

# Brazil's Pantanal: Jaguars & More! | Species List

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

(I)= Introduced

(E)= Endemic

**Summary:** We saw a fantastic array of birds, mammals, and reptiles on our route. Avian highlights included Red-and-green Macaw, Blaze-winged Parakeet, Streamer-tailed Tyrant, Red-legged Seriema, Agami Heron, Green-and-rufous Kingfisher, Frilled Coquette, Sungrebe, Scarlet-headed Blackbird, and many more. However, the two birds that captured the imaginations of our group the most were Hyacinth Macaw, Capped Heron, and Jabiru (out of a total of 18 birds nominated for Best Bird of the Trip). We recorded a high diversity of hummingbirds (19 species), parrots (19 species), woodpeckers (15 species), flycatchers (53 species), and tanagers (41 species).

Mammals played a star role on our route, particularly in the Pantanal where we scored fantastic experiences with Jaguar, Giant Otter, Ocelot, Giant Anteater, Southern Tamandua, and South American Tapir. And let's not forget about the other fantastic animals that we saw on this tour, including a Red-footed Tortoise at Pousada Alegre and Miranda's White-lipped Frog at SouthWild Pantanal. The unique biogeography and isolation of the Atlantic Rainforest, the hyper-productivity of Brazil's Pantanal, and the uniqueness of the 'forgotten' Brazilian cerrado make for a fantastic and long assortment of lowland South American species. Brazil is a birdwatcher's paradise and a naturalist's dream. Join us next year.

## **BIRDS (399 species recorded, of which 23 were heard only):**

### **RHEAS: Rheidae (1):**

**Greater Rhea** *Rhea americana*—we saw these impressive birds daily at Pousada Aguape, usually in small family groups. Also, they were fairly numerous at Pousada Alegre and in the northern Transpantaneira Highway between Pocone and the Pantanal welcome arch. This is by the largest bird species in the Americas.

### **TINAMOUS: Tinamidae (5):**

**Little Tinamou** *Crypturellus soui* (HO)—heard at Vale do Jamaca in Chapada dos Guimaraes (08/14). **Cerrado Extension Only**

**Brown Tinamou** *Crypturellus obsoletus* (HO)—heard at Itatiaia National Park near Hotel Simon (07/31). **Atlantic**

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**Undulated Tinamou** *Crypturellus undulatus*—fantastic views on 08/03 and 08/06 from our jeep at Pousada Aguape. Heard frequently thereafter in the northern Pantanal and Chapada dos Guimaraes.

**Small-billed Tinamou** *Crypturellus parvirostris* (HO)—heard on 08/13 on the sandy Caixa d'Água road while looking for cerrado specialties at Chapada dos Guimaraes. **Cerrado Extension Only**

**Red-winged Tinamou** *Rhynchotus rufescens* (HO)—heard on the morning of 08/13 at Caixa d'Água like the previous species. **Cerrado Extension Only**

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

**Southern Screamer** *Chauna torquata*—we saw this bulky waterfowl at Pousada Aguape (08/05), Campos do Jofre (08/08), and up in a tree along the Cuiaba River (08/10).

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

**White-faced Whistling-Duck** *Dendrocygna viduata*—nice scope views of three distant birds at a very productive stop in the Campos do Jofre (08/08).

**Black-bellied Whistling-Duck** *Dendrocygna autumnalis*—we counted 19 individuals in the Campos do Jofre (08/08).

**Muscovy Duck** *Cairina moschata*—seen at Campos do Jofre (08/08) and the Cuiaba River near Porto Jofre (08/09).

**Brazilian Teal** *Amazonetta brasiliensis*—seen daily at Pousada Aguape (08/03-05). More closely related to various odd South American waterfowl than true teal or other dabbling ducks.

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

**Chaco Chachalaca** *Ortalis canicollis*—ubiquitous in the Pantanal (and loud, too!).

**Dusky-legged Guan** *Penelope obscura*—there were always several individuals around Hotel do Ype, sometimes even visiting the fruit feeders on the verandah (07/30-08/02). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Chestnut-bellied Guan** *Penelope ochrogaster* (E)—nice views along the entrance road to Pousada Alegre (08/07-08). The Pantanal is the stronghold for this Vulnerable species.

**Blue-throated Piping-Guan** *Pipile cumanensis*—daily sightings of this highly arboreal guan in the Pantanal.

**Red-throated Piping-Guan** *Pipile cujubi*—nice studies of the red-throated species along the Pixaim River near SouthWild

**Bare-faced Curassow** *Crax fasciolata*—seen daily while exploring the Pantanal, a stronghold for this fantastic species. It is good to remind everyone that this species is listed as Vulnerable due to hunting and habitat loss outside of the Pantanal.

### **NEW WORLD QUAIL: Odontophoridae (1):**

**Spot-winged Wood-Quail** *Odontophorus capueira* (HO)—heard calling in the late afternoon from the grounds of Hotel do Ype (08/01). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

### **PIGEONS AND DOVES: Columbidae (12):**

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

**Pale-vented Pigeon** *Patagioenas cayennensis*—we saw this subtly beautiful pigeon in large numbers along the Pixaim River on our late afternoon boat trip there (08/11). We also saw singles at Caixa d'Água (08/13) and Parque Mae Bonifacia (08/15).

**Scaled Pigeon** *Patagioenas speciosa*—brief views of one skittish individual at Vale do Jamaca (08/13). **Cerrado Extension Only**

**Picazuro Pigeon** *Patagioenas picazuro*—seen daily throughout our trip in Brazil, usually in more open habitats. The feeders at SouthWild Pantanal allowed for especially close studies of the plumage detail.

**Plumbeous Pigeon** *Patagioenas plumbea*—close flyby near a bridge along the Agulhas Negras Road (08/01). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Ruddy Ground Dove** *Columbina talpacoti*—the most common small dove in the Pantanal.

**Scaled Dove** *Columbina squammata*—excellent views of this pretty little dove at Pousada Aguape, Pousada Alegre, and SouthWild Pantanal at the feeders. Looks very similar to the Inca Dove except the call is very different.

**Picui Ground Dove** *Columbina picui*—quite common at Aguape Lodge and a few birds around the feeders at SouthWild Pantanal.

**Long-tailed Ground Dove** *Uropelia campestris*—we saw these delicately beautiful doves at Pousada Aguape (08/04-05).

**Ruddy Quail-Dove** *Geotrygon montana* (HO)—heard calling at Vale do Jamaca in moist forest (08/13). **Cerrado Extension Only**

**White-tipped Dove** *Leptotila verreauxi*—very common in the Pantanal, often out in the open in fields and around feeders.

**Eared Dove** *Zenaida auriculata*—seen a couple times around Campo Grande on our way to and from Pousada Alegre. Very similar in appearance to the Mourning Dove.

### **CUCKOOS: Cuculidae (7):**

**Guira Cuckoo** *Guira guira*—seen daily in the Pantanal. Known in Portuguese as the ‘White Ani’, which are its closest living relatives.

**Greater Ani** *Crotophaga major*—seen only once in riverside vegetation at Pousada Aguape (08/04).

**Smooth-billed Ani** *Crotophaga ani*—seen daily in the Pantanal in scrubby, open habitats.

**Striped Cuckoo** *Tapera naevia* (HO)—heard calling across the Pixaim River in the early morning at SouthWild (08/12).

**Pheasant Cuckoo** *Dromococcyx phasianellus* (HO)—heard calling in the early morning near the road at Vale do Jamaca (08/14). **Cerrado Extension Only.**

**Pavonine Cuckoo** *Dromococcyx pavoninus* (HO)—heard calling at very close range at Vale do Jamaca, but it was just way too wary for the group to get any views – it started and flew back deeper into the forest (08/14). **Cerrado Extension Only**

**Squirrel Cuckoo** *Piaya cayana*—we saw this widespread species at Pousada Aguape (08/03 and 05), Porto Jofre (08/9), Vale do Jamaca (08/14), and Parque Mae Bonifacia (08/15). The Portuguese name ‘Alma de Gato’ literally translates to ‘Soul of a Cat.’

### **NIGHTJARS: Caprimulgidae (3):**

**Nacunda Nighthawk** *Chordeiles nacunda*—great views of these gigantic nightjars along the Campos do Jofre in the Pantanal (08/08).

**Band-tailed Nighthawk** *Nyctiprogne leucopyga*—Laura and George noticed these nighthawks feeding over the Pixaim River in the early evening at SouthWild Pantanal Lodge (08/11).

**Common Pauraque** *Nyctidromus albicollis* (HO)—heard calling in the evening hours at Aguape Lodge and SouthWild Pantanal.

### **SWIFTS: Apodidae (1):**

**White-collared Swift** *Streptoprocne zonaris*—a squadron of over a 100 individuals flying high overhead at Vale do Jamaca one morning (08/14). **Cerrado Extension Only**

### **HUMMINGBIRDS: Trochilidae (19)**

**Black Jacobin** *Florisuga fusca*—a single individual came to the feeders one morning at Hotel do Ype (08/02). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Dusky-throated Hermit** *Phaethornis squalidus* (E)—quick views of a curious bird zipping around us on the Maromba Trail at PN Itatiaia (08/02). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Buff-bellied Hermit** *Phaethornis subochraceus*—one was coming regularly to the flowering bushes and hedges near the restaurant at Aguape Lodge. This large hummingbird is found in a limited area stretching from the lowlands of Bolivia to the Pantanal region of Brazil.

**Planalto Hermit** *Phaethornis pretrei*—seen once at Vale do Jamaca (08/14). **Cerrado Extension Only**

**Scale-throated Hermit** *Phaethornis eurynome*—visiting the feeders at Hotel do Ype, where everyone got great views

(07/30 and 08/02). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Black-eared Fairy** *Heliostyris auritus*—highly unusual to see a fairy visiting any hummingbird feeders! (07/30 and 08/02). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**White-tailed Goldenthrroat** *Polytmus guainumbi*—we saw this small wetland specialist in a patch of water loving vegetation at Pousada Alegre (08/08).

**Friilled Coquette** *Lophornis magnificus* (E)—we saw this diminutive beauty quite well at Hotel do Ype (08/02) and again at Vale do Jamaca (08/14). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Brazilian Ruby** *Clytolaema rubricauda* (E)—common at the feeders at Hotel do Ype. **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Stripe-breasted Starthroat** *Heliomaster squamosus* (E)—it was quite a surprise to see a female of this uncommon cerrado endemic at the 'Snipe Valley Farm' near Itatiaia (08/01)! **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Amethyst Woodstar** *Calliphlox amethystina*—seen hovering with deft precision in a flowering tree by the road at Vale do Jamaca (08/13). **Cerrado Extension Only**

**Green-crowned Plovercrest** *Stephanoxis lalandi* (E)—great views and photographs of this species at a lekking site by the Agulhas Negras Road (08/01). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Violet-capped Woodnymph** *Thalurania glaucopis*—common at the hummingbird feeders at Hotel do Ype, the Atlantic Rainforest version of the much more widespread Fork-tailed Woodnymph. **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Fork-tailed Woodnymph** *Thalurania furcata*—we finally caught up with this species at the entrance to a restaurant in Chapada dos Guimaraes and again at Vale do Jamaca (08/13). **Cerrado Extension Only**

**Swallow-tailed Hummingbird** *Eupetomena macroura*—this large hummingbird was common at Pousada Aguape (08/04-06), and we also saw an individual at the Itatiaia 'Snipe Valley Farm' (08/01).

**White-throated Hummingbird** *Leucochloris albicollis*—one or two individuals were coming to the hummingbird feeders at Hotel do Ype (07/31 and 08/02). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Glittering-throated Emerald** *Chionomesa fimbriata*—seen in the cerrado at Caixa d'Agua (08/13) and wooded areas of Parque Mae Bonifacia (08/15). **Cerrado Extension Only**

**Sapphire-spangled Emerald** *Chionomesa lactea*—seen feeding in the trumpet-like orange flowers by the road together with the Stripe-breasted Starthroat at Itatiaia 'Snipe Valley Farm' (08/01). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Gilded Hummingbird** *Hylocharis chrysura*—the most common hummingbird observed in the Pantanal in mid-winter, easily identified by its bright red bill and unique golden-green iridescence.

### **RAILS, CRAKES, AND ALLIES: Rallidae (3):**

**Gray-cowled Wood-Rail** *Aramides cajaneus*—common and brazen (for a rail) throughout the Pantanal.

**Slaty-breasted Wood-Rail** *Aramides saracura*—seen on a quiet trail near Hotel Simon (07/31) and again near Hotel do Ype (08/02). This species is not necessarily tied to wetlands or water in general. **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Purple Gallinule** *Porphyrio martinica*—one of these colorful birds on our drive south through the Campos do Jofre (08/08).

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

**Sungrebe** *Heliornis fulica*—fantastic views of these tiny wetland birds on the Pixaim River at SouthWild (08/11).

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

**Limpkin** *Aramus guarauna*—abundant at Pousada Alegre and along the Transpantaneira Highway (08/07-08 and 08/10).

### **STILTS AND AVOCETS: Recurvirostridae (1):**

**Black-necked Stilt** *Himantopus mexicanus*—small numbers of these striking shorebirds along the Transpantaneira Highway and Campos do Jofre (08/07-08 and 08/10).

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

**Pied Lapwing** *Vanellus cayanus*—a couple individuals were regular at a pond at Pousada Aguape (08/04-05), and they

were reasonably common on sandy beaches on the Cuiaba River (08/09).

**Southern Lapwing** *Vanellus chilensis*—common throughout our journey.

**Collared Plover** *Charadrius collaris*—a single individual working the far end of a muddy pool along the Campos do Jofre (08/08). It is the only resident small plover in much of inland northern South America.

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

**Wattled Jacana** *Jacana jacana*—very common in the Pantanal, especially in the more extensive wetlands of the northern Transpantaneira Highway.

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

**Spotted Sandpiper** *Actitis macularius*—one flushed at SouthWild Pantanal at the end of our morning walk in the gallery forest (08/12) – an early arrival from its breeding grounds in North America.

**Lesser Yellowlegs** *Tringa flavipes*—one foraging in a muddy wetland in the Campos do Jofre – a very productive stop for many species we did not see again on the tour (08/08)!

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

**Yellow-billed Tern** *Sternula supercilialis*—seen at Campos do Jofre (08/08) and the Cuiaba River (08/09) – very similar to the Least Tern of North America.

**Large-billed Tern** *Phaetusa simplex*—we saw these large, striking terns at Campos do Jofre (08/08) and the Cuiaba River (08/09-10), the common large freshwater tern of northern South America.

**Black Skimmer** *Rynchops niger*—several roosting on a sandy beach on the Cuiaba River (08/08-10).

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

**Sunbittern** *Eurypyga helias*—seen on the entrance road to Pousada Alegre (08/07-08) but never again on the tour. This species seems to have noticeably declined since 2019, perhaps due to persistent drought and fires.

### **STORKS: Ciconiidae (3):**

**Maguari Stork** *Ciconia maguari*—seen twice along the Transpantaneira Highway (08/07 and 08/10). The least common of the three South American storks in the Pantanal, where it seems to be a wet season migrant from further south.

**Jabiru** *Jabiru mycteria*—seen daily in the Pantanal, often at close range and in all stages of its life cycle. It is the tallest flying bird in the Americas, and the word ‘jabiru’ means swollen-neck in the Tupi-Guarani language. **TIED FOR BIRD OF THE TRIP!**

**Wood Stork** *Mycteria americana*—very numerous in wet areas of the northern Pantanal.

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

**Anhinga** *Anhinga anhinga*—numerous in areas of deeper water in the northern Pantanal.

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

**Neotropic Cormorant** *Nannopterum brasilianum*—numerous in areas of deeper water in the northern Pantanal. The only cormorant species in much of northern South America.

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

**Rufescent Tiger-Heron** *Tigrisoma lineatum*—common wetland species in the Pantanal.

**Cocoi Heron** *Ardea cocoi*— common wetland species in the Pantanal. The South American equivalent of the Great Blue Heron of North America.

**Great Egret** *Ardea alba*—common wetland species in the Pantanal.

**Snowy Egret** *Egretta thula*—common wetland species in the Pantanal.



**Little Blue Heron** *Egretta caerulea*—a handful of individuals seen along the Transpantaneira Highway, mostly the occasional single mixed in with the large numbers of other waders (08/07-08).

**Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus ibis*—small numbers scattered throughout.

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

**Agami Heron** *Agamia agami*— this elegant heron performed beautifully for us along the Pixaim River, our only encounter of this uncommon species on this tour (08/11).

**Whistling Heron** *Syrigma sibilatrix*—we had a few sightings of this elegant herons at Pousada Aguape (08/04-05). The Brazilian name for this bird is 'Maria Faceira' which means 'Makeup Maria' due to the colorful blue and red pattern on the face.

**Capped Heron** *Pilherodias pileatus*—we saw these elegant herons along the Transpantaneira Highway (08/08) and Cuiaba River (08/10), where they posed nicely for photos. **TIED FOR BIRD OF THE TRIP!**

**Black-crowned Night-Heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax*—abundant in the southern stretches of the Transpantaneira Highway, often in large numbers.

**Boat-billed Heron** *Cochlearius cochlearius*—we saw these wacky night-herons on a quiet side stream along the Cuiaba River (08/10) and on the Pixaim River (08/11), roosting high in dense tree cover.

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

**Green Ibis** *Mesembrinibis cayennensis*—scattered sightings throughout the Pantanal and even one odd individual foraging in dry stream bed at Vale do Jamaca in Chapada dos Guimaraes. Appropriately named, as feathers, bill, legs, and eyes are all truly green.

**Bare-faced Ibis** *Phimosus infuscatus*—scattered sightings throughout the Pantanal and even a couple flyover individuals at Parque Mae Bonifacia in Cuiaba (08/15).

**Plumbeous Ibis** *Theristicus caerulescens*—we saw these large ibis several times in the northern Pantanal, mostly along the Transpantaneira Highway (08/07-08).

**Buff-necked Ibis** *Theristicus caudatus*—very common at Pousada Aguape, where they would roost every night in palm trees on the lodge grounds. Less common in the northern Pantanal.

**Roseate Spoonbill** *Platalea ajaja*—frequent sightings of small numbers along the Transpantaneira Highway and Porto Jofre (08/08-10). It is the only spoonbill species of the six in the world that is bright pink.

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

**Black Vulture** *Coragyps atratus*

**Turkey Vulture** *Cathartes aura*—the subspecies present here has a white collar around the hindneck!

**Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture** *Cathartes burrovianus*—quite common in the northern Pantanal, where we had views of both soaring and perched individuals.

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

**Osprey** *Pandion haliaetus*—one on the boat trip at Pousada Aguape, an early migrant from North America (08/04).

### **HAWKS, KITES, AND EAGLES: Accipitridae (13):**

**Pearl Kite** *Gampsonyx swainsonii*—we saw this diminutive kite on the wires along the southern stretch of the Transpantaneira Highway (08/08), the world's smallest species of kite/hawk.

**Swallow-tailed Kite** *Elanoides forficatus*—elegantly soaring in the distance from the Mirante Morros dos Ventos right after lunch in Chapada dos Guimaraes (08/13). **Cerrado Extension Only**

**Black-and-white Hawk-Eagle** *Spizaetus melanoleucus*—soaring high overhead at the abandoned Hotel Simon in Itatiaia National Park – an uncommon and beautiful raptor (07/30). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Black-collared Hawk** *Busarellus nigricollis*—common along the Cuiaba (08/10) and Pixaim River (08/11), where it specializes on catching fish much like an Osprey.

**Snail Kite** *Rostrhamus sociabilis*—numerous along the Transpantaneira Highway and Campos do Jofre, where they were present in large numbers anywhere there was standing water (08/08, 10-11).

**Long-winged Harrier** *Circus buffoni*—seen flying in the distance over a field by the Cuiaba River (08/10), an unusual sighting for the Pantanal. We saw it during unseasonably cold weather right before a major storm system came in, so it may have been pushed from points further south where it is far more common.

**Crane Hawk** *Geranospiza caerulescens*—we saw this handsome and unusual raptor twice at Pousada Aguape, including a cooperative perched individual that let us get quite close (08/04-05).

**Savanna Hawk** *Buteogallus meridionalis*—ubiquitous open country raptor of the Pantanal, where we saw them daily.

**Great Black Hawk** *Buteogallus urubitinga*—regular sightings at Pousada Aguape (08/03-05) and the Cuiaba River (08/09-10), often near water where they sit and wait primarily for smaller reptiles.

**Roadside Hawk** *Rupornis magnirostris*—a small yet highly successful raptor in South America. We saw them every day in the Pantanal and even on the Agulhas Negras Road in the highlands.

**White-tailed Hawk** *Geranoaetus albicaudatus*—we saw an immature individual soaring over the marshes near Campos do Jofre as we were transiting north to SouthWild (08/10).

**Mantled Hawk** *Pseudastur polionotus*—seen soaring in the distance from the parking lot at Hotel do Ype, an uncommon and striking endemic of the Atlantic Rainforest (07/30). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Gray-lined Hawk** *Buteo nitidus*—seen flying about and pestering a boisterous group of Yellow-tufted Woodpeckers at Vale do Jamaca (08/13). **Cerrado Extension Only**

#### **BARN OWLS: Tytonidae (1)**

**Barn Owl** *Tyto alba*—there was a nesting pair by the guide's quarters at SouthWild Pantanal that provided excellent views after dinner for the group (08/11).

#### **OWLS: Strigidae (5):**

**Tawny-browed Owl** *Pulsatrix koeniswaldiana* (HO)—heard calling near the swimming pool at Hotel do Ype by some trip participants right after dinner (08/01). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Great Horned Owl** *Bubo virginianus*—seen at around sunset on the entrance road to Pousada Alegre, where there is a resident pair (08/11). Incredible to think that this is the same widespread species as the one found throughout North America.

**Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl** *Glaucidium brasilianum*—nice views in the spotlight at SouthWild during a very productive owling session (08/11).

**Burrowing Owl** *Athene cunicularia*—very common at Pousada Alegre (08/04-05) and on the entrance road to Cidade de Pedra in Chapada dos Guimaraes (08/13).

**Black-banded Owl** *Ciccaba huhula* (HO)—heard calling at Pousada Aguape but did not perch where we could see it (08/03). Very similar in appearance to the Black-and-white Owl of Central and northern South America.

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

**Blue-crowned Trogon** *Trogon curucui*—great views in a wooded island of forest at Pousada Aguape (08/06); also, heard and observed at Vale do Jamaca (08/13-14).

**Surucua Trogon** *Trogon surrucura*—we saw the red-bellied subspecies of this beautiful trogon on the Maromba Trail in Itatiaia National Park (08/02). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

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

**Amazonian Motmot** *Momotus momota*—great views at Vale do Jamaca, where they were active and vocal right by the road (08/13-14). Split from the old Blue-crowned Motmot, which has now been split into six separate species distributed across Central and South America. **Cerrado Extension Only**

**Rufous-capped Motmot** *Baryphthengus ruficapillus*—we saw this large motmot on the forest trail at Hotel Simon, where we had to peer through several layers of bamboo (07/31). Also heard on the Maromba Trail (08/02). **Atlantic Rainforest**

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### **KINGFISHERS: Alcedinidae (5):**

**Ringed Kingfisher** *Megaceryle torquata*—very common in the northern Pantanal, where we saw them daily in multiples. It is the largest kingfisher in the Americas.

**Amazon Kingfisher** *Chloroceryle amazona*—equally as common as Ringed Kingfisher in the northern Pantanal.

**American Pygmy Kingfisher** *Chloroceryle aenea*—nice studies of a cooperative individual on the Pixaim River on our SouthWild afternoon boat ride – the smallest of the American kingfishers (08/11).

**Green Kingfisher** *Chloroceryle americana*—much smaller and retiring than Amazon Kingfisher, we saw them a handful of times on our tour: Pousada Aguape boat ride (08/05), Cuiaba River boat ride (08/09), and Pixaim River boat ride (08/11).

**Green-and-rufous Kingfisher** *Chloroceryle inda*—the hardest to see of the six American kingfishers and arguably the most beautiful. We saw at least two individuals on the Pixaim River boat ride (08/11).

### **PUFFBIRDS: Bucconidae (3):**

**White-eared Puffbird** *Nystalus chacuru*—a trio of birds gave us distant views at the Cidade de Pedra overlook in Chapada dos Guimaraes (08/13). The Portuguese name is 'Joao Bobo' which means dumb John. **Cerrado Extension Only**

**Spot-backed Puffbird** *Nystalus maculatus*—we were very fortunate to see this bird twice, as they are uncommon in the Chapada dos Guimaraes area! Seen at Caixa d'Agua (08/13) and Parque Mae Bonifacia (08/15). **Cerrado Extension Only**

**Black-fronted Nunbird** *Monasa nigrifrons*—great views along the Cuiaba River (08/10) and Vale do Jamaca (08/14).

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

**Rufous-tailed Jacamar** *Galbula ruficauda*—quite common in the Pantanal: Pousada Aguape (08/03), Cuiaba River (08/10), SouthWild Pantanal (gallery forest trail) (08/11-12), and Parque Mae Bonifacia (08/15).

### **TOUCANS: Ramphastidae (5):**

**Lettered Aracari** *Pteroglossus inscriptus*—we were very lucky to see this small toucan at Vale do Jamaca at a fruiting tree, where it was associating with a flock of the much more common Chestnut-eared Aracari (08/14). **Cerrado Extension Only**

**Chestnut-eared Aracari** *Pteroglossus castanotis*—we saw these charismatic little toucans at Pousada Aguape (08/03) and Vale do Jamaca (08/14).

**Toco Toucan** *Ramphastos toco*—scattered sightings from beginning to end of the tour. Our first was along the highway on the way back to Hotel do Ype from the Agulhas Negras Road (08/01). The last sighting was at Parque Mae Bonifacia in downtown Cuiaba (08/15). This adaptable species is the largest of all the toucans.

**Channel-billed Toucan** *Ramphastos vitellinus (HO)*—heard calling in the moist forest of Vale do Jamaca (08/13). **Cerrado Extension Only**

**Red-breasted Toucan** *Ramphastos dicolorus*—great views of this colorful toucan at the abandoned Hotel Simon property (07/31). Sometimes known as Green-billed Toucan. **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

### **WOODPECKERS: Picidae (15):**

**White-barred Piculet** *Picumnus cirratus*—we saw this tiny woodpecker at Hotel Simon (07/30) and the Queluz impromptu highway stop (08/01). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**White-wedged Piculet** *Picumnus albosquamatus*—seen in the gallery forest at SouthWild Pantanal (08/11) and Parque Mae Bonifacia (08/15), where it was very common.

**White Woodpecker** *Melanerpes candidus*—quite the show at Pousada Aguape (08/04-05).

**Yellow-tufted Woodpecker** *Melanerpes cruentatus*—a flock of these showy woodpeckers displayed for us at Vale do Jamaca (08/13-14). **Cerrado Extension Only**

**White-fronted Woodpecker** *Melanerpes cactorum*—we saw this Chaco specialty at Pousada Aguape on two days (08/03, 06). Most of its range stretches through Paraguay and northern Argentina.



**White-spotted Woodpecker** *Dryobates spilogaster*—nice views of this primarily olive-green woodpecker on the Agulhas Negras Road (08/01) and Maromba Trail (08/02). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Little Woodpecker** *Dryobates passerinus*—not uncommon in gallery forest environments: Pousada Aguape (08/05), Cuiaba River (08/10), and SouthWild Pantanal (08/11-12). Would even come down to the feeders at SouthWild from time to time!

**Red-necked Woodpecker** *Campephilus rubricollis*—very lucky to see this large and colorful woodpecker at Vale do Jamaca on our second visit there (08/14). This woodpecker is primarily an Amazonian species. **Cerrado Extension Only**

**Robust Woodpecker** *Campephilus robustus* (HO)—heard calling in the distance on the Maromba Trail but would not get any closer (08/02). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Crimson-crested Woodpecker** *Campephilus melanoleucos*—we saw this Ivory-billed Woodpecker relative at Pousada Aguape on one of our safari rides (08/03).

**Lineated Woodpecker** *Dryocopus lineatus*—seen twice at Pousada Aguape (08/05-06). A close cousin of the Pileated Woodpecker.

**Pale-crested Woodpecker** *Celeus lugubris*—we had great luck with this striking woodpecker on this tour: Pousada Aguape (08/06), SouthWild Pantanal (08/12), and Vale do Jamaca (08/14).

**Golden-green Woodpecker** *Piculus chrysochloros*—we saw a male briefly on a boat ride in the Cuiaba River (08/10).

**Green-barred Woodpecker** *Colaptes melanochloros*—seen at Pousada Aguape (08/03, 05) and Vale do Jamaca (08/14).

**Campo Flicker** *Colaptes campestris*—seen frequently at Pousada Aguape, with our first sighting on (08/04). The Brazilian version of the Northern Flicker of the United States and Canada.

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

**Red-legged Seriema** *Cariama cristata*—seen daily at Pousada Aguape (08/03-06) and heard in the high quality cerrado habitat of Caixa d'Agua. The two species of seriema are the only extant relatives of the ancient 'terror birds' of South America, the former apex predators of the continent.

#### **FALCONS AND CARACARAS: Falconidae (7):**

**Collared Forest-Falcon** *Micrastur semitorquatus* (HO)—heard calling in the lush rainforest of Itatiaia National Park on two days (07/30-31). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Crested Caracara** *Caracara plancus*—seen almost daily in a variety of habitats throughout the tour.

**Yellow-headed Caracara** *Milvago chimachima*—nice views at the Itatiaia 'snipe valley farm' (08/01). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Laughing Falcon** *Herpetotheres cachinnans* (HO)—heard calling at Pousada Aguape (08/04).

**American Kestrel** *Falco sparverius*—seen at Pousada Aguape (08/04) and Caixa d'Agua (08/13).

**Applomado Falcon** *Falco femoralis*—we saw this elegant falcon of open country multiple times at Pousada Aguape (08/03-05) and once flying high overhead at Vale do Jamaca (08/14).

**Bat Falcon** *Falco rufigularis*—seen perched at the top of abandoned Hotel Simon (07/31) and perched high in a tree along the Cuiaba River (08/09). This species primarily feeds on bats and small birds along edge habitats.

#### **PARROTS: Psittacidae (19):**

**Monk Parakeet** *Myiopsitta monachus*—seen almost daily in the Pantanal – the only parrot species in the world (out of 300+ species) that builds a stick nest.

**Plain Parakeet** *Brotogeris tirica* (E)—our best views were around Hotel Simon, where they would perch in the nearby trees on both of our visits (07/30-31). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Yellow-chevroned Parakeet** *Brotogeris chiriri*—very common in the northern Pantanal and Chapada dos Guimaraes, occurring even in the middle of Cuiaba.

**Scaly-headed Parrot** *Pionus maximiliani*—heard overhead a few times, with perched views on the Maromba Trail (08/02) and Pousada Aguape (08/03).

**Blue-headed Parrot** *Pionus menstruus*—seen briefly flying overhead at Vale do Jamaca (08/14) – another primarily

Amazonian species that occurs in the moist forests of Chapada dos Guimaraes. **Cerrado Extension Only**

**Turquoise-fronted Parrot** *Amazona aestiva*—the common large parrot of the Pantanal, with multiple views of perched individuals at both Pousada Aguape and SouthWild.

**Cobalt-rumped Parrotlet** *Forpus xanthopterygius* (HO)—heard calling several times along forest trails at Itatiaia National Park but never visible (07/31, 08/02). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Blaze-winged Parakeet** *Pyrrhura devillei*—what a treat to see these range-restricted parakeets at Pousada Aguape – and to see them so well at close range (08/03)!

**Maroon-bellied Parakeet** *Pyrrhura frontalis*—several sightings of flyby flocks at Hotel do Ype and Hotel Simon (07/30-31). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Hyacinth Macaw** *Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus*—we saw these stunning birds daily at Pousada Aguape, where they were very common right around the lodge grounds (08/03-05). The group voted this largest of flying parrots as **TIED FOR BIRD OF THE TRIP!**

**Peach-fronted Parakeet** *Eupsittula aurea*—sightings at Pousada Aguape (08/04), Caixa d'Agua (08/13), and Parque Mae Bonifacia (08/15).

**Nanday Parakeet** *Aratinga nenday*—very common in the southern Pantanal, where we saw them daily at Pousada Aguape – they were regulars at the feeders there.

**Blue-winged Macaw** *Primolius maracna* (HO)—heard calling in Itatiaia National Park and again at Caixa d'Agua.

**Yellow-collared Macaw** *Primolius auricollis*—we encountered this mini-macaw several times at Pousada Aguape, including a few perched views (08/04-06).

**Blue-and-yellow Macaw** *Ara ararauna*—quite common around Pousada Aguape (08/03-05), where it would visit the feeders alongside various other parrot species. Strangely, it is very rare to nearly absent in the northern Pantanal.

**Red-and-green Macaw** *Ara chloropterus*—several flyby views at Caixa d'Agua (08/13) and seen nesting inside crevices on the steep cliffs of Cidade de Pedra (08/13). **Cerrado Extension Only**

**Blue-crowned Parakeet** *Thectocercus acuticaudatus*—seen feeding quietly in a tree at Hotel Pantanal Mato Grosso by some of the group during a planned rest stop and shopping opportunity (08/08). Quite uncommon in the Pantanal.

**Red-shouldered Macaw** *Diopsittaca nobilis*—great perched views at Pousada Aguape (08/04, 06) and seen flying overhead at both Vale do Jamaca (08/13) and Parque Mae Bonifacia (08/15). This is the smallest of all the macaw species.

**White-eyed Parakeet** *Psittacara leucophthalmus*—sightings at Hotel Simon (07/31), Itatiaia 'snipe valley farm' (08/01), and Chapada dos Guimaraes (08/13).

#### **ANTBIRDS: Thamnophilidae (19):**

**Great Antshrike** *Taraba major*—seen at Pousada Aguape along the river (08/06) and Parque Mae Bonifacia (08/15) – a striking, black-and-white antbird of dense thickets.

**Barred Antshrike** *Thamnophilus doliatus*—seen at Pousada Aguape (08/04-05) and Parque Mae Bonifacia (08/15). The most widespread species of antbird, occurring from Mexico to northern Argentina.

**Rufous-capped Antshrike** *Thamnophilus ruficapillus*—seen during our picnic lunch on Agulhas Negras Road (08/01), where it was calling from an area of thickets and dry grass. **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Rufous-winged Antshrike** *Thamnophilus torquatus* (E)—seen at Estrada Caixa d'Agua (08/13), one of the many cerrado specialists we encountered on that fantastic morning. **Cerrado Extension Only**

**Planalto Slaty-Antshrike** *Thamnophilus pelzelni* (E)—seen at Pousada Aguape in a mixed feeding flock (08/05).

**Variable Antshrike** *Thamnophilus caerulescens*—great views on an edge of a thicket near abandoned Hotel Simon (07/30), right around the time we saw the Pin-tailed Manakin. **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Star-throated Antwren** *Rhopias gularis* (E)—seen on the Maromba Trail at PN Itatiaia (08/02). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Spot-breasted Antvireo** *Dysithamnus stictothorax*—seen on the Maromba Trail at PN Itatiaia (07/31, 08/02). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Plain Antvireo** *Dysithamnus mentalis*—seen on the forest trail at Hotel Simon (07/31) and the Maromba Trail (07/31).

One of the most widespread antbird species, occurring from Belize to northern Argentina. **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Rufous-backed Antwren** *Dysithamnus xanthopterus* (E)—this highland endemic was seen by some on the Agulhas Negras Road (08/01). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Large-billed Antwren** *Herpsilochmus longirostris* (E)—great views of this tree canopy dweller at Vale do Jamaca in a mixed feeding flock (08/13). **Cerrado Extension Only**

**Rusty-backed Antwren** *Formicivora rufa*—great views of male and female individuals along the Caixa d'Água, although this species isn't necessarily tied to the prime cerrado habitat found here (08/13). **Cerrado Extension Only**

**Ferruginous Antbird** *Drymophila ferruginea* (HO) (E)—heard calling along the Maromba Trail (08/02). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Rufous-tailed Antbird** *Drymophila genei* (E)—one seen well along the Agulhas Negras Road (08/01). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Ochre-rumped Antbird** *Drymophila ochropyga* (HO) (E)—also heard along the Maromba Trail (08/02). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Streak-capped Antwren** *Terenura maculata*—we saw this Atlantic Rainforest endemic high in the trees on the Maromba Trail (08/02). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Mato Grosso Antbird** *Cercomacra melanaria*—the low-pitched two note call is often heard in riverside vegetation in the Pantanal. We did get to see it quite well near the river at Pousada Aguape (08/06).

**White-shouldered Fire-eye** *Pyriglena leucoptera*—a very cooperative bird entertained us near Hotel Simon in Itatiaia National Park (07/31). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**White-bibbed Antbird** *Myrmoderus loricatus* (HO) (E)—heard calling not far off the forest trail near Hotel Simon (07/31). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

#### **CRESCENTCHESTS: Melanopareiidae (1):**

**Collared Crescentchest** *Melanopareia torquata*—what fantastic views of this normally shy species at Cidade de Pedra, where everyone got opportunities for clear photographs (08/13). **Cerrado Extension Only**

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

**Rufous Gnateater** *Conopophaga lineata*—we saw this pudgy bird a couple times along the Maromba Trail, where several birds were resident (07/31, 08/02). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

#### **TAPACULOS: Rhinocryptidae (1):**

**Slaty Bristlefront** *Merulaxis ater* (E)—we saw this shy species on the Maromba Trail (08/02). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

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

**Such's Antthrush** *Chamaeza meruloides* (HO)—the rising spaceship call of this species was regularly heard in the lower elevations of Itatiaia National Park such as Hotel Simon and the Maromba Trail. **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

#### **OVENBIRDS AND WOODCREEPERS: Furnariidae (33):**

**Olivaceous Woodcreeper** *Sittasomus griseicapillus*—we saw this second smallest woodcreeper at Hotel Simon (07/30) and along the Maromba Trail (07/31, 08/02). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Planalto Woodcreeper** *Dendrocolaptes platyrostris*—we saw this large woodcreeper in a mixed feeding flock near Hotel Simon (07/31). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Great Rufous Woodcreeper** *Xiphocolaptes major*—we saw this impressive woodcreeper at Pousada Aguape (08/03).

**Lesser Woodcreeper** *Xiphorhynchus fuscus*—seen near Hotel Simon in PN Itatiaia (07/31). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Buff-throated Woodcreeper** *Xiphorhynchus guttatus*—seen three times: Cuiaba River on a jaguar boat ride (08/10),

SouthWild Pantanal in the gallery forest (08/11), and Vale do Jamaca (08/14).

**Straight-billed Woodcreeper** *Dendroplex picus*—only heard along the Cuiaba River but very common at Parque Mae Bonifacia (08/15).

**Red-billed Scythebill** *Campylorhamphus trochilirostris*—this too cool species was common at Pousada Aguape (08/03-05) and Parque Mae Bonifacia in downtown Cuiaba (08/15).

**Narrow-billed Woodcreeper** *Lepidocolaptes angustirostris*—we saw this adaptable species a couple times at Pousada Aguape (08/05-06). Not tied to dense forest environments like many other small woodcreepers.

**Scaled Woodcreeper** *Lepidocolaptes falcinellus* (E)—seen on a forest trail near Hotel Simon (07/31). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Wing-banded Hornero** *Furnarius figulus* (E)—a couple of these cool endemics were nesting near the farmhouse at Itatiaia ‘snipe valley farm’ (08/01). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Pale-legged Hornero** *Furnarius leucopus*—common along river edge environments at Pousada Aguape and the Cuiaba River.

**Rufous Hornero** *Furnarius rufus*—ubiquitous in the Pantanal and Chapada dos Guimaraes.

**Sharp-tailed Streamcreeper** *Lochmias nematura*—almost flew right into George’s face at Vale do Jamaca (08/13).

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**White-collared Foliage-gleaner** *Anabazenops fuscus* (E)—our best views were of a pair foraging together with a mixed feeding flock along the Maromba Trail (08/02). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Buff-browed Foliage-gleaner** *Syndactyla rufosuperciliata*—two skulking individuals eventually provided reasonable views within dense bamboo along the Agulhas Negras Road (08/01). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner** *Dendroma rufa*—great views on the Maromba Trail, where we got to enjoy its feeding behavior (08/02). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Chestnut-capped Foliage-gleaner** *Clibanornis rectirostris*—a couple people got perched views along the river edge at Pousada Aguape but most had to settle with in-flight views (08/05).

**Rufous-fronted Thornbird** *Phacellodomus rufifrons*—seen at the Itatiaia ‘snipe valley farm’ (08/01) and SouthWild Pantanal (08/12).

**Greater Thornbird** *Phacellodomus ruber*—common along the Cuiaba River (08/09-10) and SouthWild (08/11-12). Builds and impressive stick nest hung from the edge of a tree.

**Orange-eyed Thornbird** *Phacellodomus erythrophthalmus* (E)—great views at Hotel Simon on two occasions (07/30-31), where a pair is resident right near the parking lot. **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Firewood-gatherer** *Anumbius annumbi*—what a fantastic bird name! Surprisingly small considering the size of its nest. Seen at Itatiaia ‘snipe valley farm’ (08/01). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Itatiaia Spinetail** *Asthenes moreirae* (E)—fabulous views of a bird feeding on the ground within feet of the group on the Agulhas Negras Road right after our picnic (08/01). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Rusty-backed Spinetail** *Cranioleuca vulpina*—nice views at Pousada Aguape (08/04), Cuiaba River (08/10), and SouthWild Pantanal (08/11).

**Pallid Spinetail** *Cranioleuca pallida* (E)—seen at Hotel Simon (07/30) and the Maromba Trail (07/31, 08/02). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Rufous Cacholote** *Pseudoseisura unirufa*—almost like a mix between a spinetail and a jay! Common in the Pantanal.

**Yellow-chinned Spinetail** *Certhiaxis cinnamomeus*—common wetland species of the Pantanal.

**Chotoy Spinetail** *Schoeniophylax phryganophilus*—seen at Pousada Aguape (08/04) and SouthWild (08/12).

**White-lored Spinetail** *Synallaxis albilora*—a pair near the gallery forest trail entrance at SouthWild (08/11).

**Rufous-capped Spinetail** *Synallaxis ruficapilla*—seen at Hotel Simon (07/30-31) and the Maromba Trail (08/02). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Cinereous-breasted Spinetail** *Synallaxis hypospodia*—seen on the Transpantaneira Highway on our way to Porto Jofre (08/08) in an area of high passerine activity.

**Spix’s Spinetail** *Synallaxis spixi*—seen at Hotel Simon in the late afternoon (07/30). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Sooty-fronted Spinetail** *Synallaxis frontalis*—recorded at Caixa d’Agua in the early morning right after seeing the Rusty-



backed Antwren pair (08/13). **Cerrado Extension Only**

**MANAKINS: Pipridae (5):**

**Helmeted Manakin** *Antilophia galeata*—female seen at Vale do Jamaca (08/13). **Cerrado Extension Only**

**Swallow-tailed Manakin** *Chiroxiphia caudata*—beautiful views of male, female, and immature individuals along the Maromba Trail (07/31, 08/02). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Pin-tailed Manakin** *Ilicura militaris* (E)—we could not ask for better views than the ones we got at Hotel Simon (07/30). Also recorded on the Maromba Trail (08/02). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Band-tailed Manakin** *Pipra fasciicauda*—we saw this living fireball at Vale do Jamaca (08/14). **Cerrado Extension Only**

**Fiery-capped Manakin** *Machaeropterus pyrocephalus*—we recorded this difficult bird at Vale do Jamaca on two days at a very active fruiting tree (08/13-14). **Cerrado Extension Only**

**COTINGAS: Cotingidae (1):**

**Black-and-gold Cotinga** *Lipaugus ater* (E)—male recorded on the Agulhas Negras Road (08/01). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**TITYRAS AND BECARDS: Tityridae (5):**

**Masked Tityra** *Tityra semifasciata*—seen at Vale do Jamaca on two days (08/13-14). **Cerrado Extension Only**

**Greenish Schiffornis** *Schiffornis virescens*—seen on the Maromba Trail (08/02). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Green-backed Becard** *Pachyramphus viridis*—we were very lucky to see this uncommon species multiple times: Agulhas Negras Road (08/01) and SouthWild Pantanal (08/11-12).

**Chestnut-crowned Becard** *Pachyramphus castaneus*—recorded on the Maromba Trail (08/02). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Crested Becard** *Pachyramphus validus*—seen at Vale do Jamaca (08/02). **Cerrado Extension Only**

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

**Sharpbill** *Oxyruncus cristatus*—we saw this unusual species right in front of the abandoned Hotel Simon in a fruiting tree – a great find on a short visit to the Atlantic Rainforest (07/30)! **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**TYRANT FLYCATCHERS: Tyrannidae (53):**

**White-throated Spadebill** *Platyrinchus mystaceus*—seen twice on the Maromba Trail (07/31, 08/02). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Gray-hooded Flycatcher** *Mionectes rufiventris*—seen on the forest trail near Hotel Simon (07/31). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Sepia-capped Flycatcher** *Leptopogon amaurocephalus*—observed on the gallery forest trail at SouthWild (08/11) and the moist forest of Vale do Jamaca (08/14). We got to see the diagnostic wing lifting behavior every time it lands.

**Mottle-cheeked Tyrannulet** *Phylloscartes ventralis*—we saw this warbler-like flycatcher on the Agulhas Negras Road (08/01). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Serra do Mar Tyrannulet** *Phylloscartes difficilis* (E)—seen on the Agulhas Negras Road (08/01). The greenish color of the back and general behavior gives it a passing resemblance to a fall plumage Chestnut-sided Warbler. **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Southern Antpipit** *Corythopsis delalandi*—we saw this terrestrial flycatcher at Vale do Jamaca (08/14). Looks a bit like an Ovenbird. **Cerrado Extension Only**

**Eared Pygmy-Tyrant** *Myiornis auricularis*—we saw this tiny flycatcher near Hotel Simon (07/30) and the Maromba Trail (08/02). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Stripe-necked Tody-Tyrant** *Hemitriccus striaticollis*—we managed to connect with this uncommon flycatcher on the gallery forest trail at SouthWild, a reliable site for it (08/12).

**Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant** *Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer*—great views at Pousada Aguape (08/04-05) and along the



Cuiaba River on one of our Jaguar boat tours (08/10).

**Rusty-fronted Tody-Flycatcher** *Poecilatriccus latirostris*—seen in the gallery forest at SouthWild (08/11) and Parque Mae Bonifacia (08/15). A common small flycatcher of wooded areas of the Pantanal and Chapada dos Guimaraes.

**Gray-headed Tody-Flycatcher** *Todirostrum poliocephalum* (E)—seen at Hotel Simon (07/30-31) and right at the entrance to the Maromba Trail (07/31, 08/02). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Common Tody-Flycatcher** *Todirostrum cinereum*—seen at Pousada Aguape (08/05) in a mixed feeding flock.

**Yellow-olive Flycatcher** *Tolmomyias sulphurescens*—we saw both the Atlantic Rainforest subspecies at Hotel Simon (07/31) and the one found in Mato Grosso (08/12, 15). This widespread flycatcher might be split into multiple species in the near future – stay tuned!

**Cliff Flycatcher** *Hirundinea ferruginea*—we saw this rusty flycatcher on top of the abandoned Hotel Simon (07/30) and again at the Itatiaia ‘snipe valley farm’ (08/01). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet** *Camptostoma obsoletum*—pairs observed in scrub along the Cuiaba River (08/09) and SouthWild Pantanal (08/11). Named after the lack of rictal bristles around the bill, making it ‘beardless.’

**Mouse-colored Tyrannulet** *Phaeomyias murina*—great views at the entrance to the gallery forest trail at SouthWild Pantanal (08/12).

**Forest Elaenia** *Myiopagis gaimardii*—several observed at Vale do Jamaca in moist forest, usually associated with mixed feeding flocks (08/13-14). **Cerrado Extension Only**

**Plain-crested Elaenia** *Elaenia cristata*—we saw this cerrado specialty at Caixa d’Agua and Cidade de Pedra (08/13). **Cerrado Extension Only**

**Yellow-bellied Elaenia** *Elaenia flavogaster*—seen along the Cuiaba River (08/09) and Vale do Jamaca (08/13).

**White-crested Elaenia** *Elaenia albiceps*—we recorded this uncommon winter migrant at Vale do Jamaca (08/13). **Cerrado Extension Only**

**White-crested Tyrannulet** *Serpophaga subcristata*—a pair of these little birds entertained us for quite a while as we were looking for Araucaria Tit-Spinetails on the Agulhas Negras Road (08/01). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Greenish Tyrannulet** *Phyllomyias virescens*—seen once along the Agulhas Negras Road (08/01). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Planalto Tyrannulet** *Phyllomyias fasciatus*—observed near Hotel Simon in a fruiting tree (07/30). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Gray-capped Tyrannulet** *Phyllomyias griseocapilla* (E)—recorded at Hotel do Ype and Hotel Simon (07/30), as well as our impromptu highway stop with all the tanagers and Curl-crested Jay (08/01). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Rufous-crowned Pygmy-Tyrant** *Euscarthmus melorophus*—we observed this scarce flycatcher in low scrub on the SouthWild Pantanal gallery forest trail (08/11).

**Plain Tyrannulet** *Inezia inornata*—not uncommon in mixed feeding flocks at SouthWild Pantanal (08/11-12) and Parque Mae Bonifacia (08/15), always in pairs or multiples.

**Euler’s Flycatcher** *Lathrotriccus euleri*—we observed this *Empidonax*-like flycatcher at Vale do Jamaca – a classic understory species of tropical and subtropical South America. **Cerrado Extension Only**

**Tropical Pewee** *Contopus cinereus*—associating with a mixed feeding flock of tanagers near the abandoned Hotel Simon (07/31). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Fuscous Flycatcher** *Cnemotriccus fuscatus*—nice views of this chunky little understory flycatcher at SouthWild on both visits (08/11-12).

**Chapada Flycatcher** *Guyramemua affine* (E)—we saw this rather plain cerrado specialist at the entrance to Cidade de Pedra (08/13). Formerly thought to be closely related to the Suiriri Flycatcher, but genetic studies show this not to be the case. **Cerrado Extension Only**

**Vermilion Flycatcher** *Pyrocephalus rubinus*—quite common in the Pantanal.

**Velvety Black-Tyrant** *Knipolegus nigerrimus* (E)—a pair was resident near the abandoned Hotel Simon (07/30-31). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Blue-billed Black-Tyrant** *Knipolegus cyanirostris*—we saw a female in the lower part of the garden at Hotel do Ype on an afternoon walk (07/31). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**White-rumped Monjita** *Xolmis velatus*—quite common at Pousada Aguape. We also observed this black and white flycatcher at the Itatiaia ‘snipe valley farm’ (08/01).

**White Monjita** *Xolmis irupero*—we observed this immaculate white flycatcher at Pousada Aguape (08/04).

**Gray Monjita** *Nengetus cinereus*—seen at Pousada Aguape (08/05).

**White-headed Marsh Tyrant** *Arundinicola leucocephala*—only a couple definite sightings of this classic South American wetland flycatcher: Pousada Aguape (08/05) and Campos do Jofre (08/10).

**Black-backed Water-Tyrant** *Fluvicola albiventer*—recorded almost daily in the Pantanal in small numbers.

**Masked Water-Tyrant** *Fluvicola nengeta*—a couple of these were acting like wagtails at the Itatiaia ‘snipe valley farm,’ the geographic replacement for the Black-backed Water-Tyrant of the Pantanal (08/01). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Shear-tailed Gray Tyrant** *Muscipipra vetula*—scope views in the dry grassy picnic area at Agulhas Negras Road (08/01) – a large and relatively showy flycatcher with those lengthened tail plumes. **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Streamer-tailed Tyrant** *Gubernetes yetapa*—this large and charismatic flycatcher gave us quite the show at Pousada Aguape (08/04-05).

**Long-tailed Tyrant** *Colonia colonus*—singles at Hotel Simon (07/31) and the Maromba Trail (08/02). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Sibilant Sirystes** *Sirystes sibilator*—seen at Vale do Jamaca near the active fruiting tree on two days (08/13-14). Looks a bit like a gray and black Great Crested Flycatcher. **Cerrado Extension Only**

**Rufous Casiornis** *Casiornis rufus*—we recorded this handsome flycatcher at Pousada Aguape (08/05) and SouthWild Pantanal (08/12).

**Swainson’s Flycatcher** *Myiarchus swainsoni*—seen at Parque Mae Bonifacia (08/15). **Cerrado Extension Only**

**Short-crested Flycatcher** *Myiarchus ferox*—recorded at Pousada Aguape (08/03-04) and SouthWild (08/09).

**Brown-crested Flycatcher** *Myiarchus tyrannulus*—recorded at Pousada Aguape (08/05) and SouthWild (08/11-12).

**Cattle Tyrant** *Machetornis rixosa*—recorded almost daily in the Pantanal, often on grassy lawns around lodges.

**Lesser Kiskadee** *Pitangus lictor*—great views on the Cuiaba River (08/10). This species always occurs in wetlands or near freshwater bodies of water such as rivers and ponds.

**Great Kiskadee** *Pitangus sulphuratus*

**Boat-billed Flycatcher** *Megarynchus pitangua*—seen along the Cuiaba River in a mixed feeding flock (08/09) and Vale do Jamaca (08/13).

**Rusty-margined Flycatcher** *Myiozetetes cayanensis*—one of the most common passerines in the Pantanal.

**Social Flycatcher** *Myiozetetes similis*—seen at Hotel Simon (07/30) and the impromptu highway stop (08/01). This species is strangely absent from the Pantanal. **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Tropical Kingbird** *Tyrannus melancholicus*—increasingly common on the second half of the trip – a migratory species in this part of its range.

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

**Rufous-browed Peppershrike** *Cyclarhis gujanensis*—seen or heard almost daily in a variety of wooded habitats throughout the trip. Our best views were on the Cuiaba River (08/10) and SouthWild Pantanal (08/11).

**Rufous-crowned Greenlet** *Hylophilus poicilotis*—nice views of this Atlantic Rainforest endemic at Hotel Simon (07/30), the Agulhas Negras Road (08/01), and the Maromba Trail (08/02). We always saw it associating with a mixed feeding flock. **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Ashy-headed Greenlet** *Hylophilus pectoralis*—observed on the SouthWild gallery forest trail (08/11).

### **CROWS AND JAYS: Corvidae (3):**

**Purplish Jay** *Cyanocorax cyanomelas*—common in the Pantanal.

**Curl-crested Jay** *Cyanocorax cristatellus*—seen at the impromptu highway stop on our way back from the Agulhas Negras Road (08/01), as well as the cerrado woodland at Cidade de Pedra (08/13). **Extension Only**

**Plush-crested Jay** *Cyanocorax chrysops*—small numbers at Pousada Aguape, including right on the lodge grounds

(08/03-05).

**DONACOBIUS: Donacobiidae (1):**

**Black-capped Donacobius** *Donacobius atricapilla*—a charismatic bird of lush wetland vegetation, quite common in the northern Pantanal.

**SWALLOWS AND MARTINS: Hirundinidae (7):**

**Blue-and-white Swallow** *Pygochelidon cyanoleuca*—seen flying around our picnic stop on the Agulhas Negras Road (08/01). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Tawny-headed Swallow** *Alopochelidon fucata*—we saw this uncommon swallow at the Itatiaia ‘snipe valley farm’ (08/01). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Southern Rough-winged Swallow** *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*—recorded at the Itatiaia ‘snipe valley farm,’ as well as the boat trips at Pousada Aguape (08/06) and on the Cuiaba River (08/09-10).

**Gray-breasted Martin** *Progne chalybea*—at least a couple dozen hanging around Hotel Pantanal Mato Grosso on our mid-morning rest stop.

**Brown-chested Martin** *Progne tapera*—recorded two of these winter migrants at Campos do Jofre (08/08).

**White-winged Swallow** *Tachycineta albiventer*—seen on the boat trips at Pousada Aguape (08/06) and on the Cuiaba River (08/09-10).

**White-rumped Swallow** *Tachycineta leucorrhoa*—we saw about a dozen of these swallows flying in a field in front of Pousada Aguape (08/05).

**GNATCATCHERS: Polioptilidae (1):**

**Masked Gnatcatcher** *Polioptila dumicola*—seen at Pousada Aguape (08/04), Cuiaba River (08/09), and SouthWild Pantanal (08/11-12) in mixed feeding flocks.

**WRENS: Troglodytidae (5):**

**House Wren** *Troglodytes aedon*—seen or heard on both the Atlantic Rainforest extension and Pousada Aguape.

**Thrush-like Wren** *Campylorhynchus turdinus*—these gigantic, highly arboreal wrens were commonly seen and heard throughout the Pantanal and Chapada dos Guimaraes.

**Moustached Wren** *Pheugopedius genibarbis*—a pair at Vale do Jamaca (08/15). **Cerrado Extension Only**

**Buff-breasted Wren** *Cantorchilus leucotis*—very common at Parque Mae Bonifacia (08/15). **Cerrado Extension Only**

**Fawn-breasted Wren** *Cantorchilus guarayanus*—seen at Pousada Aguape (08/04), the southern Pantanal counterpart of the Buff-breasted Wren.

**MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS: Mimidae (2):**

**Chalk-browed Mockingbird** *Mimus saturninus*—abundant

**White-banded Mockingbird** *Mimus triurus*—fortunate to see this scarce winter migrant at Pousada Aguape (08/05).

**THRUSHES: Turdidae (4):**

**Pale-breasted Thrush** *Turdus leucomelas*—quite common in the southern Pantanal at Pousada Aguape and again in Chapada dos Guimaraes.

**Yellow-legged Thrush** *Turdus flavipes*—recorded exclusively around Itatiaia National Park: Hotel Simon (07/30), Maromba Trail (07/31, 08/02). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Rufous-bellied Thrush** *Turdus rufiventris*—Brazil’s national bird was ubiquitous.

**Creamy-bellied Thrush** *Turdus amaurochalinus*—our best views were on the dirt road at Vale do Jamaca (08/14). **Cerrado Extension Only**

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

**House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus* (1)—common around the large cities and even Hotel Pantanal Mato Grosso on our rest stop (08/08).

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

**Yellowish Pipit** *Anthus lutescens*—nicely seen at Pousada Aguape, including its effervescent display flight (08/04-05).

### **FINCHES AND EUPHONIAS: Fringillidae (3):**

**Purple-throated Euphonia** *Euphonia chlorotica*—seen at SouthWild Pantanal (08/11) and Vale do Jamaca (08/14).

**Thick-billed Euphonia** *Euphonia laniirostris*—seen on two days at Vale do Jamaca at a very active fruiting tree (08/13-14). **Cerrado Extension Only**

**Chestnut-bellied Euphonia** *Euphonia pectoralis*—there were always some present around the Hotel do Ype feeders. **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

### **NEW WORLD SPARROWS: Passerellidae (3):**

**Grassland Sparrow** *Ammodramus humeralis*—numerous at Pousada Aguape (08/04-06).

**Half-collared Sparrow** *Arremon semitorquatus* (E)—most of the group caught up with this pretty endemic on a morning visit to the Maromba Trail (08/02). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Rufous-collared Sparrow** *Zonotrichia capensis*—scattered sightings on all sections of the trip.

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

**Crested Oropendola** *Psarocolius decumanus*—seen at the highway stop in Itatiaia (08/01), Pousada Aguape (08/03-04), and SouthWild Pantanal (08/12). It is the only oropendola species in the Pantanal.

**Solitary Black Cacique** *Cacicus solitarius*—nice views in a mixed feeding flock on the Cuiaba River (08/09).

**Golden-winged Cacique** *Cacicus chrysopterus*—regular at the feeders at Hotel do Ype. **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Red-rumped Cacique** *Cacicus haemorrhous*—very common in the Atlantic Rainforest, including the feeders at Hotel do Ype. **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Variable Oriole** *Icterus pyrrhopterus*—we saw this rather plain oriole a couple times at Pousada Aguape (08/05-06).

**Orange-backed Troupial** *Icterus croconotus*—nice views at Pousada Aguape (08/03), along the Cuiaba River (08/09), and SouthWild Pantanal (08/12). A very large and colorful species of oriole, even by oriole standards!

**Screaming Cowbird** *Molothrus rufoaxillaris*—one seen and photographed at Pousada Aguape (08/03). Can be very hard to distinguish from the very similar Shiny Cowbird.

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

**Giant Cowbird** *Molothrus oryzivorus*—regular at the grain feeder at Pousada Aguape (08/03-05) and another sighting at Hotel Pantanal Mato Grosso (rest stop) (08/08). Parasitizes oropendolas and caciques.

**Scarlet-headed Blackbird** *Amblyramphus holosericeus*—we saw this striking blackbird in an extensive stand of Alligator Flag along the Transpantaneira Highway (08/08).

**Chopi Blackbird** *Gnorimopsar chopi*—quite common at Pousada Aguape at the grain feeders.

**Grayish Baywing** *Agelaioides badius*—recorded almost daily in the Pantanal, especially around grain feeders.

**Unicolored Blackbird** *Agelasticus cyanopus*—seen at Pousada Aguape (08/04), Transpantaneira Highway (08/08), and along the Cuiaba River (08/10). The males of this small blackbird are uniformly black, but the females have yellowish underparts.

**Yellow-rumped Marshbird** *Pseudoleistes guirahuro*—seeing this at the Itatiaia 'snipe valley farm' was a nice and unexpected bonus for the trip (08/01). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

### **NEW WORLD WARBLERS: Parulidae (4):**

**Tropical Parula** *Setophaga pitaiyumi*—seen in mixed feeding flocks at Pousada Aguape (08/05-06) and SouthWild



Pantanal (08/12). The Neotropical counterpart to the Northern Parula of the United States and Canada.

**Golden-crowned Warbler** *Basileuterus culicivorus*—recorded regularly in forested areas throughout the tour. The subspecies found in Mato Grosso was formerly split as ‘White-bellied Warbler’ *Basileuterus hypoleucus*.

**Flavescent Warbler** *Myiothlypis flaveola* (HO)—a singing bird on the gallery forest trail at SouthWild Pantanal would not cooperate for views (08/10-11).

**White-browed Warbler** *Myiothlypis leucoblephara*—great views of this Atlantic Rainforest endemic on the Maromba Trail one afternoon (07/31). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

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

**Olive-green Tanager** *Orthogonys chloricterus* (E)—a single bird was regular at the Hotel do Ype feeders (07/30, 08/02). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

#### **CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND ALLIES: Cardinalidae (1):**

**Hepatic Tanager** *Piranga flava*—a greenish female spotted in the cerrado at Caixa d’Agua (08/13). This widespread species is likely to be split in the future. **Cerrado Extension Only**

#### **TANAGERS AND ALLIES: Thraupidae (41):**

**Red-crested Cardinal** *Paroaria coronata*—a very handsome species that was pleasantly regular around the lodges in small numbers: Pousada Aguape (08/03-06) and SouthWild Pantanal (08/11-12).

**Yellow-billed Cardinal** *Paroaria capitata*—one of the most common songbirds in the Pantanal, especially numerous around feeding stations where they would carpet the ground.

**Black-faced Tanager** *Schistochlamys melanopis*—seen at Caixa d’Agua (08/13). **Cerrado Extension Only**

**Cinnamon Tanager** *Schistochlamys ruficapillus*—seen at Caixa d’Agua (08/13). **Cerrado Extension Only**

**Magpie Tanager** *Cissopis leverianus*—seen at Hotel do Ype (07/30, 08/02) and Parque Mae Bonifacia (08/15), representing different subspecies of this widespread and very unique tanager. **Extensions Only**

**White-banded Tanager** *Neothraupis fasciata*—seen at Caixa d’Agua and Cidade de Pedra (08/13). Sometimes known as Shrike-like Tanager. **Cerrado Extension Only**

**Orange-headed Tanager** *Thlypopsis sordida*—seen at the impromptu highway stop on our way back from Agulhas Negras Road (08/01) and in a mixed feeding flock along the Cuiaba River (08/09).

**Buff-throated Warbling-Finch** *Microspingus lateralis* (E)—several of these handsome birds on the Agulhas Negras Road (08/01). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Black-goggled Tanager** *Trichothraupis melanops*—very common on the Atlantic Rainforest extension, particularly around the feeders at Hotel do Ype. **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Ruby-crowned Tanager** *Tachyphonus coronatus*—same as the preceding species. Very common! **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**White-lined Tanager** *Tachyphonus rufus*—seen at Pousada Aguape (08/05), SouthWild Pantanal (08/12), Vale do Jamaca (08/13-14), and Parque Mae Bonifacia (08/15).

**Brazilian Tanager** *Ramphocelus bresilius* (E)—we saw this striking bird near Hotel Simon a couple times (07/30-31), perhaps one of the most fluorescent red birds on Earth! **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Silver-beaked Tanager** *Ramphocelus carbo*—numerous in the northern Pantanal.

**Diademed Tanager** *Stephanophorus diadematus*—although we did get this lovely tanager on the Agulhas Negras Road (08/01), they seemed equally common in the lower elevations near Hotel Simon and the Maromba Trail (07/30-31, 08/02) perhaps due to the unseasonably cold weather. **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Sayaca Tanager** *Thraupis sayaca*—very common in the Pantanal and Chapada dos Guimaraes – the southern South America equivalent of the familiar Blue-gray Tanager.

**Golden-chevroned Tanager** *Thraupis ornata* (E)—regular visitors to the feeders at Hotel do Ype. **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Palm Tanager** *Thraupis palmarum*—scattered sightings of this familiar species throughout the length of the tour.



**Burnished-buff Tanager** *Stilpnia cayana*—small numbers at Caixa d’Agua and Cidade de Pedra in good quality cerrado habitat (08/13). **Cerrado Extension Only**

**Green-headed Tanager** *Tangara seldon*—this stunning Atlantic Rainforest endemic was a regular patron to the Hotel do Ype feeders (07/30, 08/01-02). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Brassy-breasted Tanager** *Tangara desmaresti* (E)—seen at Hotel Simon (07/31), Agulhas Negras Road (08/01), and the Maromba Trail (08/02). Never at feeders. **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Gilt-edged Tanager** *Tangara cyanoventris* (E)—our best views were on our impromptu highway stop on our way back from the Agulhas Negras Road (08/01). Also seen on the forest trail at Hotel Simon (07/31). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Swallow Tanager** *Tersina viridis*—seen at Hotel Simon (07/30) and Vale do Jamaca (08/13-14). A very unique and colorful tanager that used to be considered part of its own bird family. **Extensions Only**

**Blue Dacnis** *Dacnis cayana*—very common in the Atlantic Rainforest, particularly around the Hotel do Ype feeders. We also saw a single female at Vale do Jamaca (08/14). **Extensions Only**

**Rufous-headed Tanager** *Hemithraupis ruficapilla* (E)—a pair on the forest trail at Hotel Simon (07/30). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Chestnut-vented Conebill** *Conirostrum speciosum*—we saw this tiny tanager at Pousada Aguape (08/05) and Vale do Jamaca (08/14), always in mixed feeding flocks.

**White-rumped Tanager** *Cypsnagra hirundinacea*—hard to forget the duetting tanagers at Caixa d’Agua (08/13). Perhaps one of the most charismatic of all the cerrado specialties. **Cerrado Extension Only**

**Bay-chested Warbling Finch** *Castanozoster thoracicus* (E)—a single bird in the higher and drier habitat on the Agulhas Negras Road, near a stand of *Araucaria* trees (08/01). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

**Saffron Finch** *Sicalis flaveola*—numerous in the Pantanal, especially around grain feeders.

**Wedge-tailed Grass-Finch** *Emberizoides herbicola*—seen a couple times around Pousada Aguape (08/04-05).

**Blue-black Grassquit** *Volatinia jacarina*—seen at SouthWild Pantanal (08/11), Cidade de Pedra (08/13), and Vale do Jamaca (08/13).

**White-bellied Seedeater** *Sporophila leucoptera*—a couple females at Parque Mae Bonifacia on our last birding morning (08/15). **Cerrado Extension Only**

**Chestnut-bellied Seed-Finch** *Sporophila angolensis*—a single male made an appearance on one of our stops along the Transpantaneira Highway (08/08).

**Double-collared Seedeater** *Sporophila caerulea*—seen at the Hotel do Ype feeders and in a yellow flowering tree at Parque Mae Bonifacia (08/15). **Extensions Only**

**Plumbeous Seedeater** *Sporophila plumbea*—the common seedeater of the cerrado, seen at Caixa d’Agua and Cidade de Pedra (08/13). **Cerrado Extension Only**

**Rusty-collared Seedeater** *Sporophila collaris*—a couple sightings at Pousada Aguape (08/04) and on the Transpantaneira Highway (08/13).

**Red-crested Finch** *Coryphospingus cucullatus*—recorded at Pousada Aguape (08/04-05), Caixa d’Agua (08/13), and Cidade de Pedra (08/13).

**Bananaquit** *Coereba flaveola*—common at Hotel do Ype and Parque Mae Bonifacia. **Extensions Only**

**Black-throated Saltator** *Saltator atricollis*—seen at Pousada Aguape (08/04, 06) and Cidade de Pedra (08/13).

**Buff-throated Saltator** *Saltator maximus*—one was regular at the fruiting tree at Vale do Jamaca (08/13-14). **Cerrado Extension Only**

**Blue-gray Saltator** *Saltator coerulescens*—scattered sightings in the Pantanal, where it was reasonably common.

**Green-winged Saltator** *Saltator similis*—seen at Hotel Simon (07/30) and the Maromba Trail (08/02). **Atlantic Rainforest Extension Only**

#### **MAMMALS (26 species recorded):**

**Southern Tamandua** *Tamandua tetradactyla*—we saw two of these special mammals ‘playing’ on our safari at Pousada

Aguape (08/04).

**Giant Anteater** *Myrmecophaga tridactyla*—on our last safari ride at Pousada Aguape, we ran across one of these largest of anteaters snuffling along in a dry field (08/06). **VOTED AS MAMMAL OF THE TRIP!**

**Nine-banded Armadillo** *Dasyus novemcinctus*—seen once at Aguape (08/05), the most widespread and one of the largest armadillo species.

**Six-banded Armadillo** *Euphractus sexcinctus*—very common around the rooms and restaurant at Pousada Aguape (08/03-06).

**Greater Bulldog Bat** *Noctilio leporinus*—seen feeding over the Cuiaba River in the evenings from the Panoramico Floatel (08/09).

**Proboscis Bat** *Rhynchonycteris naso*—seen on our last morning boat trip along the Cuiaba River while looking for jaguars. A group of them were roosting in a line along the side of a tree (08/10).

**Black-tailed Marmoset** *Mico melanurus*—a few individuals seen at Mae Bonifacia Park (08/15). It is the only marmoset of the genus *Mico* with most of its range outside the Amazon Basin.

**Black-and-gold Howler Monkey** *Alouatta caraya*—we saw these large New World primates on 08/04 and 06 at Pousada Aguape, both times by the river where they were foraging for leaves.

**Black Capuchin** *Sapajus nigritus*—there has been major taxonomic reshuffling among the *Sapajus* capuchins. The capuchin of the Atlantic Rainforest of Itatiaia National Park is Black Capuchin, and we saw it twice while there (07/30 and 08/02).

**Azara's Capuchin** *Sapajus cay*—several observations at Pousada Aguape across multiple days (08/04-07).

**South American Coati** *Nasua nasua*—we saw these raccoon-relatives twice at Pousada Aguape (08/04-05).

**Crab-eating Fox** *Cerdocyon thous*—frequent observations over multiple days of the trip, particularly at Pousada Aguape and SouthWild Pantanal Lodge. Genetic studies show that these 'foxes' are more closely related to South American 'wolves' such as the Maned Wolf than to true foxes.

**Ocelot** *Leopardus pardalis*—observed at SouthWild on 08/10 and 11.

**Jaguar** *Panthera onca*—fantastic views of this majestic feline along the Cuiaba River (08/09-10). This species is the world's third largest big cat after the lion and tiger.

**Giant Otter** *Pteronura brasiliensis*—amazing experience observing these incredible mammals hunting and feeding along the edge of the Cuiaba River on our first boat outing there (08/09).

**South American Tapir** *Tapirus terrestris*—seen twice along the entrance road to Pousada Alegre (08/07-08). This is the largest extant land mammal species in South America.

**Collared Peccary** *Pecari tajacu*—seen daily at Pousada Aguape (08/03-06).

**White-lipped Peccary** *Tayassu pecari*—seen at Pousada Aguape (08/05) – a larger species than the previous one.

**Gray Brocket** *Mazama gouazoubira*—we saw this dainty deer species along the entrance road to Pousada Aguape after a long day of travel (08/07).

**Red Brocket** *Mazama americana*—seen at Pousada Aguape (08/03).

**Pampas Deer** *Ozotoceros bezoarticus*—delightfully common at Pousada Aguape, where it was the most common deer species (08/03-04). Due to habitat loss and hunting, this deer has a highly fragmented distribution.

**Marsh Deer** *Blastocerus dichotomus*—seen in the Campos do Jofre on 08/08 and 08/10. The Pantanal is the stronghold of this largest South American deer species.

**Guianan Squirrel** *Sciurus aestuans*—common at Itatiaia National Park, where we saw it daily near Hotel Ype.

**Brazilian Guinea Pig** *Cavia aperea*—seen once at Pousada Aguape (08/06).

**Azara's Agouti** *Dasyprocta azarae*—seen twice at Pousada Aguape (08/03-04) and SouthWild (08/12).

**Capybara** *Hydrochoerus hydrochaeris*—very common in the Pantanal. It is the largest rodent species in the world!

#### REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS (9 species recorded):

**Red-footed Tortoise** *Chelonoidis carbonarius*—we saw this large South American tortoise at Pousada Alegre (08/07).

**Chaco Spiny Lizard** *Tropidurus lagunablanca*—lava lizard taxonomy is very complex, but the individuals seen and

photographed at Chapada dos Guimaraes are likely to be this species (08/13-14).

**Giant Ameiva** *Ameiva ameiva*—seen on our boat trip days along the Cuiaba River (08/08).

**Argentine Black-and-white Tegu** *Salvator merianae*—we saw this large, predatory lizard along the Cuiaba River (08/08)  
– the largest species of lizard in the Americas!

**Green Iguana** *Iguana iguana*—observed along the Pixaim River at SouthWild Lodge (08/12).

**Yacare Caiman** *Caiman yacare*—the most abundant reptile (terrestrial vertebrate!) in the Pantanal, where it was ubiquitous

**Chaco Tree Frog** *Boana raniceps*—seen and photographed at Pousada Alegre (08/08).

**Veined Tree Frog** *Trachycephalus typhonius*—seen and photographed at SouthWild Lodge (08/11).

**Miranda's White-lipped Frog** *Leptodactylus macrosternum*—Kathy got nice photographs of this large frog at SouthWild Pantanal (08/11).