

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

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Summary: We saw an amazing variety of birds, mammals and reptiles on our main tour and this report will reflect those observations and not those from the two tour extensions, where many more species were also seen and heard. Avian highlights included Toco Toucan, Red-legged Seriema, Whistling Heron, Green-and-rufous Kingfisher, Sungrebe, Hyacinth Macaw, Jabiru, Crested Caracara and many more. Having the ability to explore the varied ecotypes of the southern and northern Pantanal gave us access to an extremely wide variety of birds. Some were difficult to find while others were daily visitors at the feeders and around the lodges.

Mammals played a large and charismatic role on our Pantanal tour, and we had amazing experiences with jaguar, giant otter, ocelot, giant anteater, southern tamandua, capybara and South American tapir. We also were thrilled to have some many different reptile and amphibian sightings including seeing thousands of yacare caiman, lots of chaco tree frogs and some great looks at Argentine black-and-white tegu. The Pantanal region of Brazil is absolutely teeming with life and is a wonderful location to explore for any birder looking to experience the wildlife of tropical South America. Join us next year!

BIRDS (198 species recorded):

RHEAS: Rheidae (1):

Greater Rhea *Rhea americana*—seen almost daily.

TINAMOUS: Tinamidae (1):

Undulated Tinamou *Crypturellus undulatus*—seen at Aguapé and heard throughout the Pantanal.

SCREAMERS: Anhimidae (1):

Southern Screamer *Chauna torquata*—seen in both southern and northern Pantanal.

DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS: Anatidae (5):

White-faced Whistling-Duck *Dendrocygna viduata*—southern Pantanal sightings.

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck *Dendrocygna autumnalis*—seen every day while we were staying at pousada Aguapé.

Muscovy Duck *Cairina moschata*—seen both in the southern and northern Pantanal.

Brazilian Teal *Amazonetta brasiliensis*—seen daily at Pousada Aguapé and on the Transpantaneira.

Ringed Teal *Callonetta leucophrys*—seen while at Aguapé.

GUANS AND CURASSOWS: Cracidae (5):

Chaco Chachalaca *Ortalis canicollis*—ubiquitous in the Pantanal. We saw and heard these particularly loud birds every day.

Chestnut-bellied Guan *Penelope ochrogaster* —seen on the Cuiabá River and Pixaim River. The Pantanal is the stronghold for this Vulnerable species.

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

Red-throated Piping-Guan *Pipile cujubi*—seen along the Pixaim River near SouthWild.

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

PIGEONS AND DOVES: Columbidae (10):

Rock Pigeon *Columba livia*—common in urban areas.

Pale-vented Pigeon *Patagioenas cayennensis*—a beautiful and commonly seen pigeon in both the southern and northern Pantanal.

Picazuro Pigeon *Patagioenas picazuro*—seen in both the southern and northern Pantanal.

Plumbeous Pigeon *Patagioenas plumbea*—seen on the Transpantaneira.

Ruddy Ground-Dove *Columbina talpacoti*—the most common small dove in the Pantanal and seen almost every day.

Scaled Dove *Columbina squammata*—great views of this gorgeous little dove at Rio Claro, on the Cuiabá River, and SouthWild Pantanal at the feeders.

Picui Ground-Dove *Columbina picui*—very common at feeders at Aguapé Lodge and SouthWild Pantanal.

Long-tailed Ground-Dove *Uropelia campestris*—seen at Pousada Aguapé as well as along the Transpantaneira and at SouthWild.

White-tipped Dove *Leptotila verreauxi*—very common in the Pantanal and Cerrado extension.

Eared Dove *Zenaida auriculata*—seen while driving the Transpantaneira great looks at SouthWild.

CUCKOOS: Cuculidae (5):

Guira Cuckoo *Guira guira*—seen almost daily throughout the Pantanal.

Greater Ani *Crotophaga major*—seen in the northern Pantanal.

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

Little Cuckoo *Coccyua minuta*—seen during an early morning at Aguapé.

Squirrel Cuckoo *Piaya cayana*—we saw this widespread species in both the southern and northern Pantanal.

NIGHTJARS: Caprimulgidae (3):

Nacunda Nighthawk *Chordeiles nacunda*—seen at Aguapé.

Band-tailed Nighthawk *Nyctiprogne leucopyga*—seen in the evening on a Cuiabá River jaguar trip.

Common Pauraque *Nyctidromus albicollis*—seen in both the southern and northern Pantanal.

POTOOS: Nyctibiidae (2):

Great Potoo *Nyctibius grandis*—we were lucky to get a nice look at a Great Potoo on the Cuiabá River.

Common Potoo *Nyctibius griseus*—seen while on safari at Aguapé.

SWIFTS: Apodidae (1):

Sick's Swift *Chaetura meridionalis*—seen at Aguapé.

HUMMINGBIRDS: Trochilidae (2)

Black-throated Mango *Anthracothorax nigricollis*—seen along the Cuiabá River.

Glittering-throated Emerald *Chionomesa fimbriata*—seen along the Transpantaniera.

RAILS, CRAKES, AND ALLIES: Rallidae (1):

Gray-cowled Wood-Rail *Aramides cajaneus*—commonly seen throughout the Pantanal.

FINFOOTS AND SUNGREBE: Heliornithidae (1):

Sungrebe *Heliornis fulica*—great views of these tiny wetland birds on the Pixaim River at SouthWild.

LIMPKIN: Aramidae (1):

Limpkin *Aramus guarauna*—abundant in the northern Pantanal.

STILTS AND AVOCETS: Recurvirostridae (1):

Black-necked Stilt *Himantopus mexicanus*—small numbers seen at both Aguapé and the northern Pantanal.

PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS: Charadriidae (2):

Pied Lapwing *Vanellus cayanus*—seen in both the southern and northern Pantanal.

Southern Lapwing *Vanellus chilensis*—commonly seen, including a female or two guarding nests with eggs.

JACANAS Jacanidae (1):

Wattled Jacana *Jacana jacana*—very common in the Pantanal, especially in the northern wetlands.

SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES Scolopacidae (2):

Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius*—one seen in the southern Pantanal.

Solitary Sandpiper *Tringa solitaria*—seen at Aguapé.

GULLS AND TERNS: Laridae (3):

Yellow-billed Tern *Sternula superciliaris*—seen on the Cuiabá River.

Large-billed Tern *Phaetusa simplex*—seen on the Cuiabá River.

Black Skimmer *Rynchops niger*—several roosting and skimming on sandy beaches on the Cuiabá River.

SUNBITTERN: Eurypygidae (1):

Sunbittern *Eurypyga helias*—we had a few brief, yet stunning looks at Sunbitterns in the northern Pantanal.

STORKS: Ciconiidae (3):

Maguari Stork *Ciconia maguari*—seen along the Transpantaneira Highway near Porto Jofre.

Jabiru *Jabiru mycteria*—seen pretty much daily in the Pantanal, including a particularly photogenic bird at Aguapé.

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

ANHINGAS: Anhingidae (1):

Anhinga *Anhinga anhinga*—frequently seen along the riverways in the Pantanal.

CORMORANTS: Phalacrocoracidae (1):

Neotropic Cormorant *Nannopterum brasilianum*—seen roosting/hunting along the rivers throughout the Pantanal.

HERONS AND EGRETS: Ardeidae (11):

Rufescent Tiger-Heron *Tigrisoma lineatum*—found almost every day of the trip.

Cocoi Heron *Ardea cocoi*—common wetland species in the Pantanal.

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 and at Aguapé and SouthWild.

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

Striated Heron *Butorides striata*—very common and widespread in the Pantanal.

Whistling Heron *Syrigma sibilatrix*—we had multiple sightings of this elegant heron at Aguapé.

Capped Heron *Pilherodias pileatus*—we saw these beautiful herons along the Transpantaneira Highway and Cuiabá River.

Black-crowned Night-Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*—seen in both the southern and northern Pantanal.

Boat-billed Heron *Cochlearius cochlearius*—we finally got a nice look at these birds on the Pixaim River.

IBISES AND SPOONBILLS: Threskiornithidae (5):

Green Ibis *Mesembrinibis cayennensis*—scattered sightings throughout the Pantanal.

Bare-faced Ibis *Phimosus infuscatus*—seen daily.

Plumbeous Ibis *Theristicus caerulescens*—very frequent sightings.

Buff-necked Ibis *Theristicus caudatus*—very common throughout the Pantanal, especially at Aguapé.

Roseate Spoonbill *Platalea ajaja*—frequent sightings though in small numbers along the Transpantaneira Highway and in Aguapé.

NEW WORLD VULTURES: Cathartidae (3):

Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus*—seen daily.

Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura*—seen daily.

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

OSPREY: Pandionidae (1):

Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*—one on the boat trip on the Cuiabá River.

HAWKS, KITES, AND EAGLES: Accipitridae (8):

Black-collared Hawk *Busarellus nigricollis*—common along the Cuiabá and Pixaim River.

Snail Kite *Rostrhamus sociabilis*—numerous throughout the Pantanal.

Plumbeous Kite *Ictinia plumbea*—seen commonly in both the southern and northern Pantanal.

Long-winged Harrier *Circus buffoni*—seen flying in the distance over the Cuiabá River.

Crane Hawk *Geranospiza caerulescens*—we saw this beautiful raptor at Aguapé as well as on the Cuiabá River.

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

Great Black Hawk *Buteogallus urubitinga*—regular sightings on the Cuiabá River.

Roadside Hawk *Rupornis magnirostris*—a small and highly successful raptor in South America, we saw them every day.

OWLS: Strigidae (4):

Tropical Screech-Owl *Megascops choliba*—we had a nice sighting of this beautiful owl on our first night at Aguapé.

Great Horned Owl *Bubo virginianus*—seen at SouthWild.

Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl *Glaucidium brasilianum*—a nice view near the volleyball court at Aguapé.

Burrowing Owl *Athene cunicularia*—very common at Aguapé.

TROGONS: Trogonidae (1):

Blue-crowned Trogon *Trogon curucui*—great views in a wooded island at Pousada Aguapé.

MOTMOTS: Momotidae (1):

Amazonian Motmot *Momotus momota*—seen near the river at Aguapé as well as along the Transpantaneira.

KINGFISHERS: Alcedinidae (4):

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

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

Green Kingfisher *Chloroceryle americana*—we saw a number of these smaller kingfishers on all our boat trips.

Green-and-rufous Kingfisher *Chloroceryle inda*—the hardest to see of the six American kingfishers, and arguably the most beautiful, we saw one on the Pixaim River boat ride at SouthWild.

PUFFBIRDS: Bucconidae (1):

Black-fronted Nunbird *Monasa nigrifrons*—great views along the Cuiabá River and the Pixaim River.

JACAMARS: Galbulidae (1):

Rufous-tailed Jacamar *Galbula ruficauda*—a really great look at Aguapé and then some more fleeting sightings of this beautiful jacamar along the Cuiabá River.

TOUCANS: Ramphastidae (2):

Chestnut-eared Aracari *Pteroglossus castanotis*—a fleeting sighting along the Transpantaneira.

Toco Toucan *Ramphastos toco*—lots of Toco Toucan sightings and it was one of the most popular birds of the trip. This adaptable species is the largest of all the toucans.

WOODPECKERS: Picidae (8):

White-wedged Piculet *Picumnus albosquamatus*—seen at Aguapé.

Little Woodpecker *Dryobates passerinus*—not uncommon in gallery forest environments and seen in both southern and northern Pantanal.

Robust Woodpecker *Campephilus robustus*—seen on the Cuiabá River. A rare sighting!

Crimson-crested Woodpecker *Campephilus melanoleucos*—we saw this woodpecker at Aguapé and along the Transpantaneira.

Lineated Woodpecker *Dryocopus lineatus*—seen twice at Pousada Aguapé.

Pale-crested Woodpecker *Celeus lugubris*—we had great views of this woodpecker at both Aguapé and the northern Pantanal.

Green-barred Woodpecker *Colaptes melanochloros*—seen at Pousada Aguapé.

Campo Flicker *Colaptes campestris*—seen frequently at Pousada Aguapé and SouthWild.

SERIEMAS: Cariamidae (1):

Red-legged Seriema *Cariama cristata*—seen daily at Pousada Aguapé and once in the northern Pantanal. 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 (4):

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

American Kestrel *Falco sparverius*—seen at Pousada Aguapé.

Aplomado Falcon *Falco femoralis*—we saw this elegant falcon of open country multiple times at Aguapé.

Bat Falcon *Falco ruficularis*—seen perched high in trees in both the southern and northern Pantanal.

PARROTS: Psittacidae (12):

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.

Yellow-chevroned Parakeet *Brotogeris chiriri*—very common in the Pantanal.

Scaly-headed Parrot *Pionus maximiliani*—seen various times in the northern Pantanal.

Turquoise-fronted Parrot *Amazona aestiva*—a commonly seen, large parrot throughout the Pantanal.

Hyacinth Macaw *Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus*—we saw these stunning birds daily at Aguapé, where they were very common around the lodge, and sporadically around the northern Pantanal.

Peach-fronted Parakeet *Eupsittula aurea*—commonly seen throughout the Pantanal.

Nanday Parakeet *Aratinga nenday*—very common in the southern Pantanal, where we saw them every day at Aguapé – they were regulars at the feeders there, and very photogenic.

Blue-winged Macaw *Primolius maracna*—seen during a morning walk at Rio Claro.

Yellow-collared Macaw *Primolius auricollis*—seen nesting at Aguapé.

Blue-and-yellow Macaw *Ara ararauna*—quite common around Pousada Aguapé.

Red-shouldered Macaw *Diopsittaca nobilis*—great views of a perched bird at Aguapé.

White-eyed Parakeet *Psittacara leucophthalmus*—seen on the main trip.

ANTBIRDS: Thamnophilidae (2):

Great Antshrike *Taraba major*—seen at Pousada Aguapé and in the northern Pantanal.

Mato Grosso Antbird *Cercomacra melanaria*—seen in the northern Pantanal.

OVENBIRDS AND WOODCREEPERS: Furnariidae (12):

Planalto Woodcreeper *Dendrocolaptes platyrostris*—seen at Aguapé.

Great Rufous Woodcreeper *Xiphocolaptes major*—we saw this impressive woodcreeper at Pousada Aguapé as well as in the northern Pantanal.

Red-billed Scythebill *Campylorhamphus trochilirostris*—we had some beautiful looks at this charismatic species at Pousada Aguapé and in the northern Pantanal.

Narrow-billed Woodcreeper *Lepidocolaptes angustirostris*—seen throughout the Pantanal.

Pale-legged Hornero *Furnarius leucopus*—seen on the Cuiabá river and at SouthWild.

Rufous Hornero *Furnarius rufus*—ubiquitous in the Pantanal.

Rufous-fronted Thornbird *Phacellodomus rufifrons*—a nice glimpse at Pousada Aguapé.

Greater Thornbird *Phacellodomus ruber*—common along the Cuiabá River.

Rufous Cacholote *Pseudoseisura unirufa*—common throughout the Pantanal.

Yellow-chinned Spinetail *Certhiaxis cinnamomeus*—a couple good looks in the wetlands of the northern Pantanal.

Chotoy Spinetail *Schoeniophylax phryganophilus*—seen at Pousada Aguapé and along the Transpantaneira.

White-lored Spinetail *Synallaxis albilora*—a nice look at SouthWild.

MANAKINS: Pipridae (1):

Band-tailed Manakin *Pipra fasciicauda*—we were lucky to get a really good look at a male and female while on a boat ride at Pousada Aguapé.

TITYRAS AND BECARDS: Tityridae (3):

Black-tailed Tityra *Tityra cayana*—seen in both the southern and northern Pantanal.

Black-crowned Tityra *Tityra inquisitor*—seen multiple times at Aguapé.

Green-backed Becard *Pachyramphus viridis*—we were very lucky to see this uncommon species multiple times at SouthWild Pantanal.

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS: Tyrannidae (16):

Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant *Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer*—great views at Pousada Aguapé.

Common Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrim cinereum*—seen on the Cuiabá River and at SouthWild.

Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet *Camptostoma obsoletum*—seen while on safari at Aguapé.

Small-billed Elaenia *Elaenia parvirostris*—seen multiple times at Aguapé.

Fuscous Flycatcher *Cnemotriccus fuscatus*—nice views of this chunky little understory flycatcher at SouthWild.

White-rumped Monjita *Xolmis velatus*—quite common at Pousada Aguapé, and seen at Rio Claro also.

White-headed Marsh Tyrant *Arundinicola leucocephala*—some good looks at this classic South American wetland flycatcher in the northern Pantanal.

Black-backed Water Tyrant *Fluvicola albiventer*—seen in both the southern and northern Pantanal.

Dull-capped Attila *Attila bolivianus*—seen at SouthWild.

Short-crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus ferox*—good sightings throughout the Pantanal.

Cattle Tyrant *Machetornis rixosa*—recorded almost daily in the Pantanal.

Great Kiskadee *Pitangus sulphuratus*—very common throughout the Pantanal.

Boat-billed Flycatcher *Megarynchus pitangua*—seen in Aguapé and along the Cuiabá River.

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

Social Flycatcher *Myiozetetes similis*—seen in both the southern and northern Pantanal.

Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus*—very common throughout the Pantanal.

VIREOS: Vireonidae (1):

Rufous-browed Peppershrike *Cyclarhis gujanensis*—nice views in Aguapé.

CROWS AND JAYS: Corvidae (2):

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

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

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 (6):

Blue-and-white Swallow *Pygochelidon cyanoleuca*—seen at Pousada Alegre.

Southern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*—common in the southern and northern Pantanal.

Gray-breasted Martin *Progne chalybea*—we saw a few at Aguapé as well as SouthWild.

Brown-chested Martin *Progne tapera*—common throughout the Pantanal.

White-winged Swallow *Tachycineta albiventer*—seen on the boat trips at Pousada Aguapé and on the Cuiabá River.

White-rumped Swallow *Tachycineta leucorrhoa*—we saw these swallows at Pousada Aguapé as well as daily on the Cuiabá River.

WRENS: Troglodytidae (3):

House Wren *Troglodytes aedon*—seen at Pousada Aguapé.

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

Buff-breasted Wren *Cantorchilus leucotis*—seen on our way to Pousada Alegre.

MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS: Mimidae (1):

Chalk-browed Mockingbird *Mimus saturninus*—abundant in the southern Pantanal.

THRUSHES: Turdidae (2):

Pale-breasted Thrush *Turdus leucomelas*—quite common in the southern Pantanal at Pousada Aguapé.

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

OLD WORLD SPARROWS: Passeridae (1):

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

PIPITS AND WAGTAILS: Motacillidae (1):

Yellowish Pipit *Anthus lutescens*—nicely seen on the ground while on safari at Pousada Aguapé.

NEW WORLD SPARROWS: Passerellidae (1):

Grassland Sparrow *Ammodramus humeralis*—one sighting at Pousada Aguapé.

NEW WORLD BLACKBIRDS: Icteridae (9):

Crested Oropendola *Psarocolius decumanus*—seen throughout the Pantanal, it is the only oropendola species in the area.

Solitary Black Caciue *Cacicus solitarius*—nice views on the Cuiabá River.

Yellow-rumped Caciue *Cacicus cela*—we saw these beautiful caciques at Pousada Mato Grosso, on the Cuiabá River and at SouthWild.

Variable Oriole *Icterus pyrrhopterus*—we saw this rather plain oriole a few times at Pousada Aguapé and in the northern Pantanal.

Orange-backed Troupial *Icterus croconotus*—nice views at Pousada Aguapé, along the Cuiabá River and great looks at SouthWild Pantanal.

Giant Cowbird *Molothrus oryzivorus*—regular at the grain feeder at Pousada Aguapé and other sightings in the northern Pantanal.

Chopi Blackbird *Gnorimopsar chopi*—quite common throughout the Pantanal.

Grayish Baywing *Agelaioides badius*—common at Aguapé as well as at SouthWild.

Unicolored Blackbird *Agelasticus cyanopus*—a single sighting along the Transpantaneira.

NEW WORLD WARBLERS: Parulidae (1):

Flavescent Warbler *Myiothlypis flaveola*—a quick view along the gallery forest trail at SouthWild Pantanal.

TANAGERS AND ALLIES: Thraupidae (14):

Red-crested Cardinal *Paroaria coronata*—a very handsome species that was pleasantly regular around the lodges in small numbers.

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

Silver-beaked Tanager *Ramphocelus carbo*—quite numerous throughout the Pantanal.

Sayaca Tanager *Thraupis sayaca*—very common in the southern Pantanal.

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

White-rumped Tanager *Cypsnagra hirundinacea*—seen at Aguapé.

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

Chestnut-bellied Seed Finch *Sporophila angolensis*—a single sighting at Aguapé.

Double-collared Seedeater *Sporophila caerulescens*—seen both at Aguapé and in the northern Pantanal.

Rusty-collared Seedeater *Sporophila collaris*—a few sightings at Pousada Aguapé and on the Transpantaneira Highway.

Red-crested Finch *Coryphospingus cucullatus*—a great look while on safari at Aguapé.

Black-throated Saltator *Saltatricula atricollis*—seen at Pousada Aguapé.

Buff-throated Saltator *Saltator maximus*—one sighting in the southern Pantanal.

Blue-gray Saltator *Saltator coerulescens*—scattered sightings in the Pantanal.

MAMMALS (18 species recorded):

Southern Tamandua *Tamandua tetradactyla*—we had a lucky sighting of a tamandua retreating into the forest one night while on safari at Aguapé as well as a much longer look at a different bird the next morning in a grove of trees.

Giant Anteater *Myrmecophaga tridactyla*—we were very lucky on our trip to see four different females with young on their backs. We had a great encounter on the drive back to Camp Grande.

Nine-banded Armadillo *Dasyus novemcinctus*—seen once at Aguapé on a night walk.

Six-banded Armadillo *Euphractus sexcinctus*—very common around the rooms and restaurant at Pousada Aguapé. Confusão!

Greater Bulldog Bat *Noctilio leporinus*—seen feeding over the Cuiabá River in the evenings from the Panoramico Floatel.

Black-and-gold Howler Monkey *Alouatta caraya*—we saw these large New World primates in both the southern and northern Pantanal.

Azara's Capuchin *Sapajus cay*—several observations at Pousada Aguapé as well as SouthWild.

South American Coati *Nasua nasua*—we saw these raccoon-relatives throughout the Pantanal.

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

Ocelot *Leopardus pardalis*—observed at SouthWild.

Jaguar *Panthera onca*—fantastic views of this majestic feline along the Cuiabá River, including multiple females hunting for caiman and a nice observation from the hotel! 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 Cuiabá River.

South American Tapir *Tapirus terrestris*—seen cooling off in the river while on a jaguar boat safari.

Pampas Deer *Ozotoceros bezoarticus*—common at Pousada Aguapé.

Marsh Deer *Blastocerus dichotomus*—seen throughout the northern Pantanal. The Pantanal is the stronghold of this largest South American deer species.

Brazilian Guinea Pig *Cavia aperea*—seen once on the Transpantaneira.

Azara's Agouti *Dasyprocta azarae*—seen commonly in the southern and northern Pantanal.

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

REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS (13 species recorded):

Tropical House Gecko *Hemidactylus mabouia*—seen infrequently throughout the trip.

Amazon Lava Lizard *Tropidurus torquatus*—seen frequently throughout the Pantanal.

Giant Ameiva *Ameiva ameiva*—frequent sightings of this beautifully colored lizard throughout the tour.

Argentine Black-and-white Tegu *Salvator merianae*—we saw this large, predatory lizard multiple times in the southern and northern Pantanal.

Green Iguana *Iguana iguana*—observed along the Pixaim River while on a Transpantaneira safari.

False Fer-de-Lance *Xenodon rabdocephalus*—we found one individual on a night walk at Aguapé.

False Water Cobra *Hydrodynastes gigas*—we saw a number of these large snakes on the Transpantaneira highway.

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

Cururu Toad *Rhinella icterica*—a common toad throughout the Pantanal that can be difficult to differentiate from invasive cane toads.

Chaco Tree Frog *Boana raniceps*—very common treefrog, with many sightings at SouthWild.

Veined Tree Frog *Trachycephalus typhonius*—seen at SouthWild Lodge.

Miranda's White-lipped Frog *Leptodactylus macrosternum*—nice sightings of this large frog at SouthWild.

Mato Grosso Snouted Frog *Scinax acuminatus*—seen in the water tanks at Aguapé.