

Guyana: Unspoiled Wilderness | Species List

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(HO) = Distinctive enough to be counted as heard only

(GO) = Seen by guides only

(I) = Introduced

Sites visited: Cara Lodge Hotel, Georgetown Botanical Garden, Mahaica River, Ogle Seawall, Kaieteur Falls, Surama Ecolodge, MYC Camp, Harpy Eagle Trail, Surama entrance road, Burro-Burro River Trail, Atta Rainforest Lodge & Canopy Walkway, Atta Cock-of-the-Rock lek, Atta White Sand Forest, Caiman House Lodge, Rupununi River, Karasabai, Manari Ranch, and Takatu River.

Summary: 321 species of birds, 6 species of mammals, 5 species of reptiles and amphibians, 9 species of notable insects, and 1 species of fish positively identified.

BIRDS (321 species recorded, of which 7 were heard only and 12 seen by guides only):

TINAMOUS (Tinamidae) (2)

Little Tinamou (*Crypturellus soui*): (HO), heard on both full days near Surama.

Undulated Tinamou (*Crypturellus undulatus*): heard and seen by a few on the Rupununi River boat trip.

DUCKS, GEESE AND SWANS (Anatidae) (4)

White-faced Whistling-Duck (*Dendrocygna viduata*): seen, primarily at a distance and while flying, on the way to and around the savannas at Caiman House.

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck (*Dendrocygna autumnalis*): small group observed in wetland on way to Narish's house for Mahaica River boat trip.

Muscovy Duck (*Cairina moschata*): seen at different places on 4 days, mostly small groups flying.

White-cheeked Pintail (*Anas bahamensis*): at least 2 found at a distance at the Ogle Seawall (a lifer for Ron!).

GUANS AND CURASSOWS (Cracidae) (3)

Variable Chachalaca (*Ortalis motmot*): seen or heard all 6 days at Surama and Atta.

Marail Guan (*Penelope marail*): another Guianan Shield Endemic, was seen well on 2 days, once near Surama and again near Atta.

Spix's Guan (*Penelope jacquacu*): seen, sometimes quite well while feeding on Palm fruits, on 3 of the days at Surama.

NEW WORLD QUAIL (Odontophoridae) (1)

Crested Bobwhite (*Colinus cristatus*): numerous birds seen, mostly coveys flushing off savanna roads, on 3 days at Caiman House and Manari Ranch.

GREBES (Podicipedidae) (2)

Least Grebe (*Tachybaptus dominicus*): many seen in Mossu Lake near Manari Ranch.

Pied-billed Grebe (*Podilymbus podiceps*): one locates with scope floating and diving in Mossu Lake.

PIGEONS AND DOVES (Columbidae) (11)

Rock Pigeon (l) (*Columba livia*): seen on the 3 days in Georgetown.

Pale-vented Pigeon (*Patagioenas cayennensis*): seen on 6 days near Georgetown and in the Rupununi.

Scaled Pigeon (*Patagioenas speciosa*): seen on 2 days at Surama, often perched in the crown of a tall tree.

Plumbeous Pigeon (*Patagioenas plumbea*): more frequently heard than seen, but found on 4 days in forested areas at Surama and Atta.

Ruddy Pigeon (*Patagioenas subvinacea*): also heard more frequently than seen; on 3 days in forested areas at Surama and Atta.

Common Ground Dove (*Columbina passerina*): seen on 6 days in more open, arid grassy areas at Surama, Caiman House, and Manari Ranch.

Plain-breasted Ground Dove (*Columbina minuta*): on 2 days on way to Caiman House and in nearby savannas.

Ruddy Ground Dove (*Columbina talpacoti*): seen on the first 3 days in Georgetown and sites near the coast and again on the Rupununi River.

Blue Ground Dove (*Claravis pretiosa*): only seen once from the boat on the Rupununi River.

White-tipped Dove (*Leptotila verreauxi*): seen every day while at Surama and again at Caiman House; 6 days total.

Eared Dove (*Zenaida auriculata*): seen on a days while in the savannas near Caiman House.

CUCKOOS AND ALLIES (Cuculidae) (4)

Smooth-billed Ani (*Crotophaga ani*): one of the most frequently encountered species, found on 10 days except when birding in the forests at Atta.

Little Cuckoo (*Coccyua minuta*): one week at the start of the Mahaica River boat trip.

Squirrel Cuckoo (*Piaya cayana*): surprisingly seen on only 2 days, once at Surama and again at Caiman House.

Rufous-winged Ground-Cuckoo (*Neomorphus rufipennis*): one of the most elusive neotropical birds; one or two were glimpsed running across an old road and heard calling and bill snapping in response to playback at a forest site while traveling from Surama to Atta on day 6.

NIGHTJARS (Caprimulgidae) (8)

Nacunda Nighthawk (*Chordeiles nacunda*): several seen flying over the road to Yupukari during sundowners on day 9.

Least Nighthawk (*Chordeiles pusillus*): seen on 2 days at dusk when flying over the savanna at Surama and on the road to Yupukari.

Lesser Nighthawk (*Chordeiles acutipennis*): most frequently seen nightjar, seen and sometimes heard in savanna areas on 4 days.

Short-tailed Nighthawk (*Lurocalis semitorquatus*): seen at dusk flying over main highway near Surama on day 5.

Band-tailed Nighthawk (*Nyctiprogne leucopyga*): many observed foraging at dusk over the Rupununi River during the boat trip; 3 were found with a spotlight perched in a tree.

Blackish Nightjar (*Nyctipolus nigrescens*): 2 found roosting on a branch at the start of the Burro-Burro hike at Surama.

Common Pauraque (*Nyctidromus albicollis*): most encountered nightjar species, on 6 days, but generally heard at dawn and/or dusk, rather than seen.

White-tailed Nightjar (*Hydropsalis cayennensis*): one bird seen sitting in the road by one car while driving out of Caiman House in the early morning.

POTOOS (Nyctibiidae) (4)

Great Potoo (*Nyctibius grandis*): in roosting bird well seen at its roost site, on the first afternoon at Surama.

Common Potoo (*Nyctibius griseus*): heard singing 2 nights at Surama and seen perched at dusk on a snag during the Rupununi boat trip.

White-winged Potoo (*Nyctibius leucopterus*): one bird called after dark along the highway near Atta; perched high in a snag, but visible in flashlight beam.

Rufous Potoo (*Nyctibius bracteatus*): one staked-out, roosting bird seen in the forest near Atta.

SWIFTS (Apodidae) (6)

White-collared Swift (*Streptoprocne zonaris*): seen on 2 days, always flying high overhead, at Surama and Atta.

Short-tailed Swift (*Chaetura brachyura*): flying overhead during the Mahaica River boat trip.

Band-rumped Swift (*Chaetura spinicaudus*): observed every day at Atta, most often overhead.

Chapman's Swift (*Chaetura chapmani*): confirmed identification when several observed flying under bridge on highway near Atta on day 7.

White-tipped Swift (*Aeronautes montivagus*): (GO) seen by Ron and Dave at Kaieteur Falls.

Fork-tailed Palm-Swift (*Tachornis squamata*): seen on 2 days by some of the group.

HUMMINGBIRDS (Trochilidae) (17)

Crimson Topaz (*Topaza pella*): seen on the main highway on one day at Atta.

Long-tailed Hermit (*Phaethornis superciliosus*): regular visitor to the feeders at Atta and seen all 4 days there.

Reddish Hermit (*Phaethornis ruber*): (GO) found by Ron on one day at Atta.

Black-eared Fairy (*Heliostyris auritus*): seen on 2 days along the forest trails at Atta.

Black-throated Mango (*Anthracothorax nigricollis*): one seen at Narish's house on Mahaica River.

Long-billed Starthroat (*Heliomaster longirostris*): seen on 2 days, once at Surama and again at Dari Lake during the Rupununi boat trip.

Blue-tailed Emerald (*Chlorostilbon mellisugus*): (GO) seen by Ron and Dave at the start of the Burro-Burro hike.

Blue-chinned Sapphire (*Chlorestes notata*): a nice male seen by most at the start of the Burro-Burro trail hike.

Gray-breasted Sabrewing (*Campylopterus largipennis*): regular visitor to the feeders at Atta and seen all 4 days there.

Fork-tailed Woodnymph (*Thalurania furcata*): regular visitor to the feeders at Atta and seen all 4 days there.

White-chested Emerald (*Amazilia brevirostris*): (GO) seen by Ron at a Narish's house on the Mahaica River.

Plain-bellied Emerald (*Amazilia leucogaster*): seen the first 3 days of the trip in or near Georgetown, including at the Cara Lodge.

Glittering-throated Emerald (*Amazilia fimbriata*): seen on 4 days at Georgetown Botanical Garden, Surama, Caiman House, and Karasabai.

Versicolored Emerald (*Amazilia versicolor*): seen 2 days at Atta when visiting the feeders.

Rufous-throated Sapphire (*Hylocharis sapphirina*): seen on 2 of the days at Surama.

White-chinned Sapphire (*Hylocharis cyanus*): seen on 2 of the days at Surama.

Fiery-tailed Aowlbill (*Avocettula recurvirostris*): a female of this unique hummingbird was seen by most perched in a far away tree at the start of the Burro-Burro trail hike.

HOATZIN (Opisthocomidae) (1)

Hoatzin (*Opisthocomus hoazin*): many of this unique species, the national bird of Guyana, were seen on the Mahaica River boat trip.

RAILS, COOTS AND ALLIES (Rallidae) (1)

Purple Gallinule (*Porphyrio martinica*): seen on 3 days in the wetlands of the Rupununi.

LIMPKIN (Aramidae) (1)

Limpkin (*Aramus guarana*): seen on 7 days of the trip at most larger wetlands near the coast and in the Rupununi.

TRUMPETERS (Psophiidae) (1)

Gray-winged Trumpeter (*Psophia crepitans*): seen on 3 days at Surama and Atta, best views were a flock of at least 12 seen foraging on the return from the Burro-Burro trail hike.

THICK-KNEES (Burhinidae) (1)

Double-striped Thick-knee (*Burhinus bistriatus*): this unique shorebird was seen in 2 days in the Rupununi savannas.

PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS (Charadriidae) (3)

Pied Lapwing (*Vanellus cayanus*): seen on sandbars during the Rupununi River boat trip.

Southern Lapwing (*Vanellus chilensis*): seen on 4 days in a variety of open areas near the coast and in the Rupununi.

Collared Plover (*Charadrius collaris*): a pair on the sandy river edge of the Takutu River.

JACANAS (Jacanidae) (1)

Wattled Jacana (*Jacana jacana*): frequently seen (6 days) at a variety of wetlands near the coast and in the Rupununi.

SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES (Scolopacidae) (5)

Whimbrel (*Numenius phaeopus*): several on the mudflats at Ogle Seawall.

Spotted Sandpiper (*Actitis macularius*): seen one 4 days at mudflats on the coast and on the Rupununi and Takutu Rivers.

Greater Yellowlegs (*Tringa melanoleuca*): many observed on the mudflats at the Ogle Seawall.

Willet (*Tringa semipalmata*): several on the mudflats at Ogle Seawall.

Lesser Yellowlegs (*Tringa flavipes*): quite a few mixed in with Greater on the flats at Ogle Seawall.

GULLS AND TERNS (Laridae) (3)

Laughing Gull (*Leucophaeus atricilla*): very large numbers at the Ogle Seawall.

Large-billed Tern (*Phaetusa simplex*): small flock roosting and flying on the Rupununi River from the boats.

Black Skimmer (*Rynchops niger*): small group with the gulls and shorebirds at Ogle Seawall.

STORKS (Ciconiidae) (3)

Maguari Stork (*Ciconia maguari*): seen on 3 days near wetlands in the Rupununi.

Jabiru (*Jabiru mycteria*): seen on 4 days, along the highway near Atta and most days while in the Rupununi.

Wood Stork (*Mycteria americana*): seen on 3 days in the Rupununi.

ANHINGAS (Anhingidae) (1)

Anhinga (*Anhinga anhinga*): seen on the Mahaica River boat trip and at Dari Lake.

CORMORANTS (Phalacrocoracidae) (1)

Neotropic Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*): seen on 4 days, near the coast at Ogle Seawall and on the Rupununi and Takutu Rivers.

PELICANS (Pelecanidae) (1)

Brown Pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*): seen at Ogle Seawall.

HERONS AND EGRETS (Ardeidae) (12)

Pinnated Bittern (*Botaurus pinnatus*): this sometimes hard to see heron was seen twice, first from the highway while traveling from Atta to Caiman House and again the following day in a wetland out in the savanna near Caiman House.

Rufescent Tiger-Heron (*Tigrisoma lineatum*): this intriguing heron was seen twice, at Surama and again at Atta.

Cocoi Heron (*Ardea cocoi*): found on 8 days of the trip in a variety of wetland types, including rivers, streams, lakes, and savanna wetlands.

Great Egret (*Ardea alba*): found on 7 days near wetlands on the coast and in the Rupununi.

Snowy Egret (*Egretta thula*): found on 2 days when near the coast.

Little Blue Heron (*Egretta caerulea*): found on 2 days near the coast and again at Dari Lake.

Tricolored Heron (*Egretta tricolor*): found on 2 days near the coast.

Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*): found on 3 days near the coast.

Striated Heron (*Butorides striata*): found one 6 days at wetlands near the coast and in the Rupununi.

Black-crowned Night-Heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*): seen only once at Mussu Lake.

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron (*Nyctanassa violacea*): (GO) one seen through the scope by Dave at Ogle Seawall.

Boat-billed Heron (*Cochlearius cochlearius*): seen by Nate during the night drive at Atta.

IBIS AND SPOONBILLS (Threskiornithidae) (3)

Scarlet Ibis (*Eudocimus ruber*): many seen at a distance (but easily identifiable!) at Ogle Seawall.

Green Ibis (*Mesembrinibis cayennensis*): feeding on the shorelines during the Rupununi River boat trip and at Dari Lake.

Buff-necked Ibis (*Theristicus caudatus*): seen on 3 days on the Rupununi savannas.

NEW WORLD VULTURES (Cathartidae) (5)

King Vulture (*Sarcoramphus papa*): one glimpsed by Dave soaring over the canopy on the Burro-Burro trail and a juvenile seen with a large group of Black Vultures on the way from Atta to Caiman House.

Black Vulture (*Coragyps atratus*): one of the more ubiquitous species on the trip, seen on 11 days.

Turkey Vulture (*Cathartes aura*): seen on 9 days at almost every site.

Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture (*Cathartes burrovianus*): found most days in open/savanna areas, including Mahaica River and in the Rupununi.

Greater Yellow-headed Vulture (*Cathartes melambrotus*): seen on 2 days, but probably more around; identified at Kaieteur Falls and at Atta.

OSPREY (Pandionidae) (1)

Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*): seen 3 times, at the first Botanical Garden visit, on the Rupununi boat trip, and on the Takutu River.

HAWKS, KITES AND EAGLES (Accipitridae) (16)

White-tailed Kite (*Elanus leucurus*): a pair perched in a tree in the savanna while driving from Manari Ranch to the Takutu River.

Swallow-tailed Kite (*Elanoides forficatus*): seen 3 days, flying over the canopy while at Surama and while at Caiman House.

Harpy Eagle (*Harpia harpyja*): an adult perched high in a canopy tree at Atta.

Black Hawk-Eagle (*Spizaetus tyrannus*): an immature seen by all on the Burro-Burro trail hike.

Black-collared Hawk (*Busarellus nigricollis*): seen 3 days, always near water, at Georgetown Botanical Garden, while traveling from Atta to Caiman House, and at Dari Lake.

Snail Kite (*Rostrhamus sociabilis*): seen on both visits to the Botanical Garden and a large concentration at Mussu Lake.

Plumbeous Kite (*Ictinia plumbea*): seen on 5 days, mostly on all days at Surama and occasionally elsewhere.

Long-winged Harrier (*Circus buffoni*): seen in the Mahaica River area and from the boats.

Rufous Crab Hawk (*Buteogallus aequinoctialis*): a pair well seen by the Mahaica River bridge.

Savanna Hawk (*Buteogallus meridionalis*): regularly seen in savanna and savanna-edge areas; on 6 days.

Great Black Hawk (*Buteogallus urubitinga*): seen on 3 days, on the Mahaica River boat trip and on 2 days while driving on the main highway in the Surama/Atta area.

Roadside Hawk (*Rupornis magnirostris*): seen on 4 days, at Hope Canal, Surama, and Takutu River.

White-tailed Hawk (*Geranoaetus albicaudatus*): seen on 4 days when in savanna, often while driving.

Black-faced Hawk (*Leucopternis melanops*): heard several times, but only seen once on the Atta forest trails.

Gray-lined Hawk (*Buteo nitidis*): found on 6 days, at Georgetown Botanical Garden, in the Surama area, and in the Caiman House area.

Zone-tailed Hawk (*Buteo albonotatus*): seen on both visits to the Botanical Garden.

OWLS (Strigidae) (4)

Tawny-bellied Screech-Owl (*Megascops watsonii*): (HO) heard at dusk one of the days at Surama.

Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum*): one seen very well at the breakfast stop in the road into Karasabai.

Burrowing Owl (*Athene cunicularia*): 2 birds seen, presumably at a nest hole, on the savannas near Caiman House.

Black-banded Owl (*Ciccaba huhula*): One called in along the highway near Atta after dark on day 7.

TROGONS (Trogonidae) (4)

Black-tailed Trogon (*Trogon melanurus*): (GO) seen by Ron and Dave when we first arrived at Atta Lodge.

Green-backed Trogon (*Trogon viridis*): seen in 3 days of the trip at Surama and Atta.

Guianan Trogon (*Trogon violaceus*): seen on 4 days of the trip at Surama and Atta.

Black-throated Trogon (*Trogon rufus*): seen on 1 of the days at Surama.

MOTMOTS (Momotidae) (1)

Amazonian Motmot (*Momotus momota*): seen or heard by most one 1 day at Surama.

KINGFISHERS (Alcedinidae) (4)

Ringed Kingfisher (*Megaceryle torquata*): by far the most frequently encountered kingfisher, seen on 8 different days on most segments of the trip.

Amazon Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle amazona*): seen on 2 days, once on the way to Mahaica River and again in the Rupununi River boat trip.

American Pygmy Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle aenea*): seen in the shrubs near Hope Canal, though never particularly well.

Green Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle americana*): seen on the Mahaica River boat trip.

PUFFBIRDS (Bucconidae) (4)

Guianan Puffbird (*Notharchus macrorhynchos*): found on one of the late afternoon hikes at Surama.

Pied Puffbird (*Notharchus tectus*): found on one of the morning walks at Surama.

Black Nunbird (*Monasa atra*): seen on 4 days, two at Surama and two at Atta.

Swallow-winged Puffbird (*Chelidoptera tenebrosa*): regularly found in areas with some kind of forest; seen on 7 days.

JACAMARS (Galbulidae) (4)

Green-tailed Jacamar (*Galbula galbula*): seen on 5 days (the most frequently seen jacamar) on the Mahaica River boat trip, at Surama, and Dari Pond.

Bronzy Jacamar (*Galbula leucogastra*): this white sand forest specialist was seen at Atta on our short hike into that habitat.

Paradise Jacamar (*Galbula dea*): seen on 2 days, usually high in the forest canopy, once at Surama and again at Atta.

Great Jacamar (*Jacamerops aureus*): seen with great views on the Burro- hero trail hike, Surama.

NEW WORLD BARBETS (Capitonidae) (1)

Black-spotted Barbet (*Capito niger*): seen in 2 days at Surama and Atta.

TOUCANS (Ramphastidae) (6)

Green Aracari (*Pteroglossus viridis*): seen on one of the morning walks at Surama.

Black-necked Aracari (*Pteroglossus aracari*): seen on 4 days, sometimes quite nicely, at Surama and Atta.

Guianan Toucanet (*Selenidera piperivora*): seen one day right in the clearing at Atta Lodge.

Toco Toucan (*Ramphastos toco*): found on one of the visits to Georgetown Botanical Garden.

White-throated Toucan (*Ramphastos tucanus*): the most frequently encountered toucan species, seen (and heard) on 6 days at Surama and Atta.

Channel-billed Toucan (*Ramphastos vitellinus*): seen on 3 days at Surama.

WOODPECKERS (Picidae) (12)

Golden-spangled Piculet (*Picumnus exilis*): seen on one of the late afternoon walks at Surama.

White-bellied Piculet (*Picumnus spilogaster*): a family group of 4 birds very well seen at Karasabai.

Yellow-tufted Woodpecker (*Melanerpes cruentatus*): several observed at an apparent nest hole on the highway near Surama.

Golden-collared Woodpecker (*Dryobates cassini*): this aptly named woodpecker was seen on 2 days at Surama.

Blood-colored Woodpecker (*Dryobates sanguineus*): seen on both trips to the Georgetown Botanical Garden and on the Mahaica River boat trip.

Red-necked Woodpecker (*Campephilus rubricollis*): seen on 4 days in forested areas at Surama and Atta.

Crimson-crested Woodpecker (*Campephilus melanoleucos*): seen on 3 days in forested areas at Surama and Atta.

Lineated Woodpecker (*Dryocopus lineatus*): seen 4 days at Surama and Atta.

Waved Woodpecker (*Celeus undatus*): seen by some of the group on one day at Atta.

Cream-colored Woodpecker (*Celeus flavus*): seen on 4 days, with a few very good views, at Surama and Atta.

Chestnut Woodpecker (*Celeus elegans*): seen by some of the group at Kaieteur Falls.

FALCONS AND CARACARAS (Falconidae) (8)

Black Caracara (*Daptrius ater*): only seen once, a few flying over Surama junction.

Crested Caracara (*Caracara cheriway*): seen 6 days in open habitats near the coast, at Surama, and in the Rupununi.

Yellow-headed Caracara (*Milvago chimachima*): seen on 4 days, particularly near the coast and in the Rupununi.

Laughing Falcon (*Herpetotheres cachinnans*): seen on one of the visits to the Georgetown Botanical Garden.

American Kestrel (*Falco sparverius*): seen on 3 days in savannas of the Rupununi.

Bat Falcon (*Falco rufigularis*): seen on 3 days, at the botanical garden, Surama, and near Atta; the latter at first incorrectly identified as an Orange-breasted.

Orange-breasted Falcon (*Falco deiroleucus*): (HO) heard by Ron at Kaieteur Falls, but never seen.

Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*): One seen perched on a communications tower at the botanical garden on the pre-day.

PARROTS (Psittacidae) (17)

Golden-winged Parakeet (*Brotogeris chrysoptera*): seen on 2 days, the best during the Burro-Burro trail hike near the bridge.

Blue-headed Parrot (*Pionus menstruus*): regular and numerous all 6 days at Surama and Atta; but most often seen flying over in noisy groups; one pair seen in a nest hole in a palm on the Burro-Burro trail hike.

Festive Parrot (*Amazona festiva*): seen only on the two visits to Georgetown Botanical Garden.

Blue-cheeked Parrot (*Amazona dufresniana*): seen on 3 days, but always flying overhead.

Yellow-crowned Parrot (*Amazona ochrocephala*): seen on 2 days, at Surama and near Manari Ranch.

Mealy Parrot (*Amazona farinosa*): this, the largest parrot, was seen or heard 4 days at Surama and Atta.

Orange-winged Parrot (*Amazona amazonica*): this parrot was seen on 7 days, at the botanical garden, Surama, and Atta.

Green-rumped Parrotlet (*Forpus passerinus*): several observed briefly while perched during the Mahaica River boat trip.

Black-headed Parrot (*Pionites melanocephalus*): this handsome species was seen on 2 days, at Surama and Atta.

Red-fan Parrot (*Deroptyus accipitrinus*): a very intriguing parrot, this was seen 4 days, by Dave at the botanical garden (where it's introduced), Surama, and Atta (the latter does not include the pet Red-fan running around the lodge!).

Painted Parakeet (*Pyrrhura picta*): seen on 2 days in the Surama area.

Brown-throated Parakeet (*Eupsittula pertinax*): seen on 8 days at most areas in the trip with open habitats, both near the coast and in the Rupununi.

Sun Parakeet (*Aratinga solstitialis*): At least 15 we'll seen perched in trees and feeding on monkey brush vine at Karasabai.

Red-bellied Macaw (*Orthopsittaca manilatus*): One of the smaller macaws, this species was seen on 2 days, once near Atta and again in the savannas near Manari Ranch.

Scarlet Macaw (*Ara macao*): seen on 5 days at both Surama and Atta.

Red-and-green Macaw (*Ara chloropterus*): seen on 7 days at both Surama and Atta; our most frequently encountered macaw.

Red-shouldered Macaw (*Diopsittaca nobilis*): this, the smallest of the macaws, was seen on both visits to the Georgetown Botanical Garden and again on 2 days in the savannas near Caiman House.

ANTBIRDS (Thamnophilidae) (17)

Fasciated Antshrike (*Cymbilaimus lineatus*): (GO) seen by Ron and Dave at Atta.

Black-crested Antshrike (*Sakesphorus canadensis*): seen on 3 days, first from the boats on the Mahaica River and again at Dari Pond and near Karasabai.

Barred Antshrike (*Thamnophilus doliatus*): Pair seen along the Takutu River.

Northern Slaty-Antshrike (*Thamnophilus punctatus*): (HO) once during the Burro-Burro trail hike.

Dusky-throated Antshrike (*Thamnomanes ardesiacus*): this antshrike, an understory flock nucleus species in the Iwokrama Forest, was seen on 2 days in mixed-species flocks at Atta.

Brown-bellied Stipplethroat (*Epinecrophylla gutturalis*): this difficult to see bird was found on one day at Atta.

Guianan Streaked-Antwren (*Myrmotherula surinamensis*): a pair seen pretty well in the morning outing to the MYC Camp clearing on the highway near Surama.

Gray Antwren (*Myrmotherula menetriesii*): seen by some on one day at Atta.

Spot-tailed Antwren (*Herpsilochmus sticturus*): (GO) seen by Ron and Dave at the cock-of-the-rock lek at Atta.

White-fringed Antwren (*Formicivora grisea*): seen by the guides on 2 days, but finally seen by most of the group when along the Takutu River.

Guianan Warbling-Antbird (*Hypocnemis cantator*): seen on 3 days, at Surama on the Burro-Burro trail hike and in 2 days at Atta.

Dusky Antbird (*Cercomacroides tyrannina*): (GO) seen by Ron and Dave on the highway near Atta.

Gray Antbird (*Cercomacra cinerascens*): seen or heard 2 days at Atta.

Rio Branco Antbird (*Cercomacra carbonaria*): Pair seen by Robin and Steve along the Takutu River.

White-browed Antbird (*Myrmoborus leucophrys*): (HO) heard in the Burro-Burro trail hike, Surama.

Ferruginous-backed Antbird (*Myrmoderus ferrugineus*): one seen fairly well by most of the group while singing from a downed tree along the Harpy Eagle trail at Surama and heard again at Atta.

Rufous-throated Antbird (*Gymnopithys rufigula*): seen by some (and heard by others) on one of the forest trails at Atta.

ANTPITTAS (Grallariidae) (1)

Spotted Antpitta (*Hylopezus macularius*): (HO) heard on 2 days along the forest trails at Atta.

OVENBIRDS AND WOODCREEPERS (Furnariidae) (8)

Plain-brown Woodcreeper (*Dendrocincla fuliginosa*): seen on one day at Atta on one of the forest trail walks.

Wedge-billed Woodcreeper (*Glyphorhynchus spirurus*): seen well by most of the group at Atta on a forest trail hike.

Amazonian Barred-Woodcreeper (*Dendrocolaptes certhia*): seen in 2 days by everyone at Atta.

Chestnut-rumped Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus pardalotus*): seen once at a highway birding stop while driving from Surama to Atta.

Buff-throated Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus guttatus*): seen on 3 days on several of the forest trail hikes at Atta.

Pale-legged Hornero (*Furnarius leucopus*): A bird that responded to playback was seen by almost all at Takutu River.

Yellow-chinned Spinetail (*Certhiaxis cinnamomeus*): found on 4 days, on both visits to the Georgetown Botanical Garden (where everyone actually saw it!) and found again on 2 days in the Rupununi.

Hoary-throated Spinetail (*Synallaxis kollari*): Ron, master spinetail whisperer, called one in that was seen by almost all.

MANAKINS (Pipridae) (3)

White-throated Manakin (*Corapipo gutturalis*): seen on 2 days, one each at Surama and Atta.

White-crowned Manakin (*Dixiphia pipra*): seen on 3 days at both Surama and Atta.

Golden-headed Manakin (*Ceratopipra erythrocephala*): seen on 2 days at Surama and Atta.

COTINGAS (Cotingidae) (6)

Guianan Cock-of-the-Rock (*Rupicola rupicola*): this, perhaps the most anticipated bird of the trip, was seen poorly at Kaieteur Falls and better (at least 3 males at the lek) at the lek site near Atta.

Purple-throated Fruitcrow (*Querula purpurata*): seen extremely well on 2 days in the clearing at Atta.

Capuchinbird (*Perissocephalus tricolor*): this very odd looking species was found at its normal area along the Burro-Burro trail.

Spangled Cotinga (*Cotinga cayana*): both the spectacular male and the female were seen on 2 days at Surama and Atta, normally perched high on a limb.

Screaming Piha (*Lipaugus vociferans*): the most ubiquitous sound in the forests of Surama and Atta, it was found on 6 days; generally heard, it was actually seen on 3 days!

Pompadour Cotinga (*Xipholena punicea*): this cotinga was found on 3 days, once a full adult male perched high in a canopy snag from the highway while on the drive from Surama to Atta.

BECARDS AND TITYRAS (Tityridae) (5)

Black-tailed Tityra (*Tityra cayana*): seen on 2 days in the Surama area.

Olivaceous Schiffornis (*Schiffornis olivacea*): heard and seen on the hike into the Harpy Eagle nest.

Dusky Purpletuft (*Iodopleura fusca*): a small bird prone to perching on the highest branches, this species was found on 3 days, generally while birding from the highway.

White-naped Xenopsaris (*Xenopsaris albinucha*): this flycatcher-like becard was well seen in the "heaven" savanna at Surama.

Pink-throated Becard (*Pachyramphus minor*): seen on 4 days, but most regularly the pair building a nest in the clearing at Atta.

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS (Tyrannidae) (34)

Spotted Tody-Flycatcher (*Todirostrum maculatum*): Georgetown Botanical Garden, both visits.

Common Tody-Flycatcher (*Todirostrum cinereum*): seen on both visits to the botanical garden.

Gray-crowned Flycatcher (*Tolmomyias poliocephalus*): seen once in the MYC Camp clearing off the highway near Surama.

Cliff Flycatcher (*Hirundinea ferruginea*): several seen at Kaieteur Falls.

White-lored Tyrannulet (*Ornithion inerme*): heard from the canopy walkway and seen the following day while birding the highway at Atta.

Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet (*Camptostoma obsoletum*): seen from the boat on the Mahaica River.

Mouse-colored Tyrannulet (*Phaeomyias murina*): this appropriately named species was well seen by the group at close range at Karasabai.

Bearded Tachuri (*Polystictus pectoralis*): seen by all the group at the wetland stop off the highway when driving from Atta to Caiman House.

Crested Doradito (*Pseudocolopteryx sclateri*): this hard to find species in Guyana was seen twice: once at the wetland stop by the highway when driving from Atta to Caiman House (possibly a new locality for the doradito in the country) and again at a wetland in the savannas near Caiman House.

Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet (*Tyrannulus elatus*): seen from the canopy walkway at Atta.

Yellow-bellied Elaenia (*Elaenia flavogaster*): this noisy flycatcher was seen on 5 days, when near the coast and at Surama.

Plain-crested Elaenia (*Elaenia cristata*): seen on 3 days at Surama.

Lesser Elaenia (*Elaenia chiriquensis*): seen once, during the walk on “heaven” savanna near Surama.

Pale-tipped Tyrannulet (*Inezia caudata*): well seen at Dari Pond during the Rupununi River trip.

Vermilion Flycatcher (*Pyrocephalus rubinus*): seen on 3 days while traveling around the savannas near Caiman House.

Pied Water-Tyrant (*Fluvicola pica*): this attractive, black-and-white flycatcher was seen on 3 days, first at Hope Canal and again at wetlands in the Rupununi.

White-headed Marsh-Tyrant (*Arundinicola leucephala*): seen on 3 days at wetlands in the Rupununi.

Long-tailed Tyrant (*Colonia colonus*): seen on 2 days in the Surama area.

Cinnamon Attila (*Attila cinnamomeus*): only seen at Georgetown Botanical Garden during the full group visit.

Grayish Mourner (*Rhytipterna simplex*): seen by some of the group on our last forest walk at Atta.

Short-crested Flycatcher (*Myiarchus ferox*): seen at Kaieteur Falls.

Brown-crested Flycatcher (*Myiarchus tyrannulus*): seen on 2 days, first at Hope Canal and the again at Karasabai (latter with excellent views).

Lesser Kiskadee (*Pitangus lictor*): seen on 3 days at Georgetown Botanical Garden and on the Rupununi River boat trip:

Great Kiskadee (*Pitangus sulphuratus*): seen on 9 days, pretty much everywhere except the heavily forested areas at Atta.

Boat-billed Flycatcher (*Megarynchus pitangua*): seen on 4 days at the Mahaica River and near Surama.

Rusty-margined Flycatcher (*Myiozetetes cayanensis*): reported on 7 days at many sites; probably around more than that.

Streaked Flycatcher (*Myiodynastes maculatus*): seen in 2 days at Surama.

Piratic Flycatcher (*Legatus leucophaeus*): this intriguing species, so named due to its habit of parasitizing other birds' nests, was only seen at Surama.

Sulphury Flycatcher (*Tyrannopsis sulphurea*): seen at Kaieteur Falls.

White-throated Kingbird (*Tyrannus albogularis*): seen twice, once by one of the boats on the Rupununi River and again in the savannas on the way to the Takutu River.

Tropical Kingbird (*Tyrannus melancholicus*): the most frequently encountered bird, seen every day (12!) of the trip.

Gray Kingbird (*Tyrannus dominicensis*): Georgetown Botanical Garden only.

Fork-tailed Flycatcher (*Tyrannus savana*): seen on the Mahaica River boat trip and on almost every day while traveling in the Rupununi (5 days total).

Whiskered Flycatcher (*Myiobius barbatus*): seen on one of the morning walks at Atta.

VIREOS (Vireonidae) (2)

Rufous-browed Peppershrike (*Cyclarhis gujanensis*): seen by the group at Surama and by the guides on 2 days at Caiman House.

Ashy-headed Greenlet (*Hylophilus pectoralis*): (GO) seen by Dave at Karasabai.

CROWS AND JAYS (Corvidae) (1)

Cayenne Jay (*Cyanocorax cayanus*): this intriguing tropical jay was seen on the Burro-Burro trail hike and again on one day at Atta.

DONACOBIUS (Donacobiidae) (1)

Black-capped Donacobius (*Donacobius atricapilla*): seen on both trips to Georgetown Botanical Garden and on Mahaica River boat trip.

SWALLOWS AND MARTINS (Hirundinidae) (5)

Southern Rough-winged Swallow (*Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*): seen on 2 days at Surama and again on the Rupununi River boat trip.

Gray-breasted Martin (*Progne chalybea*): seen on 6 days at a variety of sites, including the Cara Lodge in Georgetown.

Brown-chested Martin (*Progne tapera*): only seen once at Mossu Lake near Manari Ranch.

White-winged Swallow (*Tachycineta albiventer*): this riverine swallow was seen on 5 days,

Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*): seen perched on a wire outside the Karasabai community center and again at the Takutu River.

GNATCATCHERS (Poliophtidae) (2)

Long-billed Gnatwren (*Ramphocaenus melanurus*): seen on one day at Atta.

Tropical Gnatcatcher (*Poliophtila plumbea*): seen on 3 days at Surama and at Karasabai.

WRENS (Troglodytidae) (4)

House Wren (*Troglodytes aedon*): seen/heard on 5 days at the Georgetown Botanical Garden and around the Surama Ecolodge.

Bicolored Wren (*Campylorhynchus griseus*): seen on the 2 days at Manari Ranch.

Coraya Wren (*Pheugoedius coraya*): (HO) heard on 2 days at Atta.

Buff-breasted Wren (*Cantorchilus leucotis*): seen or heard on 4 days at Mahaica River, the MYC Camp clearing near Surama, Atta, and Rupununi River.

MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS (Mimidae) (1)

Tropical Mockingbird (*Mimus gilvus*): seen on 9 days at almost all sites except heavily forested areas.

THRUSHES (Turdidae) (2)

Pale-breasted Thrush (*Turdus leucomelas*): seen on 4 days at the Cara Lodge, Surama, and Manari Ranch.

White-necked Thrush (*Turdus albicollis*): (GO) identified by Ron during the walk on the Harpy Eagle trail.

PIPITS AND WAGTAILS (Motacillidae) (1)

Yellowish Pipit (*Anthus lutescens*): seen performing its display flight in the savannas near Caiman House.

FINCHES AND EUPHONIAS (Fringillidae) (3)

Plumbeous Euphonia (*Euphonia plumbea*): seen once in the clearing at Atta.

Finsch's Euphonia (*Euphonia finschi*): seen on 2 days, once on an afternoon walk at Surama and again at Karasabai.

Violaceous Euphonia (*Euphonia violacea*): seen in 4 days at the Georgetown Botanical Garden, Surama, and Atta.

NEW WORLD SPARROWS (Passerellidae) (1)

Grassland Sparrow (*Ammodramus humeralis*): seen 3 days at Suram and in the Rupununi.

NEW WORLD BLACKBIRDS (Icteridae) (11)

Eastern Meadowlark (*Sturnella magna*): seen on 3 days in the savannas near Caiman House, sometimes while driving.

Red-breasted Meadowlark (*Leistes militaris*): seen on 2 of the days in the savannas near Caiman House and in the area of Mahaica River.

Green Oropendola (*Psarocolius viridis*): seen in 5 days while birding near Surama and Atta.

Crested Oropendola (*Psarocolius decumanus*): seen on 2 days near Surama.

Yellow-rumped Cacique (*Cacicus cela*): seen on 5 days at Surama and Atta, most notably the nesting colony by the benabs at Surama Ecolodge.

Red-rumped Cacique (*Cacicus haemorrhous*): the less numerous of the "rumped" caciques, this one was seen on 3 days, probably best at Surama Junction while having lunch there.

Orange-backed Troupial (*Icterus croconotus*): seen by a few of the group at Manari Ranch.

Yellow Oriole (*Icterus nigrogularis*): found on 5 days in open areas near the coast (botanical garden, Mahaica River) and in the Rupununi.

Shiny Cowbird (*Molothrus bonariensis*): seen at Georgetown Botanical Garden and near the Mahaica River.

Carib Grackle (*Quiscalus lugubris*): many were seen in the fields near Mahaica River, but nowhere else.

Yellow-hooded Blackbird (*Chrysomus icterocephalus*): seen on one day briefly while driving past the marsh on the road in to Karasabai.

NEW WORLD WARBLERS (Parulidae) (1)

Blackpoll Warbler (*Setophaga striata*): the only North American migrant warbler seen on the trip, it was found on 3 days in the forests of Surama and Atta, always high in the canopy.

CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS AND ALLIES (Cardinalidae) (1)

Yellow-green Grosbeak (*Caryothraustes canadensis*): seen on 3 days at Atta, including from the canopy walkway.

TANAGERS AND ALLIES (Thraupidae) (24)

Red-capped Cardinal (*Paroaria gularis*): this fabulous bird, actually a tanager, was seen on 3 days in the Rupununi when near water.

Hooded Tanager (*Nemosia pileata*): seen in 2 days, by most of the group at Surama and by Ron and Dave at Dari Pond.

Flame-crested Tanager (*Tachyphonus cristatus*): seen by a few in the mixed-species flock at the Atta cock-of-the-rock lek.

Fulvous-crested Tanager (*Tachyphonus surinamus*): seen on 2 days on the forest trails at Atta.

Silver-beaked Tanager (*Ramphocelus carbo*): frequently encountered (on 10 days) at every location except Manari Ranch.

Blue-gray Tanager (*Thraupis episcopus*): found on 10 days pretty much everywhere from downtown Georgetown to forested areas to the savannas.

Palm Tanager (*Thraupis palmarum*): found on 9 days pretty much everywhere except Manari Ranch.

Burnished-buff Tanager (*Stilpnia cayana*): this attractive arid-scrub tanager was seen by Dave at Caiman House and by the group at Karasabai.

Turquoise Tanager (*Tangara mexicana*): seen twice, first at the Georgetown Botanical Garden and again on one of the forest trail walks at Atta.

Bay-headed Tanager (*Tangara gyrola*): seen on 2 days at Atta.

Black-faced Dacnis (*Dacnis lineata*): seen 1 day at Surama.

Blue Dacnis (*Dacnis cayana*): seen on 3 days at Surama and Atta.

Purple Honeycreeper (*Cyanerpes caeruleus*): seen in 2 days at Atta.

Red-legged Honeycreeper (*Cyanerpes cyaneus*): seen on 4 days at both Surama and Atta.

Green Honeycreeper (*Chlorophanes spiza*): seen in 3 days at Surama and Atta.

Yellow-backed Tanager (*Hemithraupis flavicollis*): (GO) seen by Ron and Dave in a canopy flock at Atta.

Blue-black Grassquit (*Volatinia jacarina*): seen on 3 days at the botanical garden, on the drive from Atta to Caiman House, and at Karasabai.

Ruddy-breasted Seedeater (*Sporophila minuta*): seen on 4 days at Surama Ecolodge, beginning of the Aranaputa store, and at Mussu Lake.

Chestnut-bellied Seed-Finch (*Sporophila angolensis*): (GO, HO) heard by Ron at Atta.

Wing-barred Seedeater (*Sporophila americana*): seen well (both sexes) on one of the visits to Georgetown Botanical Garden and on the Mahaica River boat trip.

Yellow-bellied Seedeater (*Sporophila nigricollis*): seen on 2 days at Surama Ecolodge.

Plumbeous Seedeater (*Sporophila plumbea*): seen along the roadside in savannas during the drive from Atta to Caiman House.

Bananaquit (*Coereba flaveola*): seen on 4 days at a wide variety of sites: Cara Lodge, Kaieteur Falls, Atta, and Karasabai.

Grayish Saltator (*Saltator coerulescens*): seen on the Mahaica River boat trip.

MAMMALS (6 species recorded):

Giant Anteater (*Myrmecophaga tridactyla*): seen crossing the road by the lead vehicle on our last day at Manari Ranch, but, despite the valiant efforts at “anteater herding” by Ron, Marissa, and Rensford, it was not relocated.

Red-rumped Agouti (*Dasyprocta leporina*): seen on 4 days at Surama and Atta.

Guianan Red Howler-Monkey (*Alouatta macconnelli*): heard far more often than seen (found on 7 days) at most forested sites, several were seen well on the Mahaica River boat trip.

Guianan Spider Monkey (*Ateles paniscus*): seen on 2 days and heard on another on various forest walks at Surama and Atta.

Tufted (Brown) Capuchin (*Cebus apella*): seen at the Georgetown Botanical Garden.

Crab-eating Fox (*Cerdocyon thous*): seen crossing the road in the near-darkness from the car near Caiman House.

REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS (5 species recorded):

Giant Ameiva (*Ameiva ameiva*): easily seen running around the grass of the clearing at Atta Lodge.

Black Caiman (*Melanosuchus niger*): seen on the Rupununi River boat trip and in Dari Pond.

Spectacled Caiman (*Caiman crocodilus*): seen in 3 days sunning along forest creeks near Atta.

Cane Toad (*Rhinella marina*): this large toad was seen in 3 days at Surama and Caiman House.

Golden Rocket Frog (*Anomaloglossus beebei*): seen at Kaieteur Falls, this species lives in the “tanks” of the Giant Tank Bromeliad; both are endemic to the area.

Note: various “house” and “bathroom” herpetofauna were seen, but not identified to species.

BUTTERFLIES AND NOTABLE INSECTS (9 species recorded):

Red Postman (*Heliconius erato*): frequently seen at flowers, especially at Atta Lodge.

Variable Cracker (*Hamadryas feronia*): at least 7 individuals resting on a tree at the Takutu River.

Menelaus Morpho (*Morpho menelaus*): regularly encountered in many forested locations.

Blue-banded Morpho (*Morpho achilles*): one found and photographed at Surama along the Burro-Burro trail.

Pink-footed Tarantula (*Avicularia avicularia*): one “nesting” outside the dining room at Surama, visible at night.

White Witch (*Thysania agrippina*): one seen and photographed in the forests at Surama.

Wasp-tailed Treehopper/Rooster Tail Cicada (*Lystra lanata*): this very odd insect was observed and photographed on the side of a tree at Surama.

Dead-leaf Katydid (Tettigoniidae sp.): one found on the middle of the Georgetown-Lethem Highway in the way to Atta Lodge.

Owl Eye Butterfly (*Caligo idomeneus?*): seen and photographed on the trail to the canopy walkway at Atta Lodge.

FISH (1 species recorded):

Electric Eel (*Electrophorus electricus*): seen one day swimming in a forest creek from a highway bridge at Atta.