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AMAZONIAN BRAZIL PART I: ALTA FLORESTA

July 31–August 11, 2005

LEADERS: Kevin Zimmer & Andrew Whittaker

Never before have we seen Alta Floresta so dry. As of the beginning of our trip, the area had gone over 90 days without rain, and the forest showed it. Trails were covered with crackly dry leaf litter, the deciduous forest atop the Serra Trail was devoid of foliage, and everything looked water-stressed. The impact on the birds was obvious. With few insects around, most birds had shut down any semblance of breeding activity, which meant relatively little spontaneous song, and little or no response to tape playback. The impact was most noticeable with ground-foraging birds such as leaf-tossers, ant-pittas and ant-thrushes, which announced their presence with a few brief songs at dawn, and then went silent for the remainder of the day. Even some of the most common species were silent, and therefore, seemingly absent. We clearly had our work cut out for us!

In spite of conditions that were far from ideal, we still tallied an impressive 330 species seen in one week of birding, with another 68 species that were only heard. We fared well with most of the regional specialties, including stellar views of Crimson-bellied Parakeet, Black-girdled Barbet, Bare-eyed Antbird and Tooth-billed Wren. The canopy tower was especially good to us, while also illustrating the unpredictability that comes with great biodiversity. Andy and the Antbirds (sounds like a sixties band!) were treated to an amazing parrot show from atop the tower, racking up 12 species, including an enviable 5 species of macaws. They topped this with scope views of a rarely seen Gray-bellied Goshawk, with digiscopes to prove it! Two days later, Kevin and the Woodcreepers found far fewer parrots flying around (although notching knockout looks at the poorly known Kawall's Parrot), but were treated to a dazzling parade of both Curl-crested and Red-necked Aracaris and Black-girdled Barbets, with a perched White-browed Hawk thrown in as raptor-of-the-day. Our day atop the Serra Trail yielded an impressive seven species of puffbirds (out of 11 species for the trip), including slam-dunk views of Spotted, Striolated and the seldom-seen Brown-banded. Part of the magic of Amazonian birding is that long stretches of near total inactivity can be shattered in a heartbeat by the frenzied arrival of a mixed-species flock containing 30 or more species, all of them barreling across the trail at warp-speed. We experienced both the feast and the famine while birding the forest trails, but it was often isolated sightings in between the monotony and the frenzy that made the most lasting impressions. A stunning male Rose-breasted Chat sitting in full sunlight; an Amazonian Pygmy-Owl sallying out and nabbing a large butterfly; a Banded Antbird working its way toward the tape recorder in serpentine fashion; a Musician Wren belting out its impossibly beautiful song; a male Chestnut-belted Gnatcatcher with its white post-ocular lighting up the forest; or exceptionally cooperative Dusky-cheeked Foliage-gleaners and Long-tailed

Woodcreepers that offered up uncharacteristically great studies. And who could forget the spotlight views of a pair of Razor-billed Curassows going to roost?

We saved the best for last, spending our last morning birding the forest fragment adjacent to the Floresta Amazonica Hotel in Alta Floresta. Our quarry was a juvenile Harpy Eagle, that had fledged from a nest just two months before. The bird had been virtually glued to the nest site for some time after fledging, but in the past two weeks prior to our arrival it had become far less predictable, often roaming hundreds of meters away, and failing to be seen on some days. Our worst fears were realized when a check of the nest site failed to turn up the bird, and when we still hadn't located it three hours later, Andy and I really started to sweat. Luck was with us though, as we pulled it out at the 11th hour, with the entire group enjoying scope-filling, knock-your-socks-off views of the crested monkey-eater of Mato Grosso! We walked away from this mythical bird after admiring it for nearly an hour – it was literally the last bird of the trip.

Itinerary:

7/31 - en route to São Paulo.

8/01 - arrive in São Paulo, connect to Cuiabá and meet leaders and group continuing on from the **Pantanal-Chapada Tour**.

8/02 - all day birding on the Coxipó do Ouro road near Cuiabá

8/03 - flight to Alta Floresta and transfer to Rio Cristalino Camp

8/04 - Split into two groups for morning trail birding: Antbirds on the Taboca Trail with KJZ; Woodcreepers on the Rochas Trail with AW. Afternoon river trip.

8/05 - Split into two groups for morning trail birding: Antbirds on the Tower and Rochas Trail with AW; Woodcreepers on the Haffer Trail with KJZ. Afternoon river trip.

8/06 - both groups on the Serra Trail in the morning. Afternoon river trip.

8/07 - Split into two groups for morning trail birding: Antbirds on the Haffer Trail with AW; Woodcreepers on the tower and Rochas Trail with KJZ. Afternoon at end of Manakin Trail and on river trip.

8/08 - Split into two groups for morning trail birding: Antbirds on Cacao Trail with KJZ; Woodcreepers on Taboca Trail with AW. Afternoon transfer back to Alta Floresta, with a couple stops in various Moriche Palm swamps.

8/09 - birded forest fragment behind hotel in successful search for the Harpy Eagle. Afternoon flight back to Cuiabá.

8/10 - flight to São Paulo and connection to home

8/11 - arrival home

BIRDS:

Tinamidae (Tinamous)

Gray Tinamou (*Tinamus tao*) - A

Cinereous Tinamou (*Crypturellus cinereus*)* - A*
Undulated Tinamou (*Crypturellus undulatus*)* - A*, C*
Brazilian Tinamou (*Crypturellus strigulosus*)* - A*
Variegated Tinamou (*Crypturellus variegatus*)* - A*

Phalacrocoracidae (Cormorants)

Neotropic Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*) - A

Anhingidae (Darters & Anhingas)

Anhinga (*Anhinga anhinga*) - A

Ardeidae (Herons, Egrets & Bitterns)

Capped Heron (*Pilherodias pileatus*) - A
Cocoi Heron (*Ardea cocoi*) - A
Great Egret (*Ardea alba*) - A, C
Little Blue Heron (*Egretta caerulea*) - C
Snowy Egret (*Egretta thula*) - C
Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*) - A
Striated Heron (*Butorides striatus*) - A, C
Rufescent Tiger-Heron (*Tigrisoma lineatum*) - A
Zigzag Heron (*Zebrius undulatus*) - A (unfortunately, nothing more than a dark form glimpsed as the bird came in to tape playback at dusk)

Ciconidae (Storks)

Wood Stork (*Mycteria americana*) - A

Threskiornithidae (Ibises & Spoonbills)

Green Ibis (*Mesembrinibis cayennensis*) - A

Anatidae (Ducks, Geese & Swans)

Brazilian Teal (*Amazonetta brasiliensis*) - A, C

Cathartidae (New World Vultures)

Black Vulture (*Coragyps atratus*) - A, C
Turkey Vulture (*Cathartes aura*) - C
Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture (*Cathartes burrovianus*) - A (over open pastures north of town)
Greater Yellow-headed Vulture (*Cathartes melambrotus*) - A

King Vulture (*Sarcoramphus papa*) - A

Accipitridae (Hawks, Eagles & Kites)

Swallow-tailed Kite (*Elanoides forficatus*) - A

Snail Kite (*Rostrhamus sociabilis*) - A (along the road north of town)

Double-toothed Kite (*Harpagus bidentatus*) - A

Plumbeous Kite (*Ictinia plumbea*) - A

Gray-bellied Goshawk (*Accipiter poliogaster*) - A (a perched bird seen from the tower by the Antbird group was a real prize, and finished 3rd in the voting for Favorite Bird of the Trip. Rarely seen.)

Tiny Hawk (*Accipiter superciliosus*)* - A*

White-browed Hawk (*Leucopternis kuhli*) - A (nice scope views of a perched bird seen from the tower by the Woodcreepers)

Great Black-Hawk (*Buteogallus urubitinga*) - A

Savanna Hawk (*Buteogallus meridionalis*) - A (road north of town), C

Roadside Hawk (*Buteo magnirostris*) - A (road north of town), C

Harpy Eagle (*Harpia harpyja*) - A (A fledged juvenile studied at point-blank range for over an hour in the forest fragment behind the hotel was literally our last bird of the trip. What a finish! This was the run-away winner in the voting for Favorite Bird of the Trip.)

Ornate Hawk-Eagle (*Spizaetus ornatus*)* - A*

Falconidae (Falcons & Caracaras)

Southern Crested Caracara (*Caracara plancus*) - C

Yellow-headed Caracara (*Milvago chimachima*) - C

Black Caracara (*Daptrius ater*) - A

Red-throated Caracara (*Daptrius americanus*) - A

Laughing Falcon (*Herpetotheres cachinnans*) - C

Barred Forest-Falcon (*Micrastur ruficollis*) - A

Cryptic Forest-Falcon (*Micrastur mintoni*) - A

Slaty-backed Forest-Falcon (*Micrastur gilvicollis*)* - A*

Aplomado Falcon (*Falco femoralis*) - C

Bat Falcon (*Falco rufigularis*) - A

Cracidae (Guans, Chachalacas & Allies)

Spix's Guan (*Penelope jacquacu*) - A

Red-throated Piping-Guan (*Pipile cunjubi*) - A (particularly nice views from the tower)

Razor-billed Curassow (*Mitu tuberosa*) - A (lovely pair in the spotlight at dusk)

Bare-faced Curassow (*Crax fasciolata*) - A (foraging right in the cabin clearing)

Odontophoridae (New World Quails)

Marbled Wood-Quail (*Odontophorus gujanensis*)* - A*

Rallidae (Rails, Gallinules & Coots)

Ocellated Crake (*Micropygia schomburgkii*)* - C*
Rufous-sided Crake (*Laterallus melanophaius*)* - C*
Ash-throated Crake (*Porzana albicollis*)* - C*

Aramidae (Limpkin)

Limpkin (*Aramus guarauna*) - A (road north of town)

Eurypygidae (Sunbittern)

Sunbittern (*Eurypyga helias*) - A (several nice studies)

Jacanidae (Jacanas)

Wattled Jacana (*Jacana jacana*) - A, C

Charadriidae (Plovers & Lapwings)

Pied Lapwing (*Vanellus cayanus*) - A
Southern Lapwing (*Vanellus chilensis*) - A, C

Sternidae (Terns)

Large-billed Tern (*Phaetusa simplex*) - C

Columbidae (Pigeons & Doves)

Rock Pigeon (*Columba livia*) - A, C
Scaled Pigeon (*Patagioenas speciosa*) - A
Picazuro Pigeon (*Patagioenas picazuro*) - A, C
Pale-vented Pigeon (*Patagioenas caeyennensis*) - C
Ruddy Pigeon (*Patagioenas subvinacea*) - A
Ruddy Ground-Dove (*Columbina talpacoti*) - A, C
Scaled Dove (*Columbina squammata*) - C
Blue Ground-Dove (*Claravis pretiosa*)* - A*
White-tipped Dove (*Leptotila verreauxi*) - A, C
Gray-fronted Dove (*Leptotila rufaxilla*) - A
Ruddy Quail-Dove (*Geotrygon montana*) - A
Violaceous Quail-Dove (*Geotrygon violacea*) - A

Psittacidae (Parrots, Macaws & Allies)

Blue-and-yellow Macaw (*Ara ararauna*) - A
 Scarlet Macaw (*Ara macao*) - A
 Red-and-green Macaw (*Ara chloroptera*) - A
 Chestnut-fronted Macaw (*Ara severa*) - A
 Red-bellied Macaw (*Orthopsittaca manilata*) - A
 Red-shouldered Macaw (*Diopsittaca nobilis*) - C
 White-eyed Parakeet (*Aratinga leucophthalmus*) - A, C
 Peach-fronted Parakeet (*Aratinga aurea*) - C
 Crimson-bellied Parakeet (*Pyrrhura perlata*) - A
 Hellmayr's Parakeet (*Pyrrhura picta amazonum*) - A
 Dusky-billed Parrotlet (*Forpus sclateri*) - A
 Golden-winged Parakeet (*Brotogeris chrysopterus*) - A
 Sapphire-rumped Parrotlet (*Touit purpurata*)* - A*
 White-bellied Parrot (*Pionites leucogaster*) - A
 Orange-cheeked Parrot (*Pionites barrabandi*)* - A*
 Blue-headed Parrot (*Pionus menstruus*) - A
 Yellow-crowned Parrot (*Amazonus ochrocephala*)* - A*
 Turquoise-fronted Parrot (*Amazonus aestiva*) - C
 Kawall's Parrot (*Amazona kawalli*) - A (nice views from the tower)
 Mealy Parrot (*Amazona farinosa*) - A
 Red-fan Parrot (*Deroptyus accipitrinus*) - A

Cuculidae (Cuckoos & Anis)

Dark-billed Cuckoo (*Coccyzus melacoryphus*) - A
 Squirrel Cuckoo (*Piaya cayana*) - A
 Black-bellied Cuckoo (*Piaya melanogaster*) - A
 Greater Ani (*Crotophaga major*) - A
 Smooth-billed Ani (*Crotophaga ani*) - A, C
 Guira Cuckoo (*Guira guira*) - C
 Pavonine Cuckoo (*Dromococcyx pavoninus*)* - A*

Strigidae (Typical Owls)

Tawny-bellied Screech-Owl (*Megascops watsonii*)* - A*
 Black-banded Owl (*Ciccaba huhula*)* - A*
 Crested Owl (*Lophostrix cristata*)* - A*
 Amazonian Pygmy-Owl (*Glaucidium hardyi*) - A (including a spectacular catch of a large butterfly!)
 Burrowing Owl (*Athene cunicularia*) - A, C

Caprimulgidae (Nightjars & Allies)

Least Nighthawk (*Chordeiles pusillus*) - C (50+)

Short-tailed Nighthawk (*Lurocalis semitorquatus*) - A
Pauraque (*Nyctidromus albicollis*)* - A*
Ocellated Poorwill (*Nyctiphrynus ocellatus*) - A (a rufous-morph bird flushed from the trail; seen only by Kevin)
Blackish Nightjar (*Caprimulgus nigrescens*) - A

Apodidae (Swifts)

Gray-rumped Swift (*Chaetura cinereiventris*) - A
Pale-rumped Swift (*Chaetura egregia*) - A
Amazonian Swift (*Chaetura viridipennis*) - A
Short-tailed Swift (*Chaetura brachyura*) - A (road north of town)
Fork-tailed Palm-Swift (*Tachornis squamata*) - A (road north of town)

Trochilidae (Hummingbirds)

Rufous-breasted Hermit (*Glaucis hirsuta*) - A
Great-billed Hermit (*Phaethornis malaris*)* - A*
Reddish Hermit (*Phaethornis ruber*) - A
Gray-breasted Sabrewing (*Campylopterus largipennis*) - A
Swallow-tailed Hummingbird (*Eupetomena macrourus*) - C
White-necked Jacobin (*Florisuga mellivora*) - A
Black-throated Mango (*Anthracothorax nigricollis*) - A
Glittering-bellied Emerald (*Chlorostilbon aureoventris*) - C
Fork-tailed Woodnymph (*Thalurania furcata*) - A
White-chinned Sapphire (*Hylocharis cyanus*) - A
Black-eared Fairy (*Heliathryx aurita*) - A
Glittering-throated Emerald (*Polyerata fimbriata*) - C
Long-billed Starthroat (*Heliomaster longirostris*) - A
Blue-tufted Starthroat (*Heliomaster furcifer*) - C

Trogonidae (Trogons)

White-tailed Trogon (*Trogon viridis*) - A
Violaceous Trogon (*Trogon violaceus*)* - A*
Collared Trogon (*Trogon collaris*) - A
Blue-crowned Trogon (*Trogon curucui*) - A
Black-tailed Trogon (*Trogon melanurus*) - A

Alcedinidae (Kingfishers)

Ringed Kingfisher (*Megaceryle torquata*) - A
Amazon Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle amazona*) - A
Green Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle americana*) - A
Green-and-rufous Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle inda*) - A

American Pygmy Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle aenea*) - A

Momotidae (Motmots)

Blue-crowned Motmot (*Momotus momota*)* - A*

Broad-billed Motmot (*Electron platyrhynchum*)* - A*

Galbulidae (Jacamars)

Brown Jacamar (*Brachygalba lugubris melanosternum*) - A

Blue-cheeked Jacamar (*Galbula cyanicollis*) - A

Rufous-tailed Jacamar (*Galbula ruficauda*) - A, C

Bronzy Jacamar (*Galbula leucogastra*) - A

Paradise Jacamar (*Galbula dea*) - A

Great Jacamar (*Jacamerops aureus*)* - A*

Bucconidae (Puffbirds)

White-necked Puffbird (*Notharchus hyperrinchus paraensis*) - A (the *hyperrinchus* group, including *paraensis*, was recently split from *N. macrorhynchus* of the Guianan region, which is now called “Guianan Puffbird”.)

Brown-banded Puffbird (*Notharchus ordii*) - A (great views of this poorly known bird)

Pied Puffbird (*Notharchus tectus*) - A

Spotted Puffbird (*Bucco tamatia*) - A

Striolated Puffbird (*Nystalus striolatus*) - A

White-eared Puffbird (*Nystalus chacuru*) - C

Rufous-necked Puffbird (*Malacoptila rufus*)* - A*

Rufous-capped Nunlet (*Nonnula ruficapilla*) - A

Black-fronted Nunbird (*Monasa nigrifrons*) - A

White-fronted Nunbird (*Monasa morphoeus*) - A

Swallow-wing (*Chelidoptera tenebrosa*) - A

Capitonidae (Barbets)

Black-girdled Barbet (*Capito dayi*) - A (excellent views of this regional specialty from the tower)

Ramphastidae (Toucans & Aracaris)

Lettered Aracari (*Pteroglossus inscriptus*) - A

Red-necked Aracari (*Pteroglossus bitorquatus*) - A (a real show from the tower)

Curl-crested Aracari (*Pteroglossus beauharnaesii*) - A (a real show from the tower)

Gould's Toucanet (*Selenidera gouldii*) - A

Channel-billed Toucan (*Ramphastos vitellinus culminatus*) - A (formerly treated as a distinct species, “Yellow-ridged Toucan”, but now lumped by most authorities. Most birds here are typical Yellow-ridged types, but we did see at least one intergrade.)
White-throated Toucan (*Ramphastos tucanus cuvieri*) - A (formerly treated as a distinct species, “Cuvier’s Toucan”, but now usually treated as conspecific with “Red-billed Toucan”, with the enlarged species going by the name of “White-throated Toucan”.)
Toco Toucan (*Ramphastos toco*) - C

Picidae (Woodpeckers & Piculets)

Bar-breasted Piculet (*Picumnus aurifrons*) - A
Yellow-tufted Woodpecker (*Melanerpes cruentatus*) - A
Little Woodpecker (*Veniliornis passerinus*) - C
Red-stained Woodpecker (*Veniliornis affinis*) - A
Yellow-throated Woodpecker (*Piculus flavigula*) - A
Golden-green Woodpecker (*Piculus chrysochloros*) - A (leader only)
Campo Flicker (*Colaptes campestris*) - C
Scaly-breasted Woodpecker (*Celeus grammicus*) - A
Chestnut Woodpecker (*Celeus elegans*) - A
Cream-colored Woodpecker (*Celeus flavus*) - A
Ringed Woodpecker (*Celeus torquatus*) - A
Lineated Woodpecker (*Dryocopus lineatus*) - A
Red-necked Woodpecker (*Campephilus rubricollis*) - A
Crimson-crested Woodpecker (*Campephilus melanoleucos*) - A, C

Furnariidae (Ovenbirds)

Plain-crowned Spinetail (*Synallaxis gujanensis*) - A
Ruddy Spinetail (*Synallaxis rutilans*) - A
Rufous-fronted Thornbird (*Phacellodomus rufifrons*) - C
Plain Xenops (*Xenops minutus*) - A
Streaked Xenops (*Xenops rutilans*)* - A*
Point-tailed Palmcreeper (*Berlepschia rikeri*) - A (road north of town)
Striped Woodhaunter (*Hyloctistes subulatus*)* - A*
Chestnut-winged Hookbill (*Ancistrops strigilatus*) - A
Rufous-rumped Foliage-gleaner (*Philydor erythrocerus*) - A
Dusky-cheeked Foliage-gleaner (*Anabazenops dorsalis*) - A
Chestnut-crowned Foliage-gleaner (*Automolus rufipileatus*) - A
Buff-throated Foliage-gleaner (*Automolus ochrolaemus*)* - A*
Para Foliage-gleaner (*Automolus paraensis*)* - A*
Short-billed Leaf Tosser (*Sclerurus ruficularis*) - A (glimpsed)
Tawny-throated Leaf Tosser (*Sclerurus mexicanus*)* - A*
Black-tailed Leaf Tosser (*Sclerurus caudacutus*)* - A*

Dendrocolaptidae (Woodcreepers)

White-chinned Woodcreeper (*Dendrocincla merula*) - A
 Plain-brown Woodcreeper (*Dendrocincla fuliginosa*) - A
 Long-tailed Woodcreeper (*Deconychura longicauda*) - A (superb studies)
 Spot-throated Woodcreeper (*Deconychura stictolaema*)* - A*
 Olivaceous Woodcreeper (*Sittasomus griseicapillus*)* - A*
 Wedge-billed Woodcreeper (*Glyphorhynchus spirurus*) - A
 Long-billed Woodcreeper (*Nasica longirostris*) - A
 Cinnamon-throated Woodcreeper (*Dendrexetastes rufigula*) - A
 Uniform Woodcreeper (*Hylexetastes uniformis*)* - A*
 Strong-billed Woodcreeper (*Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus*)* - A*
 Amazonian Barred-Woodcreeper (*Dendrocolaptes certhia*)* - A*
 Black-banded Woodcreeper (*Dendrocolaptes picumnus*) - A
 Striped Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus obsoletus*) - A
 Spix's Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus spixii*) - A
 Buff-throated Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus guttatus*) - A
 Straight-billed Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus picus*) - A
 Lineated Woodcreeper (*Lepidocolaptes albolineatus*) - A
 Narrow-billed Woodcreeper (*Lepidocolaptes angustirostris*) - C
 Curve-billed Scythebill (*Campylorhamphus procurvoides*) - A

Thamnophilidae (Typical Antbirds)

Fasciated Antshrike (*Cymbilaimus lineatus*) - A
 Great Antshrike (*Taraba major*)* - A* (road north of town)
 Glossy Antshrike (*Sakesphorus luctuosus*) - A
 Barred Antshrike (*Thamnophilus doliatus*) - C
 Chestnut-backed Antshrike (*Thamnophilus palliatus*) - A
 White-shouldered Antshrike (*Thamnophilus aethiops*) - A (exceptional views)
 Plain-winged Antshrike (*Thamnophilus schistaceus*) - A
 Planalto Slaty-Antshrike (*Thamnophilus pelzelni*) - C
 Natterer's Slaty-Antshrike (*Thamnophilus stictocephalus*)* - A*
 Amazonian Antshrike (*Thamnophilus amazonicus*) - A
 Spot-winged Antshrike (*Pygoptila stellaris*) - A
 Saturnine Antshrike (*Thamnomanes saturninus*) - A
 Cinereous Antshrike (*Thamnomanes caesius*) - A
 Sclater's Antwren (*Myrmotherula sclateri*) - A
 Amazonian Streaked-Antwren (*Myrmotherula multostriata*) - A
 Plain-throated Antwren (*Myrmotherula hauxwelli*) - A
 White-eyed Antwren (*Myrmotherula leucophthalma*) - A
 Ornate Antwren (*Myrmotherula ornata*) - A
 White-flanked Antwren (*Myrmotherula axillaris*) - A
 Long-winged Antwren (*Myrmotherula longipennis*) - A
 Gray Antwren (*Myrmotherula menetriesii*) - A
 Banded Antbird (*Dichrozona cincta*) - A (one of very few records here)
 Rufous-winged Antwren (*Herpsilochmus rufimarginatus*)* - A*

Dot-winged Antwren (*Microrhopias quixensis emiliae*) - A (likely to be split)
 Rusty-backed Antwren (*Formicivora rufa*) - C
 Striated Antbird (*Drymophila devillei*) - A
 Gray Antbird (*Cercomacra cinerascens*) - A
 Manu Antbird (*Cercomacra manu*) - A
 White-backed Fire-eye (*Pyriglena leuconota*) - A
 White-browed Antbird (*Myrmoborus leucophrys*) - A
 Black-faced Antbird (*Myrmoborus myotherinus*)* - A*
 Warbling Antbird (*Hypocnemis cantator striata*) - A
 Band-tailed Antbird (*Hypocnemoides maculicauda*) - A
 Silvered Antbird (*Sclateria naevia*) - A
 Spot-winged Antbird (*Percnostola leucostigma rufifacies*)* - A*
 Chestnut-tailed Antbird (*Myrmeciza hemimelaena*) - A
 Bare-eyed Antbird (*Rhegmatorhina gymnops*) - A (good looks for many of this regional specialty)
 Spot-backed Antbird (*Hylophylax naevia*) - A
 Dot-backed Antbird (*Hylophylax punctulata*) - A
 Scale-backed Antbird (*Hylophylax poecilinota*) - A
 Black-spotted Bare-eye (*Phlegopsis nigromaculata*) - A

Formicariidae (Ground Antbirds)

Rufous-capped Antthrush (*Formicarius colma*)* - A*
 Black-faced Antthrush (*Formicarius analis*)* - A*
 Variegated Antpitta (*Grallaria varia*)* - A*
 Spotted Antpitta (*Hylopezus macularius*)* - A*
 Amazonian Antpitta (*Hylopezus berlepschi*)* - A*
 Thrush-like Antpitta (*Myrmothera campanisona*)* - A*

Conopophagidae (Gnateaters)

Chestnut-belted Gnateater (*Conopophaga aurita snethlageae*) - A (fabulous studies)

Cotingidae (Cotingas)

White-browed Purpletuft (*Iodopleura isabellae*)* - A*
 Screaming Piha (*Lipaugus vociferans*) - A
 Spangled Cotinga (*Cotinga cayana*) - A
 Pompadour Cotinga (*Xipholena punicea*) - A
 Bare-necked Fruitcrow (*Gymnoderus foetidus*) - A

Pipridae (Manakins)

Blue-backed Manakin (*Chiroxiphia pareola*) - A
 Band-tailed Manakin (*Pipra fasciicauda*)* - A*

Red-headed Manakin (*Pipra rubrocapilla*) - A
 Snow-capped Manakin (*Lepidothrix nattereri*)* - A*
 White-crowned Manakin (*Dixiphia pipra*)* - A*
 Fiery-capped Manakin (*Machaeropterus pyrocephalus*)* - A*
 Flame-crested Manakin (*Heterocercus linteatus*) - A
 Pale-bellied Tyrant-Manakin (*Neopelma pallescens*) - C
 Dwarf Tyrant-Manakin (*Tyranneutes stolzmanni*) - A
 Wing-barred Piprites (*Piprites chloris*)* - A*
 Thrush-like Schiffornis (*Schiffornis turdinus*) - A

Tyrannidae (Tyrant Flycatchers)

White-lored Tyrannulet (*Ornithion inermis*) - A (exceptional scope views)
 Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet (*Camptostoma obsoletum*)* - A*
 Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet (*Tyrannulus elatus*)* - A*
 Forest Elaenia (*Myiopagis gaimardii*) - A
 Gray Elaenia (*Myiopagis caniceps*)* - A*
 Yellow-bellied Elaenia (*Elaenia flavogaster*) - C
 Sepia-capped Flycatcher (*Leptopogon amaurocephalus*)* - A*
 Amazonian Scrub-Flycatcher (*Sublegatus obscurior*) - A
 Chapada Flycatcher (*Suiriri islerorum*) - C
 Short-tailed Pygmy-Tyrant (*Myiornis ecaudatus*)* - A*
 Helmeted Pygmy-Tyrant (*Lophotriccus galeatus*) - A (Yvonne's obsession!)
 White-bellied Tody-Tyrant (*Hemitriccus griseipectus*)* - A*
 Zimmer's Tody-Tyrant (*Hemitriccus minimus*)* - A*
 Spotted Tody-Flycatcher (*Todirostrum maculatum*) - A
 Yellow-browed Tody-Flycatcher (*Todirostrum chrysocrotaphum*)* - A*
 Ringed Antpipit (*Corythopsis torquata*) - A
 Large-headed Flatbill (*Ramphotrigon megacephala*) - A
 Dusky-tailed Flatbill (*Ramphotrigon fuscicauda*) - A (great views)
 Rufous-tailed Flatbill (*Ramphotrigon ruficauda*) - A
 Olivaceous Flatbill (*Rhynchocyclus olivaceus*)* - A*
 Yellow-margined Flycatcher (*Tolmomyias assimilis*) - A
 Gray-crowned Flycatcher (*Tolmomyias poliocephalus*) - A
 Yellow-breasted Flycatcher (*Tolmomyias flaviventris*) - A
 White-crested Spadebill (*Platyrrinchus platyrhynchos*) - A
 Bran-colored Flycatcher (*Myiophobus fasciatus*)* - C*
 Fuscous Flycatcher (*Cnemotriccus fuscatus*) - C
 Euler's Flycatcher (*Lathrotriccus eulerei*)* - A*
 White-rumped Monjita (*Xolmis velata*) - C
 Long-tailed Tyrant (*Colonia colonus*) - A
 Cinnamon Attila (*Attila cinnamomeus*) - A
 Bright-rumped Attila (*Attila spadiceus*) - A
 Cinereous Mourner (*Laniocera hypopyrra*)* - A*
 Rufous Casiornis (*Casiornis rufa*) - A
 Sirystes (*Sirystes sibilator*) - A

Grayish Mourner (*Rhytipterna simplex*) - A
Dusky-capped Flycatcher (*Myiarchus tuberculifer*) - A, C
Brown-crested Flycatcher (*Myiarchus tyrannulus*) - A, C
Lesser Kiskadee (*Philohydor lictor*) - A
Great Kiskadee (*Pitangus sulphuratus*) - A, C
Boat-billed Flycatcher (*Megarynchus pitangua*) - A, C
Rusty-margined Flycatcher (*Myiozetetes cayanensis*) - A
Piratic Flycatcher (*Legatus leucophaeus*)* - A*
Variegated Flycatcher (*Empidonomus varius*) - A
Crowned Slaty Flycatcher (*Empidonomus aurantioatrocristata*) - A
Sulphury Flycatcher (*Tyrannopsis sulphurea*) - A (road north of town)
Tropical Kingbird (*Tyrannus melancholicus*) - A
Fork-tailed Flycatcher (*Tyrannus savana*) - A
White-winged Becard (*Pachyramphus polychopterus*) - A
Crested Becard (*Pachyramphus validus*) - A (unexpected here)
Masked Tityra (*Tityra semifasciata*) - A
Black-crowned Tityra (*Tityra inquisitor*) - A

Hirundinidae (Swallows & Martins)

Gray-breasted Martin (*Progne chalybea*) - A
White-winged Swallow (*Tachycineta albiventer*) - A
White-banded Swallow (*Atticora fasciata*) - A
Southern Rough-winged Swallow (*Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*) - A, C

Troglodytidae (Wrens)

Thrush-like Wren (*Campylorhynchus turdinus*) - A, C*
Tooth-billed Wren (*Odontorchilus cinereus*) - A (fabulous scope studies)
Moustached Wren (*Thryothorus genibarbis*) - A
Buff-breasted Wren (*Thryothorus leucotis*)* - A*
House Wren (*Troglodytes aedon*) - A (by Tom around the clearing)
Southern Nightingale Wren (*Microcerculus marginatus*)* - A*
Musician Wren (*Cyphorhinus aradus*) - A (a sensational performance! Finished 2nd in the voting for Favorite Bird of the Trip.)

Mimidae (Mockingbirds & Thrashers)

Chalk-browed Mockingbird (*Mimus saturninus*) - C

Turdidae (Thrushes & Allies)

Lawrence's Thrush (*Turdus lawrencii*)* - A*
Hauxwell's Thrush (*Turdus hauxwelli*) - A

White-necked Thrush (*Turdus albicollis*) - A

Polioptilidae (Gnatcatchers & Gnatwrens)

Masked Gnatcatcher (*Polioptila dumicola*) - C

Long-billed Gnatwren (*Ramphocaenus melanurus*) - A

Vireonidae (Vireos, Greenlets & Allies)

Red-eyed Vireo (*Vireo olivaceus*) - A

Gray-chested Greenlet (*Hylophilus semicinereus*) - A

Dusky-capped Greenlet (*Hylophilus hypoxanthus*) - A

Tawny-crowned Greenlet (*Hylophilus ochraceiceps*) - A

Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo (*Vireolanius leucotis*) - A

Rufous-browed Peppershrike (*Cyclarhis gujanensis*) - A, C

Parulidae (New World Warblers)

Rose-breasted Chat (*Granatellus pelzelni*) - A (crippling views for all!)

Masked Yellowthroat (*Geothlypis aequinoctialis*) - C

Coerebidae (Bananaquit)

Bananaquit (*Coereba flaveola*) - A

Thraupidae (Tanagers & Allies)

Chestnut-vented Conebill (*Conirostrum speciosum*) - A, C

Hooded Tanager (*Nemosia pileata*) - C

Red-billed Pied Tanager (*Lamprospiza melanoleuca*) - A (exceptional views)

White-winged Shrike-Tanager (*Lanio versicolor*) - A

Flame-crested Tanager (*Tachyphonus cristatus*) - A

White-shouldered Tanager (*Tachyphonus luctuosus*) - A

Red-crowned Ant-Tanager (*Habia rubica*) - A

Silver-beaked Tanager (*Ramphocelus carbo*) - A, C

Sayaca Tanager (*Thraupis sayaca*) - A, C

Blue-gray Tanager (*Thraupis episcopus*) - A (road north of town)

Palm Tanager (*Thraupis palmarum*) - A

Violaceous Euphonia (*Euphonia violacea*) - A

White-lored Euphonia (*Euphonia chrysopasta*) - A

White-vented Euphonia (*Euphonia minuta*) - A

Rufous-bellied Euphonia (*Euphonia rufiventris*) - A

Turquoise Tanager (*Tangara mexicana*) - A

Bay-headed Tanager (*Tangara gyrola*) - A

Masked Tanager (*Tangara nigrocincta*) - A

Opal-rumped Tanager (*Tangara velia*) - A
Black-faced Dacnis (*Dacnis lineata*) - A
Yellow-bellied Dacnis (*Dacnis flaviventer*) - A
Blue Dacnis (*Dacnis cayana*) - A
Purple Honeycreeper (*Cyanerpes caeruleus*) - A
Swallow Tanager (*Tersina viridis*) - A

Emberizidae (Buntings, Sparrows & Allies)

Red Pileated-Finch (*Coryphospingus cucullatus*) - C
Blue-black Grassquit (*Volatinia jacarina*) - A, C
Double-collared Seedeater (*Sporophila caerulescens*) - C
Lined Seedeater (*Sporophila lineola*) - A
White-bellied Seedeater (*Sporophila leucoptera*) - C
Red-capped Cardinal (*Paroaria gularis*) - A
Wedge-tailed Grass-Finch (*Emberizoides herbicola*)* - C*
Saffron-billed Sparrow (*Arremon flavirostris*) - C
Rufous-collared Sparrow (*Zonotrichia capensis*) - A, C

Cardinalidae (Saltators, Cardinals & Allies)

Slate-colored Grosbeak (*Saltator grossus*)* - A*
Green-winged Saltator (*Saltator similis*) - C

Icteridae (Orioles, Blackbirds & Allies)

Shiny Cowbird (*Molothrus bonariensis*) - C
Epulet Oriole (*Icterus cayanensis*) - A, C
Orange-backed Troupial (*Icterus croconotus*) - C
Yellow-rumped Cacique (*Cacicus cela*) - A, C
Crested Oropendola (*Psarocolius decumanus*) - A
Olive Oropendola (*Psarocolius bifasciatus*) - A
Chopi Blackbird (*Gnorimopsar chopi*) - C

TOTAL = 398 species (68 heard only)

Note: Participants who took both the Pantanal/Chapada (Mato Grosso) Tour and the Alta Floresta Tour were treated to an additional 165 species seen, making for a combined total of 563, of which 55 were heard only.

MAMMALS:

Capybara
Agouti sp.
White-lipped Peccary
Tayra

Jaguar*
Brown Capuchin Monkey
White-nosed Bearded Saki Monkey
Red-handed Howler Monkey
Snethlage's Marmoset
White-fronted Spider Monkey

Significant Others:

Iguana
Spectacled Caiman
Masses of butterflies
Insane taxi driver
Corn Nut Fairy
Churrascaria pig-out (Cuiabá)
"California Pizza" (Cuiabá)

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