



BRAZIL: CERRADO, AMAZON AND PANTANAL CUSTOM TOUR TRIP REPORT SEPTEMBER 2015

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Rufous-bellied Thrush, the national bird of Brazil, was seen on this tour.

DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 0 (Pre-day), September 15

Arrival at São Paulo and connecting with a domestic flight to Cuiabá. Overnight Hotel Taína, Varzea Grande

Day 1, September 16

Transfer to Pousada do Parque in the Chapada dos Guimarães National Park. Overnight Posada do Parque

Day 2, September 17

Full day birding around the lodge and its surroundings. Overnight Posada do Parque

Day 3, September 18

Full morning birding around the lodge including sites around Chapada do Guimarães like Água Fria road, the Veu da Noiva site, and the geodesic point. Afternoon birding Vale da Benção. Overnight Posada do Parque

Day 4, September 19

Transfer back to Cuiabá airport to connect to a domestic flight to Alta Floresta and transfer to Cristalino Jungle Lodge. Overnight Cristalino Jungle Lodge

Days 5 – 8, September 20 – 23

Four full days at Cristalino Jungle Lodge

Day 9, September 24

Last morning birding around Cristalino and transfer to Alta Floresta to connect with a domestic flight to Cuiabá. Transfer to Pousada Piuval in the Pantanal. Overnight Pousada Piuval

Day 10, September 25

Birding around Pousada Piuval and transfer to the Mato Grosso Hotel in the Pantanal. Overnight Mato Grosso Hotel

Day 11, September 26

Boat ride along the Pixaim River and birding the hotel grounds. Overnight Mato Grosso Hotel

Day 12, September 27

Birding the Transpantaneira and transfer to Porto Jofre. Boat ride along the Cuiabá River looking for jaguars. Overnight Hotel Porto Jofre

Day 13, September 28

Morning boat ride along the Cuiabá River looking for jaguars. Afternoon birding along the Transpantaneira. Overnight Hotel Porto Jofre

Day 14, September 29

Birding the Transpantaneira and transfer back to Cuiabá. Overnight Hotel Taína, Varzea Grande

Day 15, September 30

Transfer to the airport to connect to our international flights

Our Heart of Brazil: Cerrado, Amazon, and Pantanal custom tour 2015 was a great success, and our clients were some of our best tours people ever! This tour is a true birding and naturalist's dream for those who come to the Neotropics, especially for the first time.

We spent 14 days traveling around the three main biogeographical regions of this part of Brazil: the Cerrado, this savanna and grasslands region that runs through large parts of central Brazil and is the home of many interesting species of birds and animals, the Amazon

rainforest with a high diversity and number of species of birds, plants, and wildlife, and finally the Pantanal, the largest freshwater wetland in the world, home to hundreds of creatures, including a rich avian diversity and the magnificent Jaguar.

We truly enjoyed the trip from beginning to end. It provided excellent highlights, such as **Hyacinth, Blue-and-yellow, Scarlet, Red-and-green, Golden-collared, Red-shouldered, Red-bellied, and Chestnut-fronted Macaws, Toco Toucan, Gould's Toucanet, Red-necked Aracari, Black-girdled Barbet, Tooth-billed Wren, Bare-eyed Antbird, Helmeted Manakin, Curl-crested Aracari, White-browed Hawk, Agami Heron, Zigzag Heron, and Jabiru**, and wildlife like jaguar, Brazilian tapir, giant otter, capybaras, a four-meter green anaconda, and close-up views of maned wolf, which was probably the best wildlife encounter of the trip.

We arrived at Cuiabá in the evening and stayed at the Hotel Taíná in Varzea Grande, which is located just outside the airport – a very convenient choice, especially when coming from a long flight.

The next day after a tasty breakfast we left the hotel towards Chapada dos Guimarães National Park. This park, located relatively close to Cuiabá, protects 33 000 hectares of Cerrado wooden savannas and the watershed of the tributaries that discharges waters into the Pantanal and hold special places such as its small, mountain chain-like plateau, called Chapada in Portuguese. It was quite hot even early in the morning. As soon as we were out of town we could see the Cerrado habitat and our first bird of the trip, which was an impressive **Toco Toucan** flying across the road, followed by **Chestnut-eared Aracari, Southern Lapwing, Southern Crested Caracara, Yellow-headed Caracara, Swallow-tailed Kite, Roadside Hawk, and Laughing Falcon**.

We soon arrived at the Pousada do Parque, located within the Chapada dos Guimarães National Park. The lodge is a rustic, small complex of eight apartments with en suite bathrooms and air conditioning. It's a great place, with tasty food and great service from the owner. The view from the lodge is spectacular. We had several birds around the cabins, like **Chopi Blackbird, Red Pileated Finch, Smooth-billed Ani**, a pair of **Burrowing Owl** nesting near the lodge entrance, **Rufous Hornero, Great Kiskadee, Social Flycatcher, Purplish Jay, Chalk-browed Mockingbird, Rufous-bellied Thrush, Black-throated Saltator, and Saffron Finch**. After lunch the temperature was 40 °C, so we decided to have a short rest. In the afternoon we enjoyed hummingbirds in the flowering bushes in front of the rooms. We had great views of **Planalto Hermit, Swallow-tailed Hummingbird, Amethyst Woodstar, and White-vented Violetear**. We walked along the trail that leads to the observation tower, and from the top we had nice views of **Scaled Pigeon, Red-and-green Macaw, and Peach-fronted and White-eyed Parakeets**. Just after sunset we left the tower and took a different trail. Here we heard the night chorus of all night bird species awaking, and with a little help of the tape we got **Little Nightjar, Rufous Nightjar, Pauraque, and a Common Potoo** flying above our heads as well. We returned to the lodge for a tasty dinner.

The next morning we birded the trail behind the lodge towards some rock formations, but it was quiet and hot already by 7:00 a.m. However, we managed to see a few good species, such as **Purple-throated Euphonia, Sayaca Tanager, Green-barred Woodpecker, Barred Antshrike**, and a lovely view of a pair of the most-wanted **Pale-crested Woodpecker**.

Late in the afternoon we explored the lodge surroundings, finding a female **Helmeted Manakin**, **Flavescent Warbler**, **Amazonian Motmot**, **Crested Black Tyrant**, and **Yellow-chevroned Parakeet**. We arrived back at the lodge by sunset and decided to sit down in an open area that faces the plateaus to enjoy a cup of tea, when a magnificent maned wolf crossed the open ground in front of the building, allowing the best views you can expect of this seldom-seen creature. A highlight for everybody! Apparently there are a couple of wolves that approach the lodge area after a forest fire a few weeks before the trip, since the wolves have been captured on footage from the camera traps of the lodge. It could not have been better! We had a nice dinner to celebrate the sighting and went back to our rooms for another night, during which we heard the wolf barking at 3.00 a.m. quite close to the lodge.

We had breakfast and then went to explore some of the Cerrado, finding **Greater Rhea**, **Guira Cuckoo**, **Chapada** and **Suiriri Flycatchers**, **Mouse-colored Tyrannulet**, **Barred Antshrike**, **Rusty-backed Antwren**, and **White-rumped** and **Black-faced Tanagers**, but unfortunately **Collared Crescentchest** was heard only.

In the afternoon we went to Vale da Benção, where we found another **Amazonian Motmot**, **White-wedged Piculet**, **Saffron-billed Sparrow**, **Golden-crowned Warbler**, **Red-shouldered Macaw**, **Ruddy Ground Dove**, **White-tipped Dove**, and brief views of **Southern Antpipit**. We also tried for Pheasant Cuckoo, but unfortunately it did not answer this time. In the evening we tried to repeat our luck with the wolf, but not cigar anymore.

After three nights in the lodge we left and transferred to the Cuiabá airport to connect with our domestic flight to Alta Floresta. We were met by the Cristalino Jungle Lodge crew and taken by car for 45 minutes to the Teles Pires River dock. From here we took a boat and sailed along the Teles Pires and then the Cristalino River. Once on the Cristalino River we got views of **White-winged Swallow**, **White-banded Swallow**, **Southern Rough-winged Swallow**, **Swallow-winged Puffbird**, **Drab Water Tyrant**, **Red-and-green Macaw**, **Black Caracara**, **Capped Heron**, **Green Ibis**, and **Sunbittern**. We saw one Brazilian tapir on the river and our first group of capybaras of the trip. We arrived at Cristalino Lodge in the afternoon and took the rest of the day to organize ourselves in our nice superior rooms and have a shower to be ready for dinner and the checklist session.

During the following days and with the company of Alex, our local guide from Cristalino Lodge, we explored the Amazon rainforest. The boat rides along the Cristalino River provided bird species like **Bare-necked Fruitcrow**, **Bat Falcon**, **Capped Heron**, **Green Ibis**, **Great Black Hawk**, **Boat-billed Heron**, **Greater Ani**, **Glossy Antshrike**, **Great Antshrike**, **Amazonian Antshrike**, **Amazonian Streaked Antwren**, **Band-tailed Antbird**, **Ringed Woodpecker**, and **Red-capped Cardinal**, and cracker views of giant otters, a single red brocket, capybaras, and the outstanding number of six different Brazilian tapirs in total on a single day. The excursion to the river islands provided more **Amazonian Antshrikes**, **Rufous-tailed Jacamar**, **Ladder-tailed Nightjar** roosting at daytime, **Pied Plover**, **Blue-and-yellow Macaw**, **Black-fronted Nunbird**, and more.

The two canopy towers were superb. We had great times at both. The towers were quiet at first, but all depended on patience, good weather, and luck. We just waited and had excellent birds, such as **Red-necked Aracari**, **Gould's Toucanet**, **Curly-crested Aracari**, **White-throated** and **Channel-billed Toucans**, **Tooth-billed Wren**, **Yellow-shouldered Grosbeak**, **Flame-crested** and **Yellow-backed Tanagers**, **Green Honeycreeper**, **Purple Honeycreeper**, **Blue Dacnis**, **Black-faced Dacnis**, **Spangled Cotinga**, **Slaty-capped**

Shrike-Vireo, Tawny-crowned Greenlet, Blue-and-yellow Macaw, White-bellied Parrot, Kawall's Amazon, Red-stained Woodpecker, Epaulet Oriole, Hook-billed Kite, White-necked Puffbird, and splendid views of **White-browed Hawk**. Red-fan Parrots were seen flying by but then perching behind branches in the distance, making the sighting untickable.

The forest trails were good for the observation of several understory species, including cracker views of the endemic **Bare-eyed Antbird** at the new "water for birds" spot. Some local guides had come up with the idea to set a small water plastic container on the forest ground and another at two meters above the ground, and it's was an explosion of birds in the afternoon. Getting a benefit, even through an artificial method, was great, especially for the antbirds; species like **Cinereous Antshrike, Saturnine Antshrike, White-flanked Antwren, Black-spotted Bare-eye, Plain-brown Woodcreeper,** and **White-winged Shrike-Tanager** were all at eye level. More species recorded at Cristalino Jungle Lodge included **Paradise and Bronzy Jacamars, Red-headed, Flame-crested,** and **White-crowned Manakins, Dwarf Tyrant-Manakin, Natterer's Slaty-Antshrike, Long-billed Woodcreeper,** and much more.

Special mention must be made of white-lipped peccaries, white-whiskered spider monkey, and green anaconda, among other great animals.

We left Cristalino Jungle Lodge after five nights, and that was a pity. We would have liked to stay longer with such great hospitality, beautiful rooms, and great food. The cook who makes the desserts is first class, as well as the whole organization. This is by far the best lodge in have ever been to in the Amazon.

From the river we took the car back to Alta Floresta, and on the way we got great views of **Point-tailed Palmcreeper** and **Red-breasted Blackbird** at their usual site. Back in Cuiabá we were met by our driver, Roberto Carlos, and we continued our trip toward the Pantanal. We arrived at Pousada Piuval late in the afternoon, with a nice view of a male marsh deer along the entrance road of the lodge.

The next day we took one of the lodge safari cars and drove toward the Bento Gomes River, passing through an excellent wooded savanna, where we saw a **Hyacinth Macaw** nest with a pair showing incredibly well. We also found more **Greater Rheas, Buff-necked Ibis, Plumbeous Ibis, Grey-necked Wood Rail, Yellow-billed Cardinal, Chaco Chachalaca,** and **Peach-fronted Parakeet**. At the Bento Gomes River we had marvelous close-up views of giant otters and more capybaras. Near the lodge we saw **Cattle Tyrant, Rusty-margined Flycatcher,** and **Fork-tailed Flycatcher**.

We left the lodge after lunch and drove towards the Mato Grosso Hotel in the Pantanal. There they have bird feeders just in the parking area, where we saw several **Yellow-billed Cardinals, Shiny Cowbirds, Greyish Baywings, Saffron Finches,** and **Picui Ground Doves**.

From the lodge we had a nice view of the Pixaim River with its great gallery forest, where we found **Blue-throated Piping Guan, Mato Grosso Antbird, Yellow-chinned Spinetail,** and **Rusty-backed Spinetail** near the lodge. There were a lot of ferocious mosquitoes along the trails that were a horrible nuisance during our stay in this part of the Pantanal. Let's take a stronger repellent next time!

The wooden savanna at the other side of the old airfield was good for birds like **Narrow-billed Woodcreeper**, **Greater Thornbird**, **Buff-bellied Hermit**, **Rufous Casiornis**, **Orange-backed Troupial**, **Chestnut-bellied Seed Finch**, **Buff-breasted Wren**, and **Great Rufous Woodcreeper**.

Probably the highlight of the trip was the canoe ride along the Pixaim River. We enjoyed an easy morning on a boat along the river, adding all kingfishers and more sightings of **Agami Heron**, **Helmeted Manakin**, and **Great Potoo** roosting at daytime. I managed to spot something in the water with my naked eye and asked the boat driver to stop the boat in order to see better with the binoculars, at which point we realized that there were two jaguars swimming across the river. We got closer and closer until we ended up just a few meters from both animals. First we saw the male getting out of the water into the woods, but the female was more scared and remained quiet for almost one minute while the male issued a roar (a great time for everybody!) and she disappeared as well. Significantly, records in this part of the Pantanal of jaguar are very rare, and we were the only boat at that time to catch this magical moment.

Full of excitement we returned to the lodge, where we enjoyed views of **Black-backed Water Tyrant**, **Unicolored Blackbird**, **Grey-breasted** and **Brown-chested Martins**, **Greyish Saltator**, and **Long-tailed Ground Dove**. Late in the afternoon we took the boat again along the Pixaim River, and at dusk we tried for the secretive and enigmatic **Zigzag Heron**. This sighting was proof of patience and perseverance, but after several tries while having the bird responding to the tape we managed to spot one in perfect view. OBRIGADO!

We continued birding along the Transpantaneira, which is the only road that crosses the northern part of the Pantanal in the state of Mato Grosso. With its 145 km length it links the town of Poconé with Porto Jofre, our next port of call. We had to cross 122 wooden bridges along the Transpantaneira. This is a fabulous birding road; we saw, among many others, **White-lored Spinetail**, **White-headed Marsh Tyrant**, **Scarlet-headed Blackbird**, **Southern Screamer**, **Limpkin**, **Jabiru**, **Wood Stork** in large numbers, a few **Roseate Spoonbills**, **Large-billed** and **Yellow-billed Terns**, **Chestnut-bellied Guan**, **Bare-faced Curassow**, and also **Great Horned Owl** roosting at its usual spot at Campo de Jofre. We arrived at Porto Jofre, which is the base for people who come to join jaguar safaris in the Pantanal, at midday.

Hotel Porto Jofre was probably the best of the three lodges we stayed at in the Pantanal, with great rooms and excellent food. We took a speedboat in the afternoon along the Cuiabá River and got great views of **Black Skimmer** and several **Blue-throated Piping Guans**, but no other new species of birds. There is not as great a diversity of species in the Pantanal as in the Amazon rainforest, but there is a higher density of birds. We and a fleet of at least 15 other boats were sailing along the river, looking for jaguars. Could we beat our previous sighting from the Pixaim River? Honestly, we didn't. It was very crowded on the river, with many boats full of photographers, and even when we had great views of one animal walking along the shore and a second brief view of another jaguar trying to hunt a capybara, the experience we had had on the Pixaim River had been the best. At dusk we saw **Band-tailed Nighthawk** and a Brazilian porcupine, which interrupted our sundowner celebration with Argentinean wine.

The surroundings of Porto Jofre provided views of **Fawn-breasted Wren**, **Helmeted Manakin**, **Bright-rumped Attila**, and two more **Hyacinth Macaws**. On the last morning we

left the lodge and birded the whole Transpantaneira straight to Poconé. We didn't see many new species, but **Crested Doradito** and **White-banded Mockingbird** both were very good birds for this time of year. We also saw **White-bellied** and **Rusty-collared Seedeaters** and **Black-bellied Whistling Duck**. Another new bird was a **Nanday Parakeet** in some lodge grounds, and there were a lot of Yacaré caimans along the road marshes.

Leaving the Pantanal we returned to Cuiabá to share our last meal together and celebrate a wonderful trip, one that will be very fondly remembered by this humble leader.

BRAZIL CISTOM TOUR SYSTEMATIC LIST, September 2015

Taxonomy: IOC, International Ornithological Congress, 5.4

Abbreviations:

(H) Heard only

(E) Country endemic

TINAMIFORMES

Tinamidae

Cinereous Tinamou (H) *Crypturellus cinereus* Heard at Cristalino

Undulated Tinamou *Crypturellus undulatus* One seen briefly at Pousada do Parque near Chapada des Guimarães. Heard many times

Variiegated Tinamou (H) *Crypturellus variegatus* Heard only at Cristalino. Although it was heard a few times, tinamous are relatively scarce at this location.

Tataupa Tinamou (H) *Crypturellus tataupa* Heard on the way to Poconé. In the native Guaraní (Paraguay) language, tataupa means house tinamou because it occurs near villages and country haciendas.

RHEIFORMES

Rheidae

Greater Rhea *Rhea americana* Several sightings throughout the trip, including adults with chicks. The first we saw was near Chapada dos Guimarães. The species is listed as near-threatened.

ANSERIFORMES

Anhimidae

Southern Screamer *Chauna torquata* Great views along the Transpantaneira near Campos de Jofre

Anatidae

White-faced Whistling-Duck *Dendrocygna viduata* Nice views along the Cuiabá River near the "Three Brothers" River

Black-bellied Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna autumnalis* A couple was seen on a marsh near Campos de Jofre along the Transpantaneira

Muscovy Duck *Cairina moschata* Several birds were seen along the Cristalino river

GALLIFORMES

Cracidae

Chaco Chachalaca *Ortalis canicollis* Common along the Transpantaneira

Chestnut-bellied Guan (E) *Penelope ochrogaster* Nice views at few places along the Pantanal. The species is listed as vulnerable.

Red-throated Piping Guan *Pipile cujubi* Excellent views along the Cristalino River. A near-endemic, found also in the Amazon lowlands of Bolivia

Blue-throated Piping Guan *Pipile cumanensis* Scope views of one individual around the Mato Grosso Hotel, and a few others were seen along the Pixaim River during our canoe trip.

Bare-faced Curassow *Crax fasciolata* Great views of one pair along the Cristalino River, and then we got at least two more pairs in the Pantanal.

Razor-billed Curassow *Mitu tuberosum* Splendid views of one bird along the Cristalino River

CICONIIFORMES

Ciconiidae

Wood Stork *Mycteria americana* Seen along the Transpantaneira

Jabiru *Jabiru mycteria* Several seen along the Transpantaneira. The best view was the adult with chicks at the nest in the top of a tree in Pousada Piuval Lodge, Pantanal



Jabiru (photo Oz Horine)

PELECANIFORMES

Threskiornithidae

Plumbeous Ibis *Theristicus caerulescens* Great views in the Pantanal

Buff-necked Ibis *Theristicus caudatus* Seen in the Pantanal

Green Ibis *Mesembrinibis cayennensis* Amazing close-up views along the Cristalino River

Bare-faced Ibis *Phimosus infuscatus* Seen in the Pantanal

Roseate Spoonbill *Platalea ajaja* A few individuals were seen along the Transpantaneira.

Ardeidae

Rufescent Tiger-Heron *Tigrisoma lineatum* Great views along the Cristalino River

Agami Heron *Agamia agami* Amazing view of one individual along the Cristalino River. We spotted one bird covered by bushes, and after we stopped the boat and remained still for a while, we managed to have a view of the bird coming out from the bush into the open, thus being able to enjoy it for several minutes. The species is listed as vulnerable.

Zigzag Heron *Zebrilus undulatus* Perseverance paid off! After some hard work we managed to see this incredible, enigmatic, and poorly-known heron along the Pixaim River. The species is listed as near-threatened.

Boat-billed Heron *Cochlearius cochlearius* One individual was seen at night along the Cristalino River on the way back to the lodge. Here the nominate subspecies

Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax* Seen along the Transpantaneira

Striated Heron *Butorides striata* Several seen along the Cristalino River and in the Pantanal

Western Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis* A few. The western population have been split from the eastern population, Eastern Cattle Egret *Bubulcus coromandus*, which occurs in Australia and Asia only. Western Cattle Egret is widespread in South America. The first individuals were seen in Suriname in 1877, but they were established only in the 1930s.

Cocoi Heron *Ardea cocoi* Seen along the Cristalino River

Great Egret *Ardea alba* Seen along the Transpantaneira

Capped Heron *Pilherodius pileatus* A truly handsome heron, and one of the most beautiful in South America, was seen along the Cristalino River.



Capped Heron (photo Niall Perrins)

Whistling Heron *Syrigma sibilatrix* Two were seen nicely along the main road that goes to Piuval Lodge.

Snowy Egret *Egretta thula* A few on the trip

Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerulea* A few in the Pantanal

SULIFORMES

Phalacrocoracidae

Neotropic Cormorant *Phalacrocorax brasilianus* Common along the Cristalino River

Anhingidae

Anhinga *Anhinga anhinga* Seen along the Cristalino River

ACCIPITRIFORMES

Cathartidae

Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura* Common. Here the subspecies *ruficollis*

Greater Yellow-headed Vulture *Cathartes melambrotus* One seen at the Cristalino River

Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus* Common

Accipitridae

Pearl Kite *Gampsonyx swainsonii* One seen in the Chapada dos Guimarões

Hook-billed Kite *Chondrohierax uncinatus* One bird was seen and photographed from the canopy tower at Cristalino.

Swallow-tailed Kite *Elanoides forficatus* A truly beautiful raptor. It was seen at Cristalino.

Double-toothed Kite *Harpagus bidentatus* One bird was seen from the tower at Cristalino.

Plumbeous Kite *Ictinia plumbea* Several views on the trip

Black-collared Hawk *Busarellus nigricollis* Great views along the Pantanal on the way to Porto Jofre

Snail Kite *Rostrhamus sociabilis* Seen by the road marshes along the Transpantaneira

Savanna Hawk *Buteogallus meridionalis* One bird was seen in the Pantanal

Great Black Hawk *Buteogallus urubitinga* Daily sightings along the Cristalino River



Great Black Hawk (photo Charly Sax)

Roadside Hawk *Rupornis magnirostris* Common both at Cristalino and in the Pantanal

White-browed Hawk *Leucopternis kuhli* Splendid scope views of this not-easy-to-find forest raptor from the canopy tower at Cristalino. A lifer for the leader

CARIAMIFORMES

Cariamidae

Red-legged Seriema *Cariama cristata* It took some time, but we found a pair of seriemas under the shade of a big tree along the Pousada Piuval main track. A highlight for the participants

GRUIFORMES

Eurypygidae

Sunbittern *Eurypyga helias* Magnificent views along the Cristalino River



Sunbittern (photo Oz Horine)

Heliornithidae

Sungrebe *Heliornis fulica* Seen along the Cristalino River

Rallidae

Grey-necked Wood Rail *Aramides cajaneus* Seen in the Pantanal

Purple Gallinule *Porphyrio martinicus* Seen in the Pantanal near Porto Jofre

Aramidae

Limpkin *Aramus guarauna* Several seen in the Pantanal

CHARADRIIFORMES

Charadriidae

Southern Lapwing *Vanellus chilensis* Seen at Chapada dos Guimarães

Pied Plover *Hoploxypterus cayanus* Excellent views while we were exploring the river islands along the Teles Pires River near Cristalino

Jacanidae

Wattled Jacana *Jacana jacana* Common in the Pantanal

Scolopacidae

Solitary Sandpiper *Tringa solitaria* Seen in the Pantanal

Laridae

Black Skimmer *Rynchops niger* Seen along the Cuiabá River

Yellow-billed Tern *Sternula superciliaris* Seen together with the next species on the marsh on the Transpantaneira. We had nice views to compare both species.

Large-billed Tern *Phaetusa simplex* Seen together with the previous species

COLUMBIFORMES

Columbidae

Rock Dove *Columba livia* Common around Cuiabá

Scaled Pigeon *Patagioenas speciosa* One seen from the canopy platform at Pousada do Parque at Chapada dos Guimarães

Picazuro Pigeon *Patagioenas picazuro* Common at Chapada dos Guimarães and in the Pantanal. Here the nominate subspecies

Pale-vented Pigeon *Patagioenas cayennensis* Seen at Cristalino. Here the subspecies *sylvestris*

Ruddy Pigeon *Patagioenas subvinacea* Seen at Cristalino

Plumbeous Pigeon *Patagioenas plumbea* Seen at Cristalino

Ruddy Ground Dove *Columbina talpacoti* Common at Chapada dos Guimarães

Picui Ground Dove *Columbina picui* Seen in the Pantanal. Picui comes from the Paraguay native language Guaraní to refer to a small dove.

Blue Ground Dove *Claravis pretiosa* One seen during one of the hikes through the secondary forest and open land near the junction of the Teles River and the Cristalino River

Long-tailed Ground Dove *Uropelia campestris* Excellent views in the drier areas of the Pantanal not far from the Mato Grosso Hotel

White-tipped Dove *Leptotila verreauxi* Seen at Chapada dos Guimarães

Grey-fronted Dove *Leptotila rufaxilla* One seen at Cristalino

Ruddy Quail-Dove *Geotrygon montana* Seen at Cristalino. Here the nominate subspecies

CUCULIFORMES

Cuculidae

Guira Cuckoo *Guira guira* We had great views at Chapada dos Guimarães. Guira comes from the Guaraní language to refer to a bird.

Smooth-billed Ani *Crotophaga ani* Common at several locations

Greater Ani *Crotophaga major* Several seen along the Cristalino River

Striped Cuckoo (H) *Tapera naevia* One heard distantly at Pousada do Parque, Chapada dos Guimarães

Squirrel Cuckoo *Piaya cayana* Seen at Cristalino

Little Cuckoo *Coccyua minuta* One seen briefly along the Transpantaneira

STRIGIFORMES

Strigidae

Tawny-bellied Screech Owl (H) *Megascops watsonii* One heard at night around Cristalino

Great Horned Owl *Bubo virginianus* One bird was seen roosting at day time at its regular spot near Campos de Jofre in the Pantanal.

Crested Owl (H) *Lophostrix cristata* One heard distantly at night around Cristalino

Ferruginous Pygmy Owl *Glaucidium brasilianum* One seen at daytime at the geodesic point stakeout, Chapada dos Guimarães

Burrowing Owl *Athene cunicularia* Common at Chapada dos Guimarães

CAPRIMULGIFORMES

Nyctibiidae

Great Potoo *Nyctibius grandis* One seen at its daytime roost near the Mato Grosso Hotel

Common Potoo *Nyctibius griseus* One recorded at Chapada dos Guimarães

Caprimulgidae

Short-tailed Nighthawk *Lurocalis semitorquatus* Seen before dusk at the Cristalino River

Band-tailed Nighthawk *Nyctiprogne leucopyga* Seen along the Cuiabá River before dusk

Pauraque *Nyctidromus albicollis* One seen at Cristalino near our cabins

Blackish Nightjar *Nyctipolus nigrescens* Excellent views of one individual roosting at daytime under the roof of one of the cabins at Cristalino

Spot-tailed Nightjar *Hydropsalis maculicaudus* Seen along the Transpantaneira

Ladder-tailed Nightjar *Hydropsalis climacocerca* One seen at its daytime roost in the sand on a river island along the Teles Pires River

Little Nightjar *Setopagis parvula* One seen at Pousada do Parque in the Chapada dos Guimarães

Rufous Nightjar *Antrostomus rufus* One seen and a few others heard along the tower trail at Pousada do Parque after dusk

APODIFORMES

Apodidae

White-collared Swift *Streptoprocne zonaris* Seen well at Chapada dos Guimarães

Mato Grosso Swift *Chaetura viridipennis* Seen from the canopy tower at Cristalino

Grey-rumped Swift *Chaetura cinereiventris* Seen along the Cristalino River

Sick's Swift *Chaetura meridionalis* Seen at Chapada dos Guimarães

Trochilidae

Amethyst Woodstar *Calliphlox amethystina* This tiny hummingbird was seen nicely at Pousada do Parque at Chapada dos Guimarães



Amethyst Woodstar (photo Charly Sax)

Planalto Hermit *Phaethornis pretrei* Good views in the flowering shrubs at Pousada do Parque in Chapada dos Guimarães. Planalto is the Portuguese word for plateau.

Buff-bellied Hermit *Phaethornis subochraceus* Brief views of one individual in the Pantanal

Grey-breasted Sabrewing *Campylopterus largipennis* One seen in the flowering shrubs at the dock of Cristalino

Swallow-tailed Hummingbird *Eupetomena macroura* This large hummingbird was seen well in the garden of Pousada do Parque.

White-vented Violetear *Colibri serrirostris* This southern South American hummingbird was seen well at Pousada do Parque at Chapada dos Guimarães.

Black-throated Mango *Anthracothorax nigricollis* Seen well at Cristalino

Glittering-bellied Emerald *Chlorostilbon lucidus* Seen at Chapada dos Guimarães

Fork-tailed Woodnymph *Thalurania furcata* Seen at a few places

Glittering-throated Emerald *Amazilia fimbriata* Seen in the Pantanal

Black-eared Fairy *Heliothryx auritus* Seen well from the canopy tower at Cristalino

Long-billed Starthroat *Heliomaster longirostris* This hummingbird was seen nicely, hawking mosquitoes, above the Cristalino River surface. Here the nominate subspecies

TROGONIFORMES

Trogonidae

Blue-crowned Trogon *Trogon curucui* Good views in the Pantanal and at Chapada dos Guimarães

CORACIIFORMES

Alcedinidae

American Pygmy Kingfisher *Chloroceryle aenea* Nice views along the Pixaim River in the Pantanal

Green-and-rufous Kingfisher *Chloroceryle inda* Brief views of one individual along the Cristalino River

Amazon Kingfisher *Chloroceryle amazona* Seen at Cristalino and in the Pantanal

Green Kingfisher *Chloroceryle americana* Seen at Cristalino and in the Pantanal

Ringed Kingfisher *Megaceryle torquata* Common in the Pantanal and at Cristalino

Momotidae

Amazonian Motmot *Momotus momota* This species was seen well at Pousada do Parque at Chapada dos Guimarães. It was recently split from Blue-crowned Motmot *Momotus coeruliceps*. The splits from Blue-crowned Motmot are

***Momotus subrufescens* Blue-crowned Motmot** – NE and Central Mexico

***Momotus lessoni* Blue-diademed Motmot** – South Mexico to Central Panama

***Momotus subrufescens* Whooping Motmot** – E Panama to NC Venezuela and the Magdalena Valley of Colombia, SE Ecuador and extreme NW Peru

***Momotus bahamensis* Trinidad Motmot** – Trinidad and Tobago

***Momotus momota* Amazonian Motmot** – Venezuela (S of the Orinoco) and the Guianas S through the entire Amazon basin to extreme N Argentina and Paraguay

***Momotus aequatorialis* Andean Motmot** – The Andes from NC Colombia to NE Bolivia

PICIFORMES

Galbulidae

Rufous-tailed Jacamar *Galbula ruficauda* Excellent views at Chapada dos Guimarães. Here the subspecies *rufoviridis*

Bronzy Jacamar *Galbula leucogastra* Seen at Cristalino



Bronzy Jacamar (photo Christopher Calonje)

Paradise Jacamar *Galbula dea* Seen at Cristalino

Bucconidae

White-necked Puffbird *Notharchus hyperrhynchus* Seen from the canopy tower at Cristalino

White-eared Puffbird *Nystalus chacuru* Seen at Chapada dos Guimarães

Black-fronted Nunbird *Monasa nigrifrons* Seen at Cristalino and the in the Pantanal

White-fronted Nunbird *Monasa morphoeus* Seen at Cristalino

Swallow-winged Puffbird *Chelidoptera tenebrosa* Common along the Cristalino River

Capitonidae

Black-girdled Barbet *Capito dayi* This near-endemic was seen nicely from the canopy tower at Cristalino. It is also found in the Noel Kempff Mercado National Park in adjacent Bolivia.

Ramphastidae

Chestnut-eared Aracari *Pteroglossus castanotis* Seen at Chapada dos Guimarães

Lettered Aracari *Pteroglossus inscriptus*

Red-necked Aracari *Pteroglossus bitorquatus* Another near-endemic species seen nicely from the canopy tower at Cristalino

Curl-crested Aracari *Pteroglossus beauharnaesii* Nice views from the canopy tower at Cristalino

Gould's Toucanet *Selenidera gouldii* Seen well from the canopy tower at Cristalino. Named after John Gould, the famous English 19th century naturalist. A near-endemic species and Cristalino specialty

Channel-billed Toucan *Ramphastos vitellinus* Excellent views at Cristalino and Chapada dos Guimarães

White-throated Toucan *Ramphastos tucanus* Common at Cristalino

Toco Toucan *Ramphastos toco* Excellent views at Chapada dos Guimarães among many other sites. This is the largest species in the family. The name toco comes from the Guaraní (Paraguayan) native language (tuca), which is used to refer to toucans.

Picidae

White-wedged Piculet *Picumnus albosquamatus* Seen in the Chapada dos Guimarães area. Here the nominate subspecies

White Woodpecker *Melanerpes candidus* Flying-by birds in the Pantanal

Yellow-tufted Woodpecker *Melanerpes cruentatus* Seen at Cristalino

Little Woodpecker *Veniliornis passerinus* Seen at Cristalino

Red-stained Woodpecker *Veniliornis affinis* Seen at Cristalino

Green-barred Woodpecker *Colaptes melanochloros* Seen at Pousada do Parque at Chapada dos Guimarães. Here the nominate subspecies

Campo Flicker *Colaptes campestris* Seen nicely at Pousada do Parque

Pale-crested Woodpecker *Celeus lugubris* We managed to have good views of a secretive pair at Pousada do Parque.

Ringed Woodpecker *Celeus torquatus* Flying-by views of one bird at Cristalino

FALCONIFORMES

Falconidae

Black Caracara *Daptrius ater* Seen at Cristalino

Yellow-headed Caracara *Milvago chimachima* Common at several locations

Southern Crested Caracara *Caracara plancus* Common throughout the trip, even several looking for food in the grounds of the Mato Grosso Hotel

Laughing Falcon *Herpetotheres cachinnans* We saw this handsome raptor on the way to Pousada do Parque in Chapada dos Guimarães National Park

Collared Forest Falcon (H) *Micrastur semitorquatus* Heard distantly at Cristalino

Cryptic Forest Falcon (H) *Micrastur mintoni* Unfortunately, we could not get it this time, and it was heard only at Cristalino. This species was described in 2003.

Bat Falcon *Falco rufigularis* Good views of one bird along the Cristalino River during one of the great boar rides

PSITTACIFORMES

Psittacidae

Monk Parakeet *Myiopsitta monachus* Nice views along the Transpantaneira. Here the subspecies *cotorra*

Yellow-chevroned Parakeet *Brotogeris chiriri* Common in the Pantanal and at Chapada dos Guimarães

Blue-headed Parrot *Pionus menstruus* Common at Cristalino

Turquoise-fronted Amazon *Amazona aestiva* Excellent views in the Pantanal. This is one of the most popular parrots in captivity, and it can be a good talker.

Kawall's Amazon (E) *Amazona kawalli* Seen at Cristalino. This is a Brazilian endemic, restricted to the south-central Amazon basin. It is one of the special birds at Cristalino. It used to be considered a form of Southern Mealy Amazon. The first notes of differences with *Amazons farinosa* were made 100 years ago, but it was only recognized as a full species in 1989. Named after the Brazilian aviculturist Nelson Kawall

White-bellied Parrot *Pionites leucogaster* Seen flying by only from the canopy tower at Cristalino

Dusky-billed Parrotlet *Forpus modestus* Seen flying by along the Cristalino River

Santarem Parakeet *Pyrrhura amazonum* Seen at Cristalino. Here the subspecies *lucida*

Golden-winged Parakeet *Brotogeris chrysoptera* Seen at Cristalino

Hyacinth Macaw *Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus* Amazing encounters with this species in the Pantanal. The first couple was seen in the Piuval Lodge grounds, where we managed to

see the bird on a nest. Later other birds were seen flying near the Pixaim River and Porto Jofre. With a length (from the top of its head to the tip of its long, pointed tail) of about 100 cm it is longer than any other species of parrot. It is the largest macaw and the largest flying parrot species, though the flightless kakapo of New Zealand can outweigh it. The species is listed as vulnerable.



Hyacinth Macaw (photo Charly Sax)

Peach-fronted Parakeet *Eupsittula aurea* Common in the Chapada dos Guimarães area and the Pantanal

Nanday Parakeet *Aratinga nenday* Great views in the Pantanal. Feral populations have been established in the US and Israel. The name comes from the Guaraní ñanday, used to refer to this species.

Red-bellied Macaw *Orthopsittaca manilatus* Seen along the Cristalino River

Golden-collared Macaw *Primolius auricollis* A pair was seen flying by in the Pantanal.

Blue-and-yellow Macaw *Ara ararauna* Excellent views from the canopy tower at Cristalino

Scarlet Macaw *Ara macao* Great views at Cristalino

Red-and-green Macaw *Ara chloropterus* Brilliant views at Cristalino

Chestnut-fronted Macaw *Ara severus*

Red-shouldered Macaw *Diopsittaca nobilis* Nice views of a flock near Chapada dos Guimarães

White-eyed Parakeet *Psittacara leucophthalmus* Common throughout the trip

PASSERIFORMES

Furnariidae

Rufous Hornero *Furnarius rufus* Common in the Pantanal and at Chapada dos Guimarães. This is the national bird of Argentina. The name Furnariidae from the family type genus *Furnarius*, which in Latin means “baker” or “one who keep an oven”. Hornero comes from

the Spanish “horno” which means “oven”, alluding to the oven-like shape of the adobe mud nest of the Rufous Hornero.



Rufous Hornero (photo Oz Horine)

Pale-legged Hornero *Furnarius leucopus* Seen in the Pantanal

Chotoy Spinetail *Schoeniophylax phryganophilus* We got excellent views of one pair of this attractive spinetail in the Pantanal not far from the Mato Grosso Hotel. Chotoy might be an onomatopoeic name.

White-lored Spinetail *Synallaxis albilora* Seen in the Pantanal

Cinereous-breasted Spinetail *Synallaxis hypospodia* Seen in the grasslands behind the Mato Grosso Hotel in the Pantanal

Yellow-chinned Spinetail *Certhiaxis cinnamomeus* Great views in the Pantanal

Rusty-backed Spinetail *Cranioleuca vulpina* Seen well in the Pantanal

Rufous-fronted Thornbird *Phacellodomus rufifrons* Only one bird was encountered during the trip. Here the nominate subspecies

Greater Thornbird *Phacellodomus ruber* Great views in the Pantanal, where you can see their large stick nests even on top of electricity posts

Point-tailed Palmcreeper *Berlepschia rikeri* One seen responding the tape at the regular Mauritia palms spot on the way to the Teles Pires River from Alta Floresta

Grey-crested Cacholote *Pseudoseisura unirufa* Great views in the Pantanal

Buff-throated Foliage-gleaner *Automolus ochrolaemus* Seen at Cristalino

Rufous-tailed Xenops *Microxenops milleri* Seen at Cristalino

Plain-brown Woodcreeper *Dendrocincla fuliginosa* Seen at Cristalino. Often seen following swarms of army ants as part of a mixed flock

Long-billed Woodcreeper *Nasica longirostris* An impressive bird indeed. Nice views at Cristalino

Great Rufous Woodcreeper *Xiphocolaptes major* Unfortunately was only seen briefly in the Pantanal

Buff-throated Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus guttatus* Seen at Cristalino

Narrow-billed Woodcreeper *Lepidocolaptes angustirostris* Great views in the Pantanal

Thamnophilidae

Great Antshrike *Taraba major* Seen at Cristalino

Glossy Antshrike (E) *Sakesphorus luctuosus* Good views of one pair along the Cristalino River. One of the targets in this part of the Amazon

Barred Antshrike *Thamnophilus doliatus* Seen at Chapada dos Guimarães, where we could enjoy male and female

Natterer's Slaty Antshrike *Thamnophilus stictocephalus* A near-endemic, found in Brazil and adjacent Bolivia. This species was found and seen briefly along the Serra trail at Cristalino. Named after Johann Natterer, a 19th century Austrian zoologist and collector, resident in Brazil

Plain-winged Antshrike *Thamnophilus schistaceus* Seen well at Cristalino

Amazonian Antshrike *Thamnophilus amazonicus* Seen at Cristalino

Spot-winged Antshrike *Pygiptila stellaris* Seen at Cristalino

Plain Antwren *Dysithamnus mentalis* Seen at Chapada dos Guimarães

Cinereous Antshrike *Thamnomanes caesius* Seen at Cristalino

Saturnine Antshrike *Thamnomanes saturninus* Seen at Cristalino

Rusty-backed Antwren *Formicivora rufa* Seen at Chapada dos Guimarães, and a couple were seen in the Pantanal.

Amazonian Streaked Antwren *Myrmotherula multostriata* Seen along the Cristalino River

White-flanked Antwren *Myrmotherula axillaris* Seen at Cristalino

Sclater's Antwren *Myrmotherula sclateri* Seen from the canopy tower at Cristalino

Grey Antwren *Myrmotherula menetriesii* Seen at Cristalino in one of the mixed flocks

Mato Grosso Antbird *Cercomacra melanaria* Seen well in the Pantanal. Named after the state of Mato Grosso in Brazil

Manu Antbird *Cercomacra manu* Seen at Cristalino. Originally known from SE Peru, it was rapidly found in Brazil and Bolivia as well. Named after the Manu National Park in Peru

Black-faced Antbird *Myrmoborus myotherinus* Seen briefly along the Cristalino trails

Spix's Warbling Antbird (E) *Hypocnemis striata* Good views at Cristalino. This is one of the six splits from Warbling Antbird.

Band-tailed Antbird *Hypocnemoides maculicauda* Good views of this nice little bird along the Cristalino River

Black-throated Antbird *Myrmeciza atrothorax* One seen briefly around the Cristalino grounds

Bare-eyed Antbird (E) *Rhegmatorhina gymnops* Fantastic views of this Brazilian endemic and range-restricted species in the water for birds spot at Cristalino

Black-spotted Bare-eye *Phlegopsis nigromaculata* Splendid views at the same spot as the previous species. An army ant follower

Grallariidae

Alta Floresta Antpitta (E) (H) *Hylopezus whittakeri* Heard distantly at Cristalino. This is a new species split from Spotted Antpitta *Hylopezus macularius*

Melanopareiidae

Collared Crescentchest (H) *Melanopareia torquata* Unfortunately heard only this time at Chapada dos Guimarães

Tyrannidae

- Chapada Flycatcher** *Suiriri islerorum* Seen at Chapada dos Guimarães. This is a recent split from Suiriri Flycatcher. The species is listed as near-threatened.
- Suiriri Flycatcher** *Suiriri Suiriri* Seen well at Chapada dos Guimarães
- Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet** *Tyrannulus elatus* Seen at Cristalino
- Mouse-colored Tyrannulet** *Phaeomyias murina* Seen in the Chapada dos Guimarães area
- Crested Doradito** *Pseudocolopteryx sclateri* One of this rare and localized species in the Pantanal was seen well near Campos de Jofre
- Forest Elaenia** *Myiopagis gaimardii* Seen at Cristalino
- Large Elaenia** *Elaenia spectabilis* Good views in the Pantanal
- Southern Antpiper** *Corythopis delalandi* Seen at Chapada dos Guimarães
- Short-tailed Pygmy Tyrant** *Myiornis ecaudatus* This species was seen well at Cristalino. This is the smallest passerine in the world
- Helmeted Pygmy Tyrant** *Lophotriccus galeatus* Brief views at Cristalino, where it was difficult in the subcanopy
- Zimmer's Tody-Tyrant** *Hemitriccus minimus* Another difficult bird to detect at Cristalino
- Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant** *Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer* Seen in the Pantanal. Here the nominate subspecies
- Common Tody-Flycatcher** *Todirostrum cinereum* Good views in the Pantanal
- Spotted Tody-Flycatcher** *Todirostrum maculatum* Nice views at Cristalino
- Euler's Flycatcher** *Lathrotriccus euleri* Seen at Cristalino
- Fuscous Flycatcher** *Cnemotriccus fuscatus* Seen at Cristalino and in the Pantanal
- Vermilion Flycatcher** *Pyrocephalus rubinus* Nice views in the Pantanal
- Drab Water Tyrant** *Ochthornis littoralis* This little bird was seen well along the shores of the Cristalino River.
- Crested Black Tyrant** *Knipolegus lophotes* One seen by one of the participants at Chapada dos Guimarães
- Black-backed Water Tyrant** *Fluvicola albiventer* Seen in the Pantanal. This species used to be lumped with Pied Water Tyrant *Fluvicola pica*.
- White-headed Marsh Tyrant** *Arundinicola leucocephala* A lovely little bird, seen well in the Pantanal marshes
- Long-tailed Tyrant** *Colonia colonus* Seen in the Pantanal and at Chapada dos Guimarães
- Cattle Tyrant** *Machetornis rixosa* Common in the Pantanal
- Great Kiskadee** *Pitangus sulphuratus* Common at several locations
- Lesser Kiskadee** *Philohydor lictor* Good views in the Pantanal
- Boat-billed Flycatcher** *Megarynchus pitangua* Seen in the Pantanal
- Rusty-margined Flycatcher** *Myiozetetes cayanensis* Seen in the Pantanal
- Social Flycatcher** *Myiozetetes similis* Common
- Streaked Flycatcher** *Myiodynastes maculatus* Seen in the Pantanal
- Piratic Flycatcher** *Legatus leucophaeus* Seen at Cristalino. It gets its name because it does not build its own nest, but appropriates the domed or enclosed nests of other, often far larger, bird species, such as Yellow-rumped Cacique or Crested Oropendola.
- Variiegated Flycatcher** *Empidonomus varius* Seen in the Pantanal
- Fork-tailed Flycatcher** *Tyrannus savana* Seen in the Pantanal
- Tropical Kingbird** *Tyrannus melancholicus* Plenty of observations
- Rufous Casiornis** *Casiornis rufus* Seen well in the Pantanal
- Short-crested Flycatcher** *Myiarchus ferox* Seen at a few locations during the trip
- Brown-crested Flycatcher** *Myiarchus tyrannulus* Seen at Chapada dos Guimarães
- Large-headed Flatbill** *Ramphotrigon megacephalum* Seen in the bamboo trail at Cristalino
- White-eyed Attila** *Attila bolivianus* Flying-by view in the Pantanal near Porto Jofre
- White-rumped Attila** *Attila spadiceus* Seen at Porto Jofre

Cotingidae

Spangled Cotinga *Cotinga cayana* Amazing views from the canopy tower at Cristalino
Screaming Piha (H) *Lipaugus vociferans* The classic call of the Amazon rainforest. We heard a few birds at Cristalino, but we didn't try because we got better fish to fry.

Bare-necked Fruitcrow *Gymnoderus foetidus* Seen well at Cristalino

Purple-throated Fruitcrow *Querula purpurata* A few around the canopy tower at Cristalino

Pipridae

Dwarf Tyrant-Manakin *Tyrannetes stolzmanni* Heard most of the time, but one was spotted and seen briefly along the Cristalino trails

Helmeted Manakin *Antilophia galeata* A female was seen well at Pousada do Parque, and later the male showed up nicely along the Pixaim River in the Pantanal.



Helmeted Manakin (photo Guy Kirwan)

Flame-crested Manakin *Heterocercus linteatus* It took time but was seen well along the Cristalino trails

Band-tailed Manakin (H) *Pipra fasciicauda* Heard only at Cristalino

Red-headed Manakin *Dixiphia rubrocapilla* Great views at Cristalino

White-crowned Manakin *Dixiphia pipra* A male was seen nicely along the trail to the "water for birds" spot at Cristalino.

Tityridae

Amazon Royal Flycatcher *Onychorhynchus coronatus* Seen at the base of the canopy tower at Cristalino. This is one of the three splits from Royal Flycatcher *Onychorhynchus coronatus*

Onychorhynchus coronatus Amazon Royal Flycatcher Amazon from Venezuela to Brazil
Onychorhynchus occidentalis Pacific Royal Flycatcher SW Ecuador and NW Peru
Onychorhynchus swainsoni Atlantic Royal Flycatcher SE Brazil
Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher *Terenotriccus erythrurus* Seen at Cristalino
Brown-winged Schiffornis *Schiffornis turdina* Seen at Cristalino. This is one of the splits from Thrush-like Manakin *Schiffornis turdina*
Schiffornis turdina Brown-winged Schiffornis Amazon basin from Venezuela through Brazil and SE Peru and N Bolivia
Schiffornis olivacea Guianan Schiffornis Venezuela, Guyana and N Brazil
Schiffornis aenea Foothill Schiffornis Central Ecuador to N Peru
Schiffornis stenorhyncha Rufous-winged Schiffornis Panama to N Venezuela and Colombia
Masked Tityra *Tityra semifasciata* Seen well around Cristalino and at Chapada dos Guimarães
Black-crowned Tityra *Tityra inquisitor* Seen in the Pantanal and at Cristalino
White-winged Becard *Pachyramphus polychopterus* Seen well at Cristalino
Black-capped Becard *Pachyramphus marginatus* Seen nicely at Cristalino
Vireonidae
Rufous-browed Peppershrike *Cyclarhis gujanensis* Good views of this widespread species at Chapada dos Guimarães
Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo *Vireolanius leucotis* Great views of this attractive species from the canopy tower at Cristalino
Ashy-headed Greenlet *Hylophilus pectoralis* Seen in the Pantanal
Tawny-crowned Greenlet *Hylophilus ochraceiceps* Seen well from the canopy tower at Cristalino
Corvidae
Purplish Jay *Cyanocorax cyanomelas* Seen in the Pantanal
Hirundinidae
White-winged Swallow *Tachycineta albiventer* Seen during the boat ride along the Cristalino River
Brown-chested Martin *Progne tapera* Seen in the Pantanal
Grey-breasted Martin *Progne chalybea* Seen in the Pantanal
White-banded Swallow *Atticora fasciata* Seen along the Cristalino River
Southern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis* Seen along the Cristalino River
Donacobiidae
Black-capped Donacobius *Donacobius atricapilla* Seen in the Pantanal
Troglodytidae
Thrush-like Wren *Campylorhynchus turdinus* Seen in the Pantanal
Tooth-billed Wren *Odontorchilus cinereus* Amazing views from the canopy tower at Cristalino. A near-endemic only found in Brazil and very restricted in adjacent Bolivia. One of the Cristalino specialists
Buff-breasted Wren *Cantorchilus leucotis* Seen in the Pantanal
Fawn-breasted Wren *Cantorchilus guarayanus* This near-endemic is found also in Bolivia, where it is generally recorded on our tours. We had good views of a pair in the gallery woodland near Porto Jofre.
House Wren *Troglodytes aedon* A couple of sightings throughout the tour
Musician Wren *Cyphorhinus arada* Mostly heard with brief glimpses along the Cristalino trails. We didn't try much because it wasn't a lifer for any participants and we had better fish to fry.

Poliophtilidae

Long-billed Gnatwren *Ramphocaenus melanurus* Seen well at Cristalino

Mimidae

Chalk-browed Mockingbird *Mimus saturninus* Seen at Chapada dos Guimarães, including at Pousada do Parque

White-banded Mockingbird *Mimus triurus* One bird was seen very well in the Pantanal near Campos de Jofre.

Turdidae

Rufous-bellied Thrush *Turdus rufiventris* Several sightings throughout the tour. We saw the first individuals at Pousada do Parque. This is the national bird of Brazil.

Pale-breasted Thrush *Turdus leucomelas* Seen at Chapada dos Guimarães

Creamy-bellied Thrush *Turdus amaurochalinus* Great views at Pousada do Parque in the Chapada dos Guimarães National Park

Lawrence's Thrush (H) *Turdus lawrencii* Heard from the canopy tower at Cristalino. This is an excellent mimic. Named after George Newbold Lawrence, a 19th century US businessman, ornithologist and collector

Passeridae

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus* Seen in town

Fringillidae

Purple-throated Euphonia *Euphonia chlorotica* One seen in flight in response to the tape at Pousada do Parque in the Chapada dos Guimarães NP

White-lored Euphonia *Euphonia chrysopasta* Seen at Cristalino

Thick-billed Euphonia *Euphonia laniirostris* Seen at Cristalino and in the woodlands of Chapada dos Guimarães

Parulidae

Flavescent Warbler *Myiothlypis flaveola* Great views at Pousada do Parque in Chapada dos Guimarães. Here the nominate subspecies

Golden-crowned Warbler (White-bellied Warbler) *Basileuterus culicivorus hypoleucus* Great views in the woodlands of Chapada dos Guimarães. This near-endemic has recently been listed as a subspecies of Golden-crowned Warbler by the IOC and the SACC, according to Vilaça and dos Santos 2010.

Icteridae

Red-breasted Blackbird *Sturnella militaris* Great views along the pastures of the Alta Floresta – Teles Pires River road

Crested Oropendola *Psarocolius decumanus* Seen at Cristalino

Yellow-rumped Cacique *Cacicus cela* Common in the Pantanal and at Cristalino

Solitary Cacique *Cacicus solitarius* Seen in the Pantanal

Epaulet Oriole *Icterus cayanensis* Seen from the canopy tower at Cristalino

Unicolored Blackbird *Agelasticus cyanopus* Several seen in the Pantanal along the road marshes

Scarlet-headed Blackbird *Amblyramphus holosericeus* Brilliant views along the Transpantaneira in the Pantanal

Chopi Blackbird *Gnorimopsar chopi* Common and vocal around Pousada do Parque.

Greyish Baywing *Agelaioides badius* Common at the feeders of the Mato Grosso Hotel in the Pantanal. Until recently known as Baywing

Shiny Cowbird *Molothrus bonariensis* Seen in the Pantanal

Giant Cowbird *Molothrus oryzivorus* Seen in the Pantanal

Orange-backed Troupial *Icterus croconotus* Seen in the Pantanal



Orange-backed Troupial (photo Charly Sax)

Emberizidae

Rufous-collared Sparrow *Zonotrichia capensis* Seen at Chapada dos Guimarães

Grassland Sparrow *Ammodramus humeralis* Seen on the way to Chapada dos Guimarães

Saffron-billed Sparrow *Arremon flavirostris* Beautiful views of this nice-looking skulker in the woodlands of Chapada dos Guimarães

Thraupidae

Yellow-billed Cardinal *Paroaria capitata* Great views of several birds in the Pantanal, especially numerous at the Mato Grosso Hotel bird feeders

Red-capped Cardinal *Paroaria gularis* Seen along the Cristalino River

Black-faced Tanager *Schistochlamys melanopis* Nice views of this widespread grassland and savanna species at Chapada dos Guimarães

White-rumped Tanager *Cypsnagra hirundinacea* Seen at Chapada dos Guimarães

Yellow-backed Tanager *Hemithraupis flavicollis* Seen at Cristalino from the canopy tower

White-winged Shrike-Tanager *Lanio versicolor* Seen at the “water for birds” spot at Cristalino. A feeding mixed flock leader

Flame-crested Tanager *Tachyphonus cristatus* Seen at Cristalino

White-lined Tanager *Tachyphonus rufus* Seen at Chapada dos Guimarães

Silver-beaked Tanager *Ramphocelus carbo* Common

Blue-grey Tanager *Thraupis episcopus* A few sightings around Alta Floresta

Sayaca Tanager *Thraupis sayaca* Common in the Pantanal

Palm Tanager *Thraupis palmarum* Several sightings

Turquoise Tanager *Tangara mexicana* Good views near Cristalino

Paradise Tanager *Tangara chilensis* This beautiful tanager was seen well at Cristalino

Spotted Tanager *Tangara punctata*

Burnished-buff Tanager *Tangara cayana* Seen at Chapada dos Guimarães

Opal-rumped Tanager *Tangara velia* Seen at Cristalino

Swallow Tanager *Tersina viridis* Many sightings throughout the trip. We saw the first birds at Chapada dos Guimarães.

Black-faced Dacnis *Dacnis lineata* Seen at Cristalino



Black-faced Dacnis

Yellow-bellied Dacnis *Dacnis flaviventer* Seen at Cristalino

Blue Dacnis *Dacnis cayana* Seen at Cristalino

Purple Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes caeruleus* Seen at Cristalino

Red-legged Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes cyaneus* Seen at Cristalino

Green Honeycreeper *Chlorophanes spiza* Seen at Cristalino

Red Pileated Finch *Coryphospingus cucullatus* Seen at the entrance of the Pousada do Parque

Saffron Finch *Sicalis flaveola* Seen at Chapada dos Guimarães

Blue-black Grassquit *Volatinia jacarina* Seen in the Pantanal

Rusty-collared Seedeater *Sporophila collaris* Seen in the Pantanal at Campos de Jofre

White-bellied Seedeater *Sporophila leucoptera* Seen in the same spot and at the same time as the previous species

Chestnut-bellied Seed Finch *Oryzoborus angolensis* Seen in the Pantanal

Cardinalidae

Yellow-shouldered Grosbeak *Parkerthraustes humeralis* Nice views from the canopy tower at Cristalino

Slate-colored Grosbeak *Saltator grossus* Excellent views from the canopy tower at Cristalino

Buff-throated Saltator *Saltator maximus* Seen at Chapada dos Guimarães

Greyish Saltator *Saltator coerulescens* Seen in the Pantanal

Black-throated Saltator *Saltator atricollis* Seen at Chapada dos Guimarães

MAMMALS

CARNIVORA

Felidae

Jaguar *Panthera onca* We got four animals in total this year, with the amazing view of one couple crossing the Pixaim River swimming, where they are rare and seldom seen. The male produced a roar when we were close to the river bank. An absolutely magic moment, and with not any other boat but us! Later we saw two different animals on two consecutive days along the Cuiabá river with other 20 boats. The species is listed as near-threatened.



Jaguar

Canidae

Maned wolf *Chrysocyon brachyurus* A dream come true for the leader, and a magical moment while watching the sunset and a female maned wolf crossed the clearing in front of us, allowing the best views ever, at Pousada do Parque in the Chapada dos Guimarães. The species is listed as near-threatened.



Maned wolf

Crab-eating fox *Cerdocyon thous* One of our participants found one individual crossing the clearing of the Mato Grosso Hotel and getting beneath a car at night.

RODENTIA

Dasyproctidae

Azara's agouti *Dasyprocta azarae* Seen in the Pantanal

Caviidae

Capybara *Hydrochoerus hydrochaeris* Common in the Pantanal and along the Cuiabá River

Brazilian guinea pig *Cavia aperea* We had a nice family in the grounds of Pousada do Parque. Daily views

Erithizontidae

Brazilian porcupine *Coendou prehensilis* Thanks to the Porto Jofre Hotel manager, who interrupted our wine session to call a Brazilian porcupine crossing the garden near the hotel entrance. We had great views.

LAGOMORPHA

Leporidae

Tapeti (Brazilian Rabbit) *Sylvilagus brasiliensis* Seen in the Pantanal and at Chapada dos Guimarães

Mustelidae

Giant otter *Pteronura brasiliensis* Excellent views along the Pixaim and Cristalino Rivers. This species is believed to be extinct in Argentina and Uruguay. The population in the Pantanal is probably one of the healthiest in the world with 1000 – 1200 individuals. The species is listed as endangered.

Procyonidae

White-nosed coati *Nasua narica* Seen in the Pantanal

CHIROPTERA

Noctilionidae

Greater bulldog bat *Noctilio leporinus* Seen at dusk in the Pantanal

PRIMATES

Cebidae

Bearded capuchin *Sapajus libidinosus* A family was seen well in the Pantanal.

White-cheeked spider monkey *Ateles marginatus* Excellent views at Cristalino. The species is listed as endangered.

Atelidae

Black-and-gold howler monkey *Alouatta caraya* Seen along the Pixaim River in the Pantanal

Callitrichidae

Silvery marmoset *Mico argentatus* Seen at Chapada dos Guimarães

ARTIODACTYLA

Tayassuidae

White-lipped peccary *Tayassu pecari* A troop was seen passing by the observation point at the mammal clay lick at Cristalino. The species is listed as vulnerable.

Collared peccary *Pecari tajacu* Two seen crossing the Transpantaneira

Cervidae

Red brocket *Mazama americana* Seen along the Cristalino River

Marsh deer *Blastocerus dichotomus* Seen in the Pantanal near the Mato Grosso Hotel. The species is listed as vulnerable.

PERISSODACTYLA

Tapiridae

Brazilian tapir *Tapirus terrestris* Amazing at the Cristalino River this time. We saw at least eight different individuals on the first three days based at Cristalino. The species is listed as vulnerable.

REPTILES

CROCODYLIA

Alligatoridae

Spectacled caiman *Caiman crocodilus* Seen along the Cristalino River

Dwarf caiman *Paleosuchus palpebrosus* Seen along the Cristalino River

Yacaré *Caiman yacare* Hundreds seen in the Pantanal

TESTUDINES

Podocnemididae

Yellow-spotted river turtle *Podocnemis unifilis* Widespread along the Amazon River and its tributaries. This is one of the largest river turtles, with individuals reaching a weight of eight kilograms growing up to 45 centimeters in length.. Seen along the Cristalino River

SQUAMATA

Boidae

Green anaconda *Eunectes murinus* Incredible views of a four-meters-long green anaconda at the bank of a river island along the Cristalino River.

Teiidae

Argentine black-and-white tegu *Salvator merianae* Seen in the Pantanal



Argentine black-and-white tegu

Amazon racerunner *Ameiva ameiva* Also known as giant ameiva, this species is common and widespread in South and Central American tropical lowlands. Seen at Cristalino

Iguanidae

Green iguana *Iguana iguana* Widespread in South and Central America and Mexico. Two seen at Cristalino