— PT (1): We found this species, one pair, from our boat trip, but in a quiet lagoon where we had time for good looks at both male and female.

**** White-shouldered Fire-eye** *Pyriglena leucoptera*— AF (1): Good views on one day of two individuals on the road below Ype, near a small stream that crosses the road at a curve.

GNATEATERS: Conopophagidae (1)

**** Rufous Gnatcatcher** *Conopophaga lineata*— AF (3): Great views on the day we walked down the road from Ype, at least two individuals, and then another one was heard on our day birding our way up to the highlands section of Itatiaia NP.

TAPACULOS: Rhinocryptidae (3)

**** Slaty Bristlefront** *Merulaxis ater* (E)— AF (3): This may be a trip favorite for some, what a thrill to see it cross a path between shrubbery, curious and showing off its crown. We saw a male at Donati, and later a female on the Tilha trail in bamboo habitat.

**** White-breasted Tapaculo** *Eleoscytalopus indigoticus* — AF (1): HO the final morning walk, the call pointed out by Demis.

**** Mouse-colored Tapaculo** *Scytalopus speluncae* — AF (1): HO - Heard on several occasions, especially on the forested part of the road going up to the high country of Itatiaia NP. It's incredibly long song the background as we searched for other species. This one is a skulker...

ANTHRUSHES: Formicariidae (1)

**** Such's Antthrush** *Chamaeza meruloides*— AF (3): HO - Its distinctive and long, drawn-out call was heard on three days.

OVENBIRDS AND WOODCREEPERS: Furnariidae (25)

**** Olivaceous Woodcreeper** *Sittasomus griseicapillus*— AF (3): Encountered on three days, on some with multiple mixed flocks, the more common of the woodcreepers seen.

White-throated Woodcreeper *Xiphocolaptes albicollis* — AF (1): Seen in the morning walking the lush forested road as we traveled up to the other entrance of Itatiaia NP. One individual. PT (1): Peg found in the gallery forest when we were spread out searching for a low-feeding mixed flock. It was very close, oblivious to being observed so intent on feeding.

Great Rufous Woodcreeper *Xiphocolaptes major*— PT (1): Seen as we walked from Pouso Alegre out the main road, very good looks at this charismatic species.

Straight-billed Woodcreeper *Dendroplex picus*— PT (1): Steve and a few others got a good look at this species in a mixed flock while we were at Pouso Alegre.

Red-billed Scythebill *Campylorhamphus trochilirostris*— PT (4): First seen as we came back from the boardwalk trail over the marsh at Piuval, then all of the group got good looks and photographs on our walks out from Pouso Alegre. Seen again on the river from Pto. Jofre.

Narrow-billed Woodcreeper *Lepidocolaptes angustirostris*— PT (6): Our most regular woodcreeper, seen at all our locations, often in mixed flocks, at times quite tame and confiding.

**** Scaled Woodcreeper** *Lepidocolaptes squamatus* (E)—AF (3): Seen on three days, as individuals and as pairs, often with other species in a mixed flock.

**** Scalloped Woodcreeper** *Lepidocolaptes falcinellus* (RE)— AF (1): One individual seen well, in the forested area we birded en route to the high country of Itatiaia NP.

**** Streaked Xenops** *Xenops rutilans*— AF (4): Quite common, seen daily, several individuals.

Pale-legged Hornero *Furnarius leucopus*— PT(4): We picked this species up in the latter part of the trip, with most sightings along the larger rivers, seen as pairs, several per day.

Rufous Hornero *Furnarius rufus*— SP(1): travel, Holly and Gerold saw one at our hotel in SP. PT (7): Numerous, vocal, at all locations and seen daily. Their horno oven nests were ever present, including one neatly perched on the welcome sign at the entry to the Transpantaniara.

**** Sharp-tailed Streamcreeper** *Lochmias nematura*— AF (2): HO – On two occasions we heard this lively songster. On our morning walk it was distinct, but heard at a distance down a ravine so no chance of sighting. The other was heard from the vehicle as we passed its territory going down to Donati, we did not have a chance to revisit this site.

**** Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner** *Philydor rufum* — AF (4): Often one or two individuals were with forest mixed flocks, while not numerous, commonly encountered.

**** Buff-browed Foliage-gleaner** *Syndactyla rufosuperciliata* — AF (2): We saw this species as we happened on another good one, Half-collared Sparrow. So our attentions were divided, but several people got to see it as it moved with a large mixed flock on the Trilhas trail. We had heard it as well, the previous day.

**** Araucaria Tit-Spinetail** *Leptasthenura setaria* (RE)— AF (1): Right on cue, as we entered the Araucaria zone driving up to the highlands in Itatiaia NP, Demis was able to find two pair, one working fairly close up high in the cones and needles of these “monkey-puzzle” trees. Fun to find it right where it was supposed to be!

Rufous-fronted Thornbird *Phacellodomus rufifrons*—PT (3): We first saw this species well attending its hanging stick nests on the entry road we walked from South Wild. We then saw them there and along the river.

**** Orange-eyed Thornbird *Phacellodomus erythrophthalmus* (E)**— AF (2): This one is a skulker, but we got good looks, one our first day up by the pool area, and the other on our morning walk down the road from Ype.

Greater Thornbird *Phacellodomus ruber*—PT(2): Seen from Pouso Alegre, the same pair at a spot on the entry road to the ranch.

**** Itatiaia Spinetail *Asthenes moreirae* (E)**— AF (1): Demis knew a good spot to find this species, which on this day seemed amazingly bold and tame, coming out to pose for our photos. We then found another pair working by the parking lot. He says they are often furtive, but we had good looks, close to the mowed field we had lunch by not far from the highlands Visitor Center / entry gate.

**** Pallid Spinetail *Cranioleuca pallida* (E)**— AF (4): Quite common, seen on all our days at close range, often in a mixed flock.

Gray-crested (Rufous) Cacholote *Pseudoseisura unirufa*—PT (2): Singing pairs seen several times at Pouso Alegre and then South Wild.

Chotoy Spinetail *Schoeniophylax phryganophilus*— PT (2): First seen well at Pouso Alegre as we walked out the entry road, a pair perched up for great photographs and we had a few singles as well.

Yellow-chinned Spinetail *Certhiaxis cinnamomeus*—PT (7): Common in wet habitats, seen along the road margin quite a bit as we stopped.

White-lored Spinetail *Synallaxis albilora* (RE)— PT (2): Seen at Pouso Alegre and then at South Wild, each time one pair.

**** Rufous-capped Spinetail *Synallaxis ruficapilla* (RE)**— AF (2): After a few fast and furtive encounters, we had cracking looks while on the Trilhas trail into the bamboo forest.

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS: Tyrannidae (41)

**** Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet *Camptostoma obsoletum***—AF (3): First seen at state park near Sao Paulo; Seen on three days, its distinctive call quite helpful to finding it, lone individuals at the edge of feeding flocks.

**** Gray Elaenia *Myiopagis caniceps*** — AF (1): Seen our first day, in the lodge area on the grounds at Ype.

**** Yellow-bellied Elaenia_ *Elaenia flavogaster*** — AF (1): Seen at Donati, a lone individual near the dining area.

Mouse-colored Tyrannulet *Phaeomyias murina*— PT (1): Seen in the gallery forest on a walk from South Wild, one individual.

Sepia-capped Flycatcher *Leptopogon amaurocephalus*— AF (1): Good looks at one individual on the Trilhas bamboo forest trail. In a mixed flock but bold and posing for us for some time. PT(1): Seen in the gallery forest on a walk from South Wild

**** Mottle-cheeked Tyrannulet *Phylloscartes ventralis***— AF (1): A few individuals seen in the forested area we birded before ascending into the highlands of Itatiaia NP.

**** Serra do Mar Tyrannulet *Phylloscartes difficilis* (E)**— AF: A pair seen just over the road in the forested area we birded before ascending into the highlands of Itatiaia NP.

**** Planalto Tyrannulet *Phyllomyias fasciatus* (RE)**— AF (2): Seen behind the Visitor Center our first day in Itatiaia NP, then again at Donati.

**** Gray-capped Tyrannulet *Phyllomyias griseocapilla* (E)**—AF (2): Seen well at the Visitor Center and on the forested part of our highlands day.

**** Eared Pygmy-Tyrant *Myiornis auricularis* (RE)**— AF (2): Seen very well behind the Visitor Center on our first day, then again as we walked down the road the following morning at Ype. Good views of coloring and face pattern.

**** Brown-breasted Pygmy Tyrant *Hemitriccus obsoletus*** — AF (1): A pair was seen skulking in low vegetation as we birded the forest along the road before ascending to the high country of Itatiaia NP.

Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant *Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer*—PT (1): Seen very well on the gallery forest trail, in a more open clearing, calling and visible for some time.

**** Ochre-faced Tody-Flycatcher *Poecilatriccus plumbeiceps*** — AF (1): A pair was seen well at one of the densely vegetated curves of the road as we walked downhill from Ype our second morning.

**** Gray-headed Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum poliocephalum* (E)**— AF (3): Seen well on several occasions our first two days, then heard our last day on the bamboo forest trail.

Common Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum cinereum*— SP (1): Travel, seen well at the gas station reservoir rest stop. PT (5): Often alerted by its call, this species was widely distributed, a few pair seen per day.

**** Yellow-olive Flycatcher (Flatbill) *Tolmomyias sulphureus*** — AF (3): First seen at state park near Sao Paulo: Seen well on several occasions and quite tame when encountered, seen on 3 days.

**** White-throated Spadebill *Platyrinchus mystaceus***— AF (2): One individual seen on our morning walk down the hill from Ype, near a small stream which it flew across several times, affording us good looks. Demis heard another on our final hike on the Trilhas trail.

**** Cliff Flycatcher *Hirundinea ferruginea***—SP (1): Travel, first seen at the reservoir roadside rest; AF (3): seen regularly whenever around buildings, and also one flying high above Trilhas trail. Friendly and confiding.

Bran-colored Flycatcher *Myiophobus fasciatus*—PT (2): Steve and Kate had a good look at this species on a walk from Pouso Algre, one individual. We then found another on a walk from South Wild, low density, but present.

**** Euler's Flycatcher *Lathrotriccus euleri***— AF (1): Seen on our morning walk, quite low just above the lovely garden with fruit trees that we visited as wild forest gave way to settled areas.

**** Tropical Pewee *Contopus cinereus*** — AF (2): Seen around the lodge at Ype, then on our morning walk downhill along the road. The lower cabins had one that perched regularly in front of their view.

Vermilion Flycatcher *Pyrocephalus rubinus*— PT (8): Quite common at each of the ranches, tame and confiding on fence posts.

**** Crested Black-Tyrant *Knipolegus lophotes* (RE)**— AF (1): One individual, seen on the roof of the shops across from the cheese shop we stopped at, at the base of the road to Itatiaia's highlands.

**** Velvety Black-Tyrant *Knipolegus nigerrimus* (E)**— AF (1): Several individuals seen as we reached higher elevations, one on a guard rail, and four at our lunch stop at the mowed meadow area by the park entry booth.

**** Blue-billed Black-Tyrant *Knipolegus cyanirostris***— AF (1): Seen in the forested area on the road to the highlands, at least two individuals.

White-rumped Monjita *Xolmis velatus*— PT (3): Seen once we hit the more open, lower reaches of the Transpantaniera, easy to spot in the reed grasses.

Black-backed Water-Tyrant *Fluvicola albiventer*— PT (5): A species that likes the wetter areas, seen at the marsh at Piuval and then in the lower reaches of Transpantaniera, best views near the ruins of the old Guard Station.

**** Masked Water-Tyrant *Fluvicola nengeta***— AF (1): A treat to see on the tile roof of Donati's main lodge, two individuals.

White-headed Marsh Tyrant *Arundinicola leucocephala*— PT (5): Piuval and the lower reaches of Transpantaniera.

**** Long-tailed Tyrant *Colonia colonus***— AF (3): Fairly common, seen around Ype Lodge, on the trails, and at Donati.

Cattle Tyrant *Machetornis rixosa*—PT (8): First seen inside the Cuiaba airport getting bugs off the windows, then it proved to be tame and confiding and common throughout, seen all days of the journey.

** **Large-headed Flatbill** *Ramphotricon megacephalum* — AF (1): Seen on the morning walk downhill from Ype Lodge.

** **Sibilant Sirystes** *Sirystes sibilator* — AF (1): One of the first birds spotted, at the Itatiaia Visitor Center below Ype.

Short-crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus ferox*— AF (2): Seen at Ype, Donati and on the Trilhas trail, single individuals. PT (5): Seen at several locations, one individual here and there, not common.

Brown-crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus tyrannulus*— PT (2): Seen and heard in drier areas around Pouso Alegre.

Lesser Kiskadee *Pitangus lictor*— PT (7): One to four individuals a day, seen regularly, always associated with water.

Great Kiskadee *Pitangus sulphuratus*— AF (4): Common, seen daily. PT: Common, seen daily with numbers of a couple dozen or more; we stopped counting, but did admire their cheeky disposition and their colors for photos when framed by good light.

Boat-billed Flycatcher *Megarynchus pitangua*— PT (1): First seen at state park near Sao Paulo; HO - Heard on the river trip from South Wild the first afternoon of our stay.

Rusty-margined Flycatcher *Myiozetetes cayanensis*— PT (7): Common, mostly in pairs, seen at all of our locations except Piuval.

** **Social Flycatcher** *Myiozetetes similis*— AF (3): pairs seen here and there, vocal, 1-3 on three days.

Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus*— PT (6): Common but in small numbers, encountered around the ranches, in travel.

SHARPBILL: Oxyruncidae (1)

** **Sharpbill** *Oxyruncus cristatus*— AF (2): HO by Holly and Gerold on the road below Ype Lodge, also pointed out by Demis as a call on our first morning walk.

COTINGAS AND ALLIES: Cotingidae (2)

** **Black-and-gold Cotinga** *Tijuca atra* (E)— AF (1): For most of the group an elusive tease, we heard half a dozen, and had one fly in right away our first stop. It perched behind branches. Lucky Steve and Demis got a good view, for the rest it was a glimpse. It was almost the first bird out of the bus!

** **Bare-throated Bellbird** *Procnias nudicollis* (RE)— AF (1): (LO) Demis found an immature at the pool area while comparing notes with another guide, he came to get us but it was gone in the few minutes it took to gather.

MANAKINS: Pipridae (4)

** **Serro do Mar Tyrant-Manakin** *Neopelma chrysolophum* — AF (1): We had quite good looks at this furtive species as we stopped in lush forests going up to the higher section of Itatiaia NP. It perched several times over the road and crossed the road repeatedly, calling.

Helmeted Manakin *Antilophia galeata* (RE)— PT (1): Seen on our walk in the gallery forest by Peg only, a female came in quite close to land on a vine when she squeaked for a mixed flock.

** **Swallow-tailed Manakin** *Chiroxiphia caudata*— AF (4): What a beauty, thankfully we had several chances to admire this one. We heard it at many locations, best looks were on the walk down the road below Ype and on the lush road at the lower reaches of the full day out to Itatiaia's other entrance.

**** Black-capped Piprites *Piprites pileata* (RE)**—AF (1): Great to find this elusive species almost right out of the bus on the full-day trip over to the other entrance of Itatiaia NP. We got very good looks and photographs, a pair, feeding on small fruits, vocalizing to each other.

BECARDS AND TITYRAS: Tityridae (2)

**** Greenish Schiffornis *Schiffornis virescens*** —AF (2): Seen on the bamboo trail walk the final morning.
Chestnut-crowned Becard *Pachyrampus castaneus*— AF (3) Seen on the lush forested area of our all-day outing, then heard the following days. PT (1): Seen in the “magic tree” where we had a dozen or more great species on a morning walk out the entry road from Pouso Alegre.

VIREOS AND GREENLETS: Vireonidae (3)

Rufous-browed Peppershrike *Cyclarhis gujanensis*— AF (3): Seen on the grounds of the hotel, on the forested road section of the other entrance to Itatiaia, and heard throughout our stay. PT (3): We heard them from Pouso Alegre on the first morning walk, then on the second by the magic tree one was intent on posing for us, very uncharacteristic behavior!

Rufous-crowned Greenlet *Hylophilus poicilotis* (RE)— AF (2): Views and photos of this little gem. First seen from the Visitor Center, good looks.

Ashy-headed Greenlet *Hylophilus pectoralis*—PT (1): Seen in a tree with a strangler fig that was prized by several species, on Steve as he took a mid-day walk.

CROWS AND JAYS: Corvidae (1)

Purplish Jay *Cyanocorax cyanomelas*— PT (6): Seen around the various ranches, it seemed comfortable around human habitation and noisily announced its presence, always seen in a flock of 6-10 birds.

SWALLOWS AND MARTINS: Hirundinidae (5)

**** Blue-and-white Swallow *Pygochelidon cyanoleuca***—AF (4): Common, seen throughout our stay.

Southern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*—PT (4): Seen around the lodges, open water, best seen at South Wild where they perched and preened by the pasture and river.

Gray-breasted Martin *Progne chalybea*—PT (3): Best seen as we boated under the very sturdy bridge over the Pixaim River by the Mato Grosso hotel. They were flying in and out and we saw several dozen.

Brown-chested Martin *Progne tapera*— SP (1): Seen on our travel day. PT (4): Common at South Wild and beyond as we headed towards Pto. Jofre.

White-winged Swallow *Tachycineta albiventer*—PT (8): Very common throughout, most numerous along the rivers.

WRENS: Troglodytidae (3)

House Wren *Troglodytes aedon*— AF (3): Common, seen or heard often. PT (3): Seen at Pouso Alegre on our walks.

Thrush-like Wren *Campylorhynchus turdinus*— PT (5): Heard at Piuval on the tractor ride, at the river edge as we got out to walk and soak in the beauty of late-day and sunset light.

Buff-breasted Wren *Cantorchilus leucotis*—PT (2): *HO – heard several times from the river when we were on boat trips, we did not take time to try to lure it out, in all cases there were other species of note that drew our attentions away. This one escaped us!*

GNATCATCHERS: Polioptilidae (1)

Masked Gnatcatcher *Polioptila dumicola*— PT (5): One of the most regularly encountered songbirds, almost always seen in pairs, on a walk we'd see 2-3 pairs.

DONACOBIUS: Donacobiidae (1)

Black-capped Donacobius *Donacobius atricapillus*— PT (8): Piuval, Pouso Alegre (highly visible in a small pond on our morning walks, a very active family group), South Wild, roadside and riverbanks, a common species.

THRUSHES: Turdidae (3)

Yellow-legged Thrush *Turdus flavipes*— AF (2): Best seen on our day to the other entrance to Itatiaia NP in the lush forested section of the road at the start.

Pale-breasted Thrush *Turdus leucomelas*— AF (2): Seen in forested areas, fruiting trees. PT (3): Seen in the lush forested areas around South Wild.

Rufous-bellied Thrush *Turdus rufiventris*— AF (4): Common. PT (6): Common.

**** Creamy-bellied Thrush** *Turdus amaurochalinus*— SP (1): Travel day, Demis pointed one out perched on a fencepost along the roadway, some got quick views.

MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS: Mimidae (1)

Chalk-browed Mockingbird *Mimus saturninus*— SP (1): At hotel; Travel: at gas station stop en route back to SP. PT (4): Seen at varied locations, at Pouso Alegre, then in travel on the Transpantania.

NEW WORLD WARBLERS: Parulidae (5)

Masked Yellowthroat *Geothlypis aequinoctialis*— PT (1): HO on the river trip at South Wild.

Tropical Parula *Setophaga pitaiyumi*—PT (1): Seen in the gallery forest, two brilliant gems in the maze of foliage, in with a mixed flock.

Flavescent Warbler *Myiothlypis flaveola*—PT (1): HO on our river trip on the big Cuiaba River, as we were on our quest for Jaguars we did not try to draw it out.

White-browed Warbler *Myiothlypis leucoblephara*— PT (2): HO first on our walk at Piuval, then on the river trip on the Pixaim River from South Wild.

TANAGAERS AND ALLIES: Thraupidae (37)

****Brown Tanager** *Orchesticus abeillei* (E)— AF (2): Good looks in the garden area we ended our first incredible morning walk at, then on the high country day in Itatiaia NP.

Red-crested Cardinal *Paroaria coronata*— PT (1): Seen the last day, an immature at feeders at Mato Grosso Hotel, 2 individuals provided a quick glimpse at the junction in the vicinity of Rio Claro.

Yellow-billed Cardinal *Paroaria capitata*— PT (8): Common, seen daily in good number, dozens of them around the lodges, but also widespread on trails and roadside and riverine margins.

**** Magpie Tanager** *Cissopis leverianus*— AF (3): Six to eight seen a day, not as numerous as other tanagers but seen daily.

**** Olive-green Tanager** *Orthogonys chloricterus* (E)— AF (3): Not common, but quite regular in small numbers among the more vibrant tanagers at Ype, seen daily.

**** Black-goggled Tanager** *Trichothraupis melanops*— AF (3): A regular at the feeder and flowering trees seen from the deck at Ype, also seen in mixed flocks on forest trails.

**** Ruby-crowned Tanager** *Tachyphonus coronatus* (RE)— AF (4): Seen at the feeders, and on trails in the forest, all of the days of our extension.

**** Brazilian Tanager *Ramphocelus bresilius* (E)**— AF (1) : Seen at Donati, one pair, we worked to see them!

Silver-beaked Tanager *Ramphocelus carbo*—PT (7): Seen on our walk from Pouso Alegre, and then at the Tapir blind, seen almost daily.

**** Diademed Tanager *Stephanophorus diadematus***— AF (1) : A wonderful reward for our longer day to the higher reaches of Itatiaia NP, what a beauty! It was sporting to photograph them as they moved quickly through the vegetation feeding, but as we had several chances, most got great views and pictures.

Sayaca Tanager *Thraupis sayaca*— AF (4): First seen at state park near Sao Paulo Common throughout our stay. PT (5): Common, seen on five of our days.

**** Golden-chevroned Tanager *Thraupis ornata* (E)**— AF: This subtle but lovely species came into the Ype feeders and was also in flowering trees in mixed flocks.

Palm Tanager *Thraupis palmarum*— AF: Fairly common. PT (6): Seen at several locations, a pair or two at a time.

**** Burnished-buff Tanager *Tangara cayana***— AF: Individuals seen on two of our days from Ype.

**** Green-headed Tanager *Tangara seledon* (RE)**— AF (4): The most numerous species at the Ype feeders, wow! Seen in mixed flocks in the forest as well.

**** Brassy-breasted Tanager *Tangara desmaresti* (E)**— AF (2): Seen in mixed flocks in the forest, at the higher elevation and then on the bamboo trail.

**** Gilt-edged Tanager *Tangara cyanoventris* (E)**— AF (1): Less common than the other bright tanagers, we had good looks birding the lower forested road we walked on the full day away from the lodge.

**** Swallow Tanager *Tersina viridis***— AF (1): We had good looks, particularly of a pair at Donati, and the few that came into the flowering tree by the deck at Ype.

**** Blue Dacnis *Dacnis cayana***— AF (4): Common, numerous, lovely!

**** Rufous-headed Tanager *Hemithraupis ruficapilla* (E)**— AF (2): A beauty that came into the flowering trees seen off the deck of Ype Hotel, less than half a dozen.

Chestnut-vented Conebill *Conirostrum speciosum* — PT (2): Seen from Pouso Alegre and then in gallery forest in mixed flock on a walk from South Wild.

**** Uniform Finch *Haplospiza unicolor***— AF (1): Seen at Donati in some thick grasses down from the main lodge building.

**** Buff-throated Warbling-Finch *Microspingus lateralis* (E)**— AF (1): Common, we encountered pairs or family groups several times daily around our lodge and in the national park.

**** Bay-chested Warbling-Finch *Castanozoster thoracicus* (E)**—AF (1): Less common of the two warbling-finches, we did have a couple of good looks while in the higher reaches of the Itatiaia NP.

Saffron Finch *Sicalis flaveola*—AF (3): Common, seen at close range off the deck and in the gardens, daily. PT (7): Common, seen daily.

**** Great Pampa Finch *Embernagra plantensis***— AF (1): This bird was quite tame in the mowed field we had lunch at in the upper section of Itatiaia NP, it was feeding close to us throughout our lunch.

Blue-black Grassquit *Volatinia jacarina*—PT (4): Seen in the lower reaches of Transpantania and on our das on the river at the end, in grassy locations.

White-bellied Seedeater *Sporophila leucoptera*— PT (1): A few individuals seen in the scrubby area of the entry road going into South Wild.

**** Double-collared Seedeater *Sporophila caerulescens***— AF (3): Seen regularly in the more open areas visited on our extension.

Rusty-collared Seedeater *Sporophila collaris*—PT (3): Best looks were by the ruins of the old Guard Station along the roadside. We'd seen several females, but at this location we saw a pair and got to appreciate the fine coloring of the male.

Red-crested Finch *Coryphospingus cucullatus*—PT (2): Peg spied an individual that in time we all got looks at on our walk out from Pouso Alegre. Then four more were seen on the final day returning down the Transpantaniera.

** **Bananaquit** *Coereba flaveola*— AF (3): First seen at Sao Paulo hotel grounds; A half dozen or so individuals

Grayish Saltator *Saltator coerulescens*—PT (7): Seen on the road going into Piuval as we walked sections of the Transpantaniera

** **Green-winged Saltator** *Saltator similis*— AF (3): Seen at several of our stops on the extension.

** **Thick-billed Saltator** *Saltator maxillosus* (RE)— AF (1): A pair was seen and very cooperative of close approach in the park entry area by the signs on the higher elevation section of Itatiaia NP.

NEW WORLD SPARROWS: Passerellidae (2)

** **Half-collared Sparrow** *Arremon semitorquatus* (E)— AF (1): Just one individual in a small mixed flock, on the trail through the bamboo forest.

** **Rufous-collared Sparrow** *Zonotrichia capensis*— AF (3): Common, seen daily.

NEW WORLD BLACKBIRDS: Icteridae (13)

Crested Oropendola *Psarocolius decumanus*— PT (3): Seen at Pouso Alegre and South Wild, not large colonies but scattered individuals, some carrying nest material.

Solitary Black Caciue *Cacicus solitarius*— PT (6): Seen at the feeder at Pouso Alegre with other blackbirds, then picked up on most days of the journey in small number.

** **Golden-winged Caciue** *Cacicus chrysopterus* — AF (3): Seen as we first got to Ype at the feeders, then it came back in after some time away, for good viewing and photography.

Yellow-rumped Caciue *Cacicus cela*— PT (4): Common throughout the Pantanal.

** **Red-rumped Caciue** *Cacicus haemorrhous*— AF (3): Common around Ype, Donati.

Epaulet Oriole *Icterus cayanensis*— PT (5): One or two individuals seen on most of our days.

Orange-backed Troupial *Icterus croconotus*— PT (7): A spectacular bird, seen most days, one or two pair. Best seen feeding in the flowers of the "magic tree" on a morning walk from Pouso Alegre.

Shiny Cowbird *Molothrus bonariensis*— PT (4): Most numerous at South Wild.

Giant Cowbird *Molothrus oryzivorus*— PT (5): Seen regularly, some individuals at all of our locations.

Scarlet-headed Blackbird *Amblyramphus holosericeus*— PT (2): We had two sightings of this beauty, one in the scope at a roadside stop.

Chopi Blackbird *Gnorimopsar chopi*— PT (6): Common, seen throughout.

Grayish Baywing *Agelaioides badius*— PT (5): Common at all the ranch properties.

Unicolored Blackbird *Agelasticus cyanopus*—PT (5): Seen in the wetter areas, Piuval and then the lower reaches of the Transpantaniera.

FINCHES AND EUPHONIAS: Fringillidae (4)

** **Blue-naped Chlorophonia** *Chlorophonia cyanea*— AF (1): Spotted at lunchtime by several of the group and Demis, with a mixed flock of Green-headed Tanager and Blue Dacnis.

** **Purple-throated Euphonia** *Euphonia chlorotica*— AF (1): Seen our final morning, from the deck, good views of a male.

Violaceous Euphonia *Euphonia violacea*—First seen at state park near Sao Paulo; PT (1): Kate spotted this little beauty while at South Wild, confirmed by Xavier

**** Chestnut-bellied Euphonia** *Euphonia chrysopasta* (RE)—AF (4): One of the regulars at the feeders and gardens at the lodge at Ype, also seen at Donati and in mixed flocks encountered on forest trails.

OLD WORLD SPARROWS: Passeridae (1)

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus* (I)— SP (1): gas station stops. PT (3): Seen in Cuiaba and on ranches near the buildings and corrals.

Mammals (18 species)

Greater Bulldog Bat *Noctilio leporinus*— PT (1): Seen feeding in the lights of the boat we stayed on on a tributary of the Cuiaba River.

Giant Anteater *Myrmecophaga tridactyla*—PT (2): One individual seen very well at South Wild. Steve encountered it coming back from some mid-day birding and was amazed at its size. It veered off back to the main road into the ranch, he came running to get us, knocking on doors. It had been trying to get to the river, and made another pass, not far from the dining room. Most were napping post lunch and those quick to grab shoes and gear watched it amble to the river, take a deep drink and then effortlessly slide into the water to swim the Pixiam River! At first you could just see the nose and tip of the tail, then that massive van of fur submerged so only the snout showed. The far bank was too dense to watch it get out and likely shake, but we all marveled at the chance to see this oddest of animals!

****Atlantic Forest Squirrel** *Sciurus ingrami*— AF: We had close looks as a pair was very much at hope at the hotel at Ype, coming and going into the entry area.

Brown Capuchin *Sapajus apella*—PT (2): Several groups seen in riverine forests at various lodges along our route. We watched them feed on fruits, cracking loudly one type of long seed pod.

Black-and-gold Howler Monkey *Alouata caraya*—PT (4): Several groups were seen, often in dense foliage, again in riverine and gallery forests. At South Wild a troop howled each dawn across the river.

Crab-eating Fox *Cerdocyon thous*— AF: One individual seen at a bend in the road as we left early one morning to explore higher elevation areas of the national park, not far from Ype Lodge. PT (2): One individual glimpsed during a night drive, and another seen around the lodge at Pouso Alegre.

****Tayra** *Eira barbara*— AF: Seen by Gerold and Holly while walking down the road from Ype.

South American Coati *Nasua nasua*—PT (1): One individual seen on the road as we drove on from Piuval, on the main roadway, not far from the entry sign.

Neotropical River Otter *Lontra longicaudis*—PT (1): One individual seen our first day on the Cuiaba River and tributaries.

Giant Otter *Pteronura brasiliensis*— PT (3): Seen daily while on the river portion of our trip. We first spotted a group from one of the bridges of the main roadway, at a picturesque spot with a wide expanse of water. They made loud territorial sounds, answering Xavier who was quite good at imitating them. They patrolled up and down, giving us good looks at their markings. We then saw groups on the river, often quite confiding, rarely moving away from us. At the mouth of a quiet tributary one individual had a fish and the others loudly begged, it had no intention of sharing and snarled and growled. Some groups were intent on feeding and glided along the river edge. At dusk one night we found a group playing, four individuals, two going up and down the bank with repeated slides, and two just wrestling like puppies.

Ocelot *Leopardus pardalis*—PT (1): South Wild keeps a lit feeding station, part of their research effort on cats using the area and a wonderful chance for guests to watch this elusive creature. We were lucky to

have two, the first a smaller female, then a larger male. Spot patterns were distinct. They were so cat-like, inquisitive and agile.

Jaguar *Panthera onca*— PT (1): Four!! Along the Cuiaba River and tributaries we searched hard, first an afternoon with no luck, then a morning with just the head of a big male poking out of dense vegetation. Then our luck changed and that afternoon of our second day we had three sightings, one with a massive boat congregation the cat simply ignored, having chosen a nice shade spot on the river bank in plain view. She got up a few times, actually improving our view. Otherwise she groomed herself, yawned and at times stretched full out to sleep. We found another and had it all to ourselves, a big male that kept himself more hidden. We then found one more, a second female. All had distinct spot patterns, the first female's included a perfect heart on her chest. Gingy named her Valentine.

Brazilian Tapir *Tapirus terrestris*— PT (1): Two! We actually got a look at this elusive mammal, a female and her youngster near the tapir blind set up by Pouso Alegre at a small pond. We caught sighting of her early, as she came into the meadow. The youngster veered back to her and she moved it off into dense vegetation. Some of the group saw the full set of behaviors, others butts disappearing, but they were wet, so had obviously been in the water and were set on feeding.

Red Brocket Deer *Mazama americana*— PT (1): Two individuals seen the first day going into Piuval.

Gray (Brown) Brocket Deer *Mazama gouazoubira*— PT (5): The most common deer encountered, small groups of 2-4, feeding.

Marsh Deer *Blastocerus dichotomus*— PT (2): We first had good looks on a roadside stop at a male, elegant with its large rack, feeding up to its shoulders in lush marsh reeds. We then had a female with last year's young as we left South Wild, we got out of the bus to see them in more detail.

Azara's Agouti *Dasyprocta azarae*— PT (3): Seen at Pouso Alegre several times, and at South Wild.

Capibara *Hydrochoerus hydrochaeris*— PT (8): Abundant, at the ranches very acclimated to humans, at South Wild they lazed about on the lawn and moved in big groups. We saw them plentifully in the river swimming and out on sandbars and river islands.

Reptiles and Amphibians (4 species)

Yacare Caiman *Caiman yacare*— PT (8): Another icon of the region, abundant.

Green Iguana *Iguana iguana*— PT (5): Seen well along the big rivers.

Black-and-white Tegu *Tupinambis merianae*— PT (3): Encountered at each upland location, particularly numerous at Pouso Alegre.

Caiman Lizard *Dracaena paraguayensis* — PT (1): Seen at close range crossing the road a Peg, Bud and Gingy left Pantanal, in the stretch before the entry booth.

Three species of frogs and Tree frogs – id pending!

Butterflies and Moths

There were surprisingly few butterflies and moths, despite Holly setting out a black light on several nights at our various locations. We have photos to work with for ID's, a work in progress...

Thank you to Steve and Holly for input on the list!