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‘Near-mythical’ embodied... *Skutchia (Phlegopsis) borbae* at Amazonia National Park

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Introduction: This marathon tour across the Brazilian Amazon was undoubtedly the highlight of my year as a birdwatcher and professional tour guide. The fact that I can say that even when compared to a run of highly successful tours elsewhere in Brazil, including perhaps the best mammal watching I have ever experienced during the months of August and September in the Pantanal and the southern Amazon basin, is testament both to the rich biodiversity of the Amazon and also to our excellent luck at the fantastic birding locations – classics and undiscovered sites alike – that we visited on this custom tour.

When Duncan contacted me early in 2010 to sound me out on the idea of a trip to some remote sites in Amazonian Brazil after we made a successful run on the specialties of the Alta Floresta region in 2009 ([see trip report here](#)), I was all ears. With Bill and John soon on board and everybody’s target lists considered, we soon had the makings of a whirlwind tour to some of Brazil’s most tantalizing birding sites. To call any birding tour to the Amazon ‘comprehensive’ would be presumptuous, and certainly ours (like any) left out a couple of key sites, but the nature of birding in the Amazon requires a serious birder to return on multiple visits for rare and low density species, to work different interfluvia, and moreover to simply revel in some of the toughest and most rewarding birding on Earth.

Our final itinerary covered 21 days and took us: to *terra firme* forests on the Guianan Shield around Presidente Figueiredo north of Manaus; to the amazing flooded forests of the blackwater Anavilhanas archipelago on the rio Negro; to the unforgettable Amazonia National Park on the west bank of the rio Tapajós; to the savannas and gallery forests on the rio Branco near Boa Vista in the northern state of Roraima; the white sand *campinas* and *campinaranas* at Viruá National Park, also in Roraima; and finally, to the palm-dominated *terra firme* forests south of the Amazon in the Madeira – Purus interfluvium at Tupana Lodge.

All told we recorded **522 species** of birds and **14 species** of mammals, including some of the most sought-after birds of the Amazon. Some of the highlights included:

- 12 **Agami Herons** in a single day in the Anavilhanas archipelago, including 10 birds in the span of just a couple of hours in the morning!
- Stunning views of an adult **Ornate Hawk-Eagle** perched inside forest at Tupana;
- **Barred** and **Lined Forest-Falcons** seen;
- **Dark-winged Trumpeter** walking on the Capelinha trail at Amazonia NP in front of us; this was the nominate *viridis* race, a recently split form which is endemic to the Madeira-Tapajós interfluvium, and is tentatively slated to be called Green-winged Trumpeter;
- 26 species of psittacids including the emblematic endemic **Golden Parakeet**, **Vulturine Parrot**, **Kawall's** and **Festive Amazons**, and **Red-fan Parrot**;
- **Crested Owl** seen beside our lodging at Viruá National Park;
- **White-winged Potoo**
- 11 species of puffbird, including **Guianan**, **Brown-banded**, **Spotted**, **Collared** and **Rufous-necked**;
- 3 species of barbets including the endemic **Brown-chested Barbet**;
- 10 species of toucans including both **Gould's** and **Golden-collared Toucanet**;
- 18 species of woodpeckers, including 5 in the *Celex* genus;
- 69 species of typical antbirds, with highlights including but not limited to **Undulated** and **Pearly Antshrike**, **Cherrie's**, **Klage's**, and **Ihering's Antwren**, **Banded Antbird**, **Rio Branco Antbird**, **Ferruginous-backed** and **Yapacana Antbird**, **Wing-banded Antbird**, **White-plumed**, **Rufous-throated**, **White-throated**, and **Sooty Antbird**, the endemic **Harlequin Antbird**, **Black-spotted** and **Reddish-winged Bare-eye**, and best of all, an hour-long encounter with a group of **5 Pale-faced Antbirds** attending an army ant swarm at Amazonia National Park.
- 20 species of woodcreepers including the poorly-known **Zimmer's Woodcreeper**;
- Great views of the rare **Pelzeln's Tody-Tyrant** in an urban park in Presidente Figueiredo, just one of many terrific little tyrant-flycatchers seen on the tour, amongst which we also had **Brownish Twistwing** and a yet to be described species of *Hemitriccus* tody-tyrant at Tupana;
- A glowing male **Guianan Cock-of-the-Rock** near our hotel on the tour's first morning;
- 13 species of manakins, including **Flame-crested** and **Yellow-crested**;
- A terrific sighting of the rare and local **Dotted Tanager**, the best of the 32 species of tanagers and euphonias encountered during the tour.

Itinerary:

September 22nd: Arrival in Manaus, drive to Presidente Figueiredo.

September 23rd: Presidente Figueiredo area (Iracema Falls Hotel, Parque Municipal Cachoeira das Orquideas, AM-240 to Balbina, future location of the Hotel Um Lugar)

September 24th: Presidente Figueiredo area (Ramal do Urubuí, Hotel Um Lugar)

September 25th: Presidente Figueiredo (Iracema Falls Hotel), PM transfer to Anavilhanas Jungle Lodge.

September 26th: Anavilhanas Jungle Lodge

September 27th: Anavilhanas Jungle Lodge

September 28th: Anavilhanas Jungle Lodge, PM return to Manaus.

September 29th: Morning flight to Itaituba. PM drive to Amazonia National Park (Ramal da Praia).

September 30th: Amazonia National Park (Capelinha trail, Transamazônica).

October 1st: Amazonia National Park (Açaizal trail).

October 2nd: Amazonia National Park (Piçarreira trail, Açaizal trail, Transamazônica).

October 3rd: Amazonia National Park (Capelinha trail), return to Itaituba. Evening flight to Manaus.

October 4th: Flight to Boa Vista, Roraima. PM river trip on the Rio Branco.

October 5th: *Lavrados* near Boa Vista & Rio Uraricoera gallery foresty. PM drive to Viruá NP.

October 6th: Viruá National Park (Estrada Perdida, park trail grid).

October 7th: Viruá National Park (Estrada Perdida, park trail grid).

October 8th: Viruá National Park (Estrada Perdida before breakfast), return to Boa Vista. Flight to Manaus, transfer to Tupana Lodge.

October 9th: Tupana Lodge

October 10th: Tupana Lodge

October 11th: Tupana Lodge

October 12th: Tupana Lodge trails before breakfast. Mid-morning return to Manaus.

Systematic Bird List:

TINAMOUS (TINAMIDAE)

Gray Tinamou (*Tinamus tao tao*) – 1 flushed trailside on the Capelinha trail near the Igarapé do São José in Amazonia NP on the morning of 30/09 was seen well in flight by Bill, but was a blur to the rest of us. A second bird flushed immediately thereafter was probably the same species; we flushed a third tinamou moments later, but that was a *Crypturellus*, probably *C. variegatus*.

Great Tinamou (*Tinamus major olivascens*) – 1 seen well as it walked on the Açaizal trail ahead of us in the early afternoon of 02/10 at Amazonia NP. Also heard on the 6th at Viruá NP.

* **Cinereous Tinamou** (*Crypturellus cinereus*) – Heard on 05/10 at Viruá NP, and then daily from 09-12/10 at Tupana, where it was the most common tinamou by voice.

* **Little Tinamou** (*Crypturellus soui*) – Heard on 29/09 at Uruá in Amazonia NP, and again on the afternoon of 05/10 along the Estrada Perdida at Viruá NP.

* **Undulated Tinamou** (*Crypturellus undulates*) – Heard daily around Uruá in Amazonia NP from 29/09 to 02/10.

Variiegated Tinamou (*Crypturellus variegatus*) – Heard on 8 dates at various locations, but particularly common at Amazonia NP and Tupana. Duncan and I saw one scuttle across the path in front of us at the latter location on the morning of 11/10.

DUCKS, GEESE & SWANS (ANATIDAE)

Muscovy Duck (*Cairina moschata*) – Seen in small numbers at the Lago da Arraia in the Anavilhanas Archipelago on 26/09, again on the 30th along the Transamazônica in Amazonia NP, and then nearly daily along the Estrada Perdida at Viruá NP.

** **Brazilian Teal** (*Amazonetta brasiliensis*) – I saw a pair in a roadside pond en route to Anavilhanas Lodge from Manaus on the 25th.

GUANS AND ALLIES (CRACIDAE)

Little Chachalaca (*Ortalis motmot motmot*) – Seen on 3 dates around Presidente Figueiredo, where most often encountered at our hotel, the Iracema Falls. Otherwise only recorded at Viruá NP in Roraima, where we saw 3 birds on the Estrada Perdida on 07/10, and heard a pair duetting before dawn from the park headquarters as we ate breakfast the following morning.

Spix's Guan (*Penelope jacquacu*) – 1 bird seen attending a fruiting tree on the west bank of the rio Negro downstream from Anavilhanas Lodge on 28/09 (ssp. *orienticola*); a pair seen on 09/10 at Tupana loosely associated with a mixed flock of woodcreepers and others – these birds may have been attending a nearby antswarm before we arrived (ssp. *jacquacu*).

White-crested Guan (*Penelope pileata*) – **Endemic** – 1 individual seen standing alongside the BR-230 south of Uruá in Amazonia NP in mid-afternoon on 30/09, perhaps having come to the edge of the road to dustbathe. The species is endemic to Amazonian Brazil south of the Amazon and east of the Madeira river in the states of Pará, Amazonas, Maranhão and Tocantins; it is considered Near-Threatened.

Red-throated Piping-guan (*Pipile cunjubi*) – Gilberto found a singing bird for us in the canopy along the first section of the Capelinha trail on 03/10, our final morning in Amazonia NP.

Blue-throated Piping-guan (*Pipile cumanensis*) – While we did not see them very well, the 3 birds seen in low forest at the beginning of the entrance road at Viruá NP on the morning of 08/10 must have been this species.

Crestless Curassow (*Pauxi tomentosum*) – John saw one standing on the beach in the Lago da Arraia at Anavilhanas on the morning of 26/09, the rest of us just saw its hind end as it slipped away into the vegetation.

Razor-billed Curassow (*Pauxi tuberosum*) – A booming bird heard on both mornings we walked the

Capelinha trail at Amazonia NP, 30/09 and 03/10, likely the same bird. 1 seen by most of the group on the morning of 11/10 as it walked along a seldom-used trail in front of us at Tupana.

**** Black Curassow (*Crax alector*)** – Heard only, 1 bird booming near the park headquarters well before dawn on the morning of 07/10 at Viruá NP.

NEW WORLD QUAIL (ODONTOPHORIDAE)

* **Crested Bobwhite (*Colinus cristatus*)** – Common by voice in savanna and agricultural areas along the length of the RR-319 north-east of Boa Vista on the morning of 05/10. Also heard in the afternoon on the same date at the beginning of the Estrada Perdida in Viruá NP.

CORMORANTS (PHALACROCORACIDAE)

Neotropical Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*) – Recorded on at least 9 dates over the course of the trip. Particularly common near the Solimões, where big flocks were seen in the afternoon as we drove to Tupana from Manaus.

ANHINGAS (ANHINGIDAE)

Anhinga (*Anhinga anhinga*) – Recorded on 5 dates.

HERONS, EGRETS & BITTERNES (ARDEIDAE)

Rufescent Tiger-Heron (*Tigrisoma lineatum*) – I saw an adult along the Igarapé Najatuba at Anavilhanas on 28/09, and everyone saw a coarsely-barred juvenile in a flooded roadside ditch near Viruá NP on 08/10.

Agami Heron (*Agamia agami*) – We had a remarkable count of 12 different individuals on 26/09 in the Anavilhanas archipelago, including 10 seen in the morning along a main channel opposite Anavilhanas Lodge and a smaller channel on the far side of the Lago da Arraia; we had two more in the afternoon in igarapés on the west bank of the Negro downstream from the lodge. The final tally had an even count of 6 adults and 6 young birds.

Boat-billed Heron (*Cochlearius cochlearius*) – Two individuals seen during evening spotlighting in the Anavilhanas archipelago on the night of 25/09.

Black-crowned Night-heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*) – Our only record was a small flight of about 4 birds seen flying over the rio Branco on the evening of 04/10 as we returned to Boa Vista.

Striated Heron (*Butorides striata*) – Recorded on 9 dates, including daily in Roraima where particularly common along the Estrada Perdida at Viruá NP.

Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*) – Refreshingly few records; seen only on 25/09 en route to Anavilhanas Jungle Lodge, and on 08/10 en route to Tupana Lodge from Manaus.

Cocoi Heron (*Ardea cocoi*) – Recorded on 4 dates.

Great Egret (*Ardea alba*) – Recorded on 9 dates.

Capped Heron (*Pilherodius pileatus*) – Seen on just 2 dates by the group, with leader only sightings on two of the travel days as well.

Snowy Egret (*Egretta thula*) – Recorded only on 08/10 and 12/10, the travel days between Manaus and Tupana Lodge.

IBIS AND SPOONBILLS (THRESKIORNITHIDAE)

Green Ibis (*Mesembrinibis cayennensis*) – Seen at Anavilhanas, and on three dates along the Estrada Perdida in Viruá NP.

Buff-necked Ibis (*Theristicus caudatus caudatus*) – A few pairs seen along the RR-319 to Passarão on the morning of 05/10 near Boa Vista in Roraima.

Roseate Spoonbil (*Platalea ajaja*) – 1 seen soaring on thermals with a couple of Wood Storks above the rio Uraricoera on 05/10.

STORKS (CICONIIDAE)

Jabiru (*Jabiru mycteria*) – We saw a couple of individuals in the partially flooded savannas along the RR-319 on the morning of 05/10, and some of the group reported singles on the 6th and 7th in Viruá NP.

Wood Stork (*Mycteria americana*) – Seen on just two dates, both in the northern state of Roraima.

NEW WORLD VULTURES (CATHARTIDAE)

Black Vulture (*Coragypa atratus*) – Abundant throughout, though not recorded over continuous forest at Amazonia NP or Tupana. Itaituba, Pará could well be the *C. atratus* capital of Brazil.

Turkey Vulture (*Cathartes aura ruficollis*) – Recorded on 6 dates.

Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture (*Cathartes burrovianus*) – Recorded on 7 dates, mostly in Roraima but also on travel days between Manaus and the Anavilhanas and Tupana lodges.

Greater Yellow-headed Vulture (*Cathartes melambrotus*) – Recorded on 9 dates over continuous forest at Presidente Figueiredo, Anavilhanas and Amazonia NP.

King Vulture (*Sarcoramphus papa*) – Recorded on just 2 dates: 02/10 at Amazonia NP and 07/10 at Viruá NP.

OSPREY (PANDIONIDAE)

Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus carolinensis*) – Recorded on 5 dates; seen over the rio Negro at Manaus and Anavilhanas and over the Tapajós at Amazonia NP.

HAWKS, EAGLES & KITES (ACCIPITRIDAE)

Swallow-tailed Kite (*Elanoides forficatus yetapa*) – Recorded on just 2 dates.

Pearl Kite (*Gampsonyx swainsonii leonae*) – Seen only on 05/10 along the RR-319 to Passarão.

White-tailed Kite (*Elanus leucurus leucurus*) – Seen on 05/10 on the RR-319 to Passarão.

Snail Kite (*Rostrhamus sociabilis sociabilis*) – Recorded on 3 travel days; seen between Boa Vista and Viruá NP and between Manaus and Tupana Lodge.

Double-toothed Kite (*Harpagus bidentatus bidentatus*) – Seen only in Presidente Figueiredo, where we recorded adults on 2 dates: 23/09 on the track at KM4 of the AM-240; and 24/09 along the ramal at KM10 of the Urubuí ramal.

Plumbeous Kite (*Ictinia plumbea*) – Seen daily at Tupana, where a pair was resident in the clearing.

Crane Hawk (*Geranospiza caerulescens caerulescens*) – Singles seen 28/09 at the Igarapé Najatuba downstream from Anavilhanas Lodge, and on 07/10 when 1 seen circling over *campina* along the Estrada Perdida in Viruá NP.

White Hawk (*Leucopternis albicollis albicollis*) – Seen on 4 dates; twice around Presidente Figueiredo, once in Amazonia NP along the Transamazônica, and once (leader only) on the drive back from Viruá NP to Boa Vista. The most recent version of the CBRO official Brazilian checklist (25/1/2011) transfers the species from *Leucopternis* to *Pseudaster*.

Savanna Hawk (*Heterospizias meridionalis*) – Recorded on 4 dates in open areas en route to Novo Airão and in Roraima.

Black-collared Hawk (*Busarellus nigricollis nigricollis*) – Seen on 07 and 08/10 in Viruá National Park.

Roadside Hawk (*Rupornis magnirostris*) – Seen or heard on 13 dates.

White-tailed Hawk (*Buteo albicaudatus colonus*) – Seen by members of the group on 02/10 in Amazonia NP; several pairs seen along the RR-319 on the morning of 05/10 near Boa Vista.

Gray Hawk (*Buteo nitidus nitidus*) – 3 birds seen in Roraima on 05/10.

Broad-winged Hawk (*Buteo platypterus platypterus*) – A kettle of 20 or so migrating birds observed by the group over *campinas* near the Estrada Perdida in Viruá NP on 06/10. This record may represent the first for the state of Roraima; the presence of *B. platypterus* was predicted by Naka et. al. (2006), but they did not record it themselves nor did they find any records in their historical review of the state's avifauna.

Short-tailed Hawk (*Buteo brachyurus brachyurus*) – Recorded only on the 1st day of the tour when a single adult was seen just outside of Manaus en route to Presidente Figueiredo.

Ornate Hawk-Eagle (*Spizaetus ornatus ornatus*) – It may have been mere coincidence, but a terrific

adult of this species flew directly at me from an unseen perch in the canopy when I played tape for Hauxwell's Thrush along a deep forest stream several kilometres into the forest on the main forest trail at Tupana Lodge on 11/10. It took a bit of work, but we finally got the bird to sit still long enough for extended scope views as it perched in the subcanopy, its golden eyes glaring down at us. Also heard on 02/10 along the Piçarreira trail at Amazonia NP.

FALCONS AND CARACARAS (FALCONIDAE)

Black Caracara (*Daptrius ater*) – Seen or heard on 3 dates.

* **Red-throated Caracara** (*Ibycter americana*) – Heard only, on 2 dates at Presidente Figueiredo and Amazonia National Park.

Crested Caracara (*Caracara cheriway*) – Seen on just 4 dates, in Roraima and en route to and from Tupana Lodge.

Yellow-headed Caracara (*Milvago chimachima*) – Recorded on 8 dates.

Barred Forest-Falcon (*Micrastur ruficollis*) – Seen along the Transamazônica near the Piçarreira trail early in the morning on 02/10 – a handsome adult seen well in the telescope!

Lined Forest-Falcon (*Micrastur gilvicollis*) – We had a pair just after dawn on the entrance road at Anavilhanas Lodge on 28/09. The birds responded to tape playback and flew across the road a couple of times for excellent in-flight views, but they invariably flew to perches hidden from our vantage point on the road. Also heard 07/10 at Viruá NP.

* **Cryptic Forest-Falcon** (*Micrastur mintoni*) – A duetting pair heard near the Capelinha trailhead at dawn on 30/09 were uninterested in tape.

* **Collared Forest-Falcon** (*Micrastur semitorquatus*) – Heard only on 01/10 along the Açaiçal trail at Amazonia NP, where one was calling at close range while we worked a Cinnamon-crested Spadebill.

American Kestrel (*Falco sparverius*) – Recorded on just 4 dates.

Bat Falcon (*Falco ruficularis*) – Somewhat surprisingly, seen only once during the tour; a lone female was perched up on a dead snag alongside the Transamazônica in the late afternoon of 30/10.

Aplomado Falcon (*Falco femoralis*) – A pair seen perched on utility lines along the RR-319 on the morning of 05/10 north of Boa Vista was our only record.

LIMPKIN (ARAMIDAE)

Limpkin (*Aramus guarauna*) – Seen on just 2 dates, both along the Estrada Perdida in Viruá NP.

TRUMPETERS (PSOPHIIDAE)

Dark-winged Trumpeter (*Psophia viridis*) – **Endemic** – 2 birds seen walking on the Capelinha trail in

Amazonia NP around mid-day on 30/09 as we returned to the road. They scuttled away ahead of us, but responded well to tape and approached again in the undergrowth before bounding into the trail again and walking away slowly. The *P. viridis* complex was split into three species in a recent paper in *Papéis Avulsos de Zoologia* (Oppenheimer and Silveira, 2009), citing clear differences in mantle and wing colouration between the three currently recognized subspecies, which are also biogeographically separated by major Amazonian tributaries (the Tapajós and Tocantins rivers). Our observations relate to the nominate race *viridis*, which is endemic to the Madeira-Tapajós interfluvium, and should be tentatively referred to as the Green-winged Trumpeter although the authors did not suggest English names.

RAILS, GALLINULES & COOTS (RALLIDAE)

* **Gray-necked Wood-Rail** (*Aramides cajanea*) – A pair was heard singing in duet from the park headquarters after we had finished eating dinner on 07/10 at Viruá NP.

Russet-crowned Crake (*Laterallus viridis viridis*) – A pair seen very well as they scuttled about below the platform overlooking the Tapajós at the Uruá HQ of Amazonia NP on 02/10. We also heard two pairs along a track through scrub off the entrance road at Iracema Falls Hotel on the afternoon of 24/09, and heard again along the Estrada Perdida at Viruá NP on 05 and 06/10.

* **Gray-breasted Crake** (*Laterallus exilis*) – Abundant in the marsh at KM 115 of the BR-230 (the Transamazônica) in Amazonia National Park on the afternoon of 30/09. A couple of individuals sounded quite close, but we never really came close to seeing any in spite of considerable effort with tape.

* **Ash-throated Crake** (*Porzana albicollis*) – Heard only, on 06/10 along the Estrada Perdida at Viruá NP.

FINFOOTS (HELIORNITHIDAE)

Sungrebe (*Heliornis fulica*) – Seen on just 2 dates, including 26/09 when we had 6 different birds during a morning boat trip in the Anavilhanas archipelago.

SUNBITTERN (EURYPYGIDAE)

Sunbittern (*Eurypyga helias*) – Seen only in the Anavilhanas archipelago, where we had 2 birds each on 26/09 and 28/09.

PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS (CHARADRIIDAE)

Pied Lapwing (*Vanellus cayanus*) – A pair on a sandbar in the Tapajós below Uruá at Amazonia NP on 29/09 was our only record.

Southern Lapwing (*Vanellus chilensis*) – Seen on 7 dates.

American Golden-Plover (*Pluvialis dominica*) – Seen on 05/10 in a ploughed field along the RR-319 to Passarão north-east of Boa Vista.

THICK-KNEES (BURHINIDAE)

Double-striped Thick-knee (*Burhinus bistriatus*) – We found 3 individuals standing in grassy savannah along the RR-319 on the morning of 05/10. In Brazil this species is restricted to the savannahs of Roraima and Amapá.

SANDPIPERS (SCOLOPACIDAE)

Greater Yellowlegs (*Tringa melanoleuca*) – Seen in flooded verges along the RR-319 on 05/10.

Solitary Sandpiper (*Tringa solitaria*) – 1 seen at the Igarapé dos Patos in Anavilhanas on 26/09.

Spotted Sandpiper (*Actitis macularius*) – Seen on 2 dates at Anavilhanas.

JACANAS (JACANIDAE)

Wattled Jacana (*Jacana jacana*) – Recorded on 7 dates, including daily observations in Roraima.

TERNS (STERNIDAE)

Large-billed Tern (*Phaetusa simplex*) – Seen on 4 dates along major rivers: the Tapajós, the Branco, and the Solimões.

PIGEONS AND DOVES (COLUMBIDAE)

Common Ground-Dove (*Columbina passerina*) – Recorded on 11 dates.

Ruddy Ground-Dove (*Columbina talpacoti*) – Seen on just 3 dates, in Itaituba and around Boa Vista.

Blue Ground-Dove (*Claravis pretiosa*) – 1 male seen in flight at KM-115 of the Transamazônica on the afternoon of 30/09 in Amazonia NP.

Rock Pigeon (*Columba livia*) – Seen on 5 dates in urban areas.

Scaled Pigeon (*Patagioenas speciosa*) – Seen on 7 dates, most frequently in Presidente Figueiredo and the Anavilhanas archipelago.

Pale-vented Pigeon (*Patagioenas cayannensis*) – Recorded on 9 dates.

* **Plumbeous Pigeon** (*Patagioenas plumbea*) – Heard only, on 4 dates.

* **Ruddy Pigeon** (*Patagioenas subvinacea*) – Heard only, on 9 dates. This and the latter species were never priorities for any of the group, and as such we passed up opportunities to see them when birds were calling close by.

Eared Dove (*Zenaida auriculata*) – Seen only on 05/10 in farming areas by the RR-319 NE of Boa Vista.

White-tipped Dove (*Leptotila verreauxi*) – Seen on just 2 dates.

* **Gray-fronted Dove** (*Leptotila rufaxilla*) – Heard in secondary forest near the Uruá HQ at Amazonia NP on 02/10.

PARROTS (PSITTACIDAE)

Blue-and-yellow Macaw (*Ara ararauna*) – A pair seen perched beside the Estrada Perdida in Viruá NP on 07/10.

Scarlet Macaw (*Ara macao*) – Recorded on 3 dates around Presidente Figueiredo, with only a pair of records of flying birds at Amazonia NP thereafter.

Red-and-green Macaw (*Ara chloroptera*) – Recorded on 8 dates, mostly at Presidente Figueiredo and Amazonia NP.

Red-bellied Macaw (*Orthopsittaca manilata*) – Dozens seen at a *Mauritia* palm grove along the BR-174 north of Presidente Figueiredo on 24/09. Recorded on a daily basis in Roraima.

Red-shouldered Macaw (*Diopsittaca nobilis*) – A pair flying over *campinas* near the Estrada Perdida in Viruá NP on 07/10 was our only record.

Golden Parakeet (*Guarouba guarouba*) – **Endemic** – One of two major reasons for a foreign birder to visit Amazonia National Park. This endemic parakeet is rated as Endangered in the 2010 IUCN Red List, citing suspected population declines due to illegal trapping and habitat loss. The latter threat may be overstated (A. Lees, *pers. comm.*) as *G. guarouba* persists in fragmented forest landscapes and even at times in urban areas in eastern Pará. The species breeds in cavities of isolated snags in clearings, and anthropic habitat alteration may lead to increased availability of potential nesting sites. Nevertheless, the pressures on the species are still considerable. A significant population is present in Amazonia NP, where we saw a single bird at a roost/nest site that I won't disclose here, on the afternoon of 30/09.

White-eyed Parakeet (*Aratinga leucophthalma*) – Recorded on 7 dates.

Brown-throated Parakeet (*Aratinga pertinax chrysophrys*) – We saw or heard small flocks of this species on a daily basis during our time in Roraima. The birds we saw were ssp. *chrysophrys*; the *A. pertinax* complex is worth watching in the future as it appears to contain multiple species level taxa.

* **Santarem (Madeira) Parakeet** (*Pyrrhura amazonum snethlageae*) – Heard on 02/10 at Amazonia NP.

Crimson-bellied Parakeet (*Pyrrhura perlata*) – We had just a single brief encounter with this species. A flock of 12 to 16 birds flew through the secondary forest around the Uruá post at Amazonia NP on 01/10; we managed to get a look at a single bird perched in a *Cecropia* just before a big mid-afternoon thunderstorm arrived, forcing us to retreat to cover.

Canary-winged Parakeet (*Brotogeris versicolurus*) – Only recorded in Itaituba, where small noisy flocks were common, especially at mango trees where they appeared to be feeding on flowers.

Golden-winged Parakeet (*Brotogeris chrysoptera*) – Recorded on 13 dates.

Tui Parakeet (*Brotogeris sanctithomae*) – Seen at Careiro da Várzea on the south bank of the Solimões, on the afternoon of 08/10 en route to Tupana from Manaus.

Sapphire-rumped Parrotlet (*Touit purpuratus*) – Recorded on 4 dates. Most were aural encounters of pair or small flocks flying high above the forest canopy, but we did see a pair in flight high above the Igarapé Najatuba downstream from Anavilhanas Lodge on 28/09.

* **Scarlet-shouldered Parrotlet** (*Touit huetii*) – Heard only, on 3 dates.

Vulturine Parrot (*Pyrilia vulturina*) – **Endemic** – Recorded every day on the trails at Amazonia NP, but only seen well on the Açaizal trail on 01/10. There we had an excellent series of observations of a pair after they were drawn in closer with the use of playback. The birds approached in the subcanopy and sat long enough for everyone to watch them in the scope before they moved away, perching again in the subcanopy near the trail where we were able to re-find them for further studies. This bizarre parrot is endemic to Amazonian Brazil from the lower Tapajós east to the lower Tocantins.

Orange-cheeked Parrot (*Pyrilia barrabandi*) – Recorded on 5 dates at Anavilhanas Lodge and Tupana; almost invariably glimpsed or heard in pairs or small flocks as they scuttled overhead at canopy height, rarely any higher.

Caica Parrot (*Pyrilia caica*) – Our only observation of this Guianan Shield specialty was of a pair that blasted through the corner of the main clearing on the Iracema Falls Hotel property on the morning of 23/09.

Blue-headed Parrot (*Pionus menstruus*) – Seen on 11 dates.

Dusky Parrot (*Pionus fuscus*) – Recorded on 6 dates.

Festive Parrot (*Amazona festiva*) – Seen only on a couple of dates in the Anavilhanas archipelago, where seen in flocks of 10 to 30 birds on morning flights between the forest on the west bank of the rio Negro and the forested river islands of the archipelago.

Kawall's Parrot (*Amazona kawalli*) – Seen and heard on 3 dates at Tupana, where most frequently encountered as noisy pairs. This species was only recently described to science (1989) after it was noticed in avicultural collections. Originally thought to be somewhat range restricted in the Brazilian Amazon, further fieldwork across the basin has revealed its true distribution to be much wider.

Mealy Parrot (*Amazona farinosa*) – Recorded on just 3 dates in Amazonia NP.

Orange-winged Parrot (*Amazona amazonica*) – Recorded on 7 dates, including daily in Roraima.

Yellow-crowned Parrot (*Amazona ochrocephala*) – Seen only on 08/10, a pair seen flying over *campinas* near the Estrada Perdida in Viruá NP.

Red-fan Parrot (*Deroptyus accipitrinus*) – Seen only on 25/09, when we had several perched birds in

the scope along the entrance track at the Iracema Falls Hotel. The north (nominate) and south bank (*fuscifrons*) populations of this species present differences in plumage and voice that some authorities consider significant enough to warrant species level treatment of the two taxa. Our birds were the nominate race.

CUCKOOS (CUCULIDAE)

Squirrel Cuckoo (*Piaya cayana*) – Seen or heard on 11 dates.

Black-bellied Cuckoo (*Piaya melanogaster*) – Seen on the entrance road at Anavilhanas Lodge on 27/09, and again at Amazonia NP on 30/09.

Little Cuckoo (*Coccyzua minuta*) – A pair responded to playback near a small marsh along the Transamazônica in Amazonia NP on the afternoon of 02/10.

Greater Ani (*Crotophaga major*) – Seen on 6 dates.

Smooth-billed Ani (*Crotophaga ani*) – Seen on 9 dates.

* **Striped Cuckoo** (*Tapera naevia*) – Heard only, on a couple of dates.

OWLS (STRIGIDAE)

* **Tropical Screech-Owl** (*Megascops choliba*) – Bill heard one outside his room very early on the morning of 12/10 at Tupana.

Crested Owl (*Lophostrix cristata*) – After failing on the 5th and 6th, we finally managed to see one of the pair which was heard each night around the park headquarters at Viruá NP, on 07/10.

* **Spectacled Owl** (*Pulsatrix perspicillata*) – Heard on 27 and 28/09 at Anavilhanas Jungle Lodge.

Amazonian Pygmy-Owl (*Glaucidium hardyi*) – 1 responded to my imitations which were meant to pull in passerines in the canopy of *terra firme* forest on the main trail at Tupana, where we managed to find it perched without difficulty.

* **Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl** (*Glaucidium brasilianum*) – Heard on 04/10 on our trip on the Rio Branco.

Burrowing Owl (*Athene cunicularia*) – Seen by some of the group near Presidente Figueiredo on 24/09.

POTOOS (NYCTIBIIDAE)

Common Potoo (*Nyctibius griseus*) – Seen at night during a spotlighting outing from Anavilhanas Lodge on 25/09; also heard on at least 3 dates around the Uruá guard post in Amazonia NP.

White-winged Potoo (*Nyctibius leucopterus*) – This poorly known, patchily distributed potoo was one of the highlights of the trip. After coming up empty in attempts in the evening after dinner on our first two full nights at Anavilhanas, we had a final chance in the dark pre-dawn morning hours on 28/09. We walked the length of the lodge entrance road, alternately listening,

whistling, and playing tape. After an hour of nothing, a fleeting glimpse of bright eyeshine obscured by foliage in the canopy spurred a frantic bit of searching but we couldn't relocate the source. A renewed effort to attract the bird got something: a very faint response was heard – it sounded distant, but more likely the bird had already approached and was replying quietly. Soon enough we glimpsed a dark shape course over the track silently. The bird perched alongside the road and soon enough the group was taking turns watching it in the spotlight. While we watched the perched bird, I saw another individual fly across the road at one point, confirming that a pair was present.

NIGHTJARS (CAPRIMULGIDAE)

Short-tailed Nighthawk (*Lurocalis semitorquatus*) – Seen on 6 dates in Presidente Figueiredo, Anavilhanas, and Amazonia NP.

Least Nighthawk (*Chordeiles pusillus*) – We saw a great number of these birds before dusk over the *campinas* along the Estrada Perdida on our first afternoon at Viruá NP on 05/10. There are apparently two distinct vocal types of this species in Amazonian Brazil, and in Roraima they occur in different habitats: one in *cerrado*-like vegetation north/west of the rio Branco (seen on our June scouting trip to the state), and the other in *campinas* in the south of the state (these observations).

Common Nighthawk (*Chordeiles minor*) – Good numbers of this boreal migrant seen flying high over the rio Branco at dusk on 04/10.

Band-tailed Nighthawk (*Nyctiprogne leucopyga*) – Abundant at Anavilhanas (amazing views of perched birds during an evening boat trip) and also seen at Agua Boa on the rio Branco at dusk on 04/10.

Pauraque (*Nyctidromus albicollis*) – Seen or heard on 7 dates.

Blackish Nightjar (*Caprimulgus nigrescens*) – Seen on 6 dates.

Ladder-tailed Nightjar (*Hydropsalis climacocerca*) – A displaying male seen flying up from a sandbar in the Lago da Arraia in the Anavilhanas archipelago during a spotlighting outing on 25/09.

SWIFTS (APODIDAE)

Band-rumped Swift (*Chaetura spinicauda*) – Recorded on 7 dates.

Gray-rumped Swift (*Chaetura cinereiventris*) – Seen only on the afternoon of 29/09 at Amazonia NP.

Amazonian Swift (*Chaetura viridipennis*) – Only recorded with certainty at Tupana on the final 2 dates.

Chapman's Swift (*Chaetura chapmani*) – Seen daily in small numbers in the Anavilhanas archipelago.

Short-tailed Swift (*Chaetura brachyura*) – Seen on 11 dates.

Fork-tailed Palm-swift (*Tachornis squamata*) – Recorded on 10 dates.

Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift (*Panyptila cayennensis*) - Thanks to John's diligence, we saw this one on 5 dates.

HUMMINGBIRDS (TROCHILIDAE)

**** Pale-tailed Barbthroat** (*Threnetes niger*) – I saw one as it paused briefly beside the trail in front us, on the main forest trail at Tupana, before it shot away into a *Heliconia* thicket along a dry stream bed on 11/10.

Streak-throated Hermit (*Phaethornis rufurumii*) – One checked us out at close range inside *igapó* forest in the Anavilhanas archipelago on 26/09; another bird seen on a song post at an active lek along the entrance road at Viruá NP on 07/10.

Reddish Hermit (*Phaethornis ruber*) – Seen on 4 dates; particularly common inside forest at Tupana.

Needle-billed Hermit (*Phaethornis philippi*) – Seen a couple of times on the Açaizal trail at Amazonia NP on 02/10; seen on 2 dates at Tupana, where a bird attended tubular orange flowers at the edge of the lodge clearing in the mornings.

Long-tailed Hermit (*Phaethornis superciliosus*) – 1 seen at the Iracema Falls Hotel on 25/09; 1 also checked us out closely inside forest on the Piçarreira trail at Amazonia NP on 02/10.

Great-billed Hermit (*Phaethornis malaris*) – Seen every morning visiting tubular orange flowers at the edge of the lodge clearing at Tupana.

Gray-breasted Sabrewing (*Campylopterus largipennis*) – Recorded only on 2 dates, at Presidente Figueiredo and Tupana Lodge.

White-necked Jacobin (*Florisuga mellivora*) – A male seen along the entrance road at Iracema Falls on the first afternoon, and a single immature bird seen along the access road at Viruá NP on 06/10 were our only records.

Black-throated Mango (*Anthracothorax nigricollis*) – Seen twice; near Presidente Figueiredo on 25/09, and in the gallery forest at Passarão on the Uraricoera on 05/10.

Crimson Topaz (*Topaza pella*) – A female bird seen well in the canopy at forest edge along the Iracema Falls entrance track on 25/09.

Blue-tailed Emerald (*Chlorostilbon mellisugus*) – A female of this species came in and checked us out, then perched for a while nearby in a small *capão* of low *campinarana* forest surrounded by *campina* near the Estrada Perdida on the morning of 07/10 while we tried for Yapacana Antbird in Viruá NP.

Fork-tailed Woodnymph (*Thalurania furcata*) – This common forest hummer was recorded on 3 dates.

White-chinned Sapphire (*Hylocharis cyanus*) – A nice male seen at the edge of the HQ clearing at Viruá NP on 07/10 in the afternoon.

Green-tailed Goldenthrout (*Polytmus theresiae*) – Two bickering birds seen at a *Mauritia* palm swamp north of Presidente Figueiredo on 24/09; also seen on a daily basis in *campinas* along the Estrada Perdida in Viruá NP, where it was downright abundant.

Glittering-throated Emerald (*Amazilia fimbriata*) – Seen only on 05/10 in gallery forest along the Uraricoera river in Roraima.

Black-eared Fairy (*Heliothryx auritus*) – Recorded on 4 dates.

TROGONS AND QUETZALS (TROGONIDAE)

Black-tailed Trogon (*Trogon melanurus*) – Recorded on just 3 dates.

White-tailed (Green-backed) Trogon (*Trogon viridis*) – Seen or heard on 14 dates.

Amazonian (Violaceous) Trogon (*Trogon ramonianus*) – Seen only on 11/10 at Tupana. Following the split of cis- and trans-Andean populations of Violaceous Trogon, the SACC passed another proposal splitting the races *ramonianus* and *crissalis* from the nominate race of the Guianan Shield. The birds of the south bank of the Amazon, like the individual seen with a mixed flock at Tupana, are *ramonianus* and now have the new English name Amazonian Trogon.

Black-throated Trogon (*Trogon rufus*) – Recorded on 4 dates, but seen only on 30/09 when we had a male approach in response to whistled imitations on the Capelinha trail in Amazonia NP.

Pavonine Quetzal (*Pharomachrus pavoninus*) – A terrific male came roaring in after use of playback along the main trail at Tupana Lodge on 11/10. The bird sat on a couple of perches near the trail, allowing for fabulous views of this exquisite vision in green, red and gold in the scope.

KINGFISHERS (ALCEDINIDAE)

Ringed Kingfisher (*Megaceryle torquatus*) – Seen on 10 dates.

Amazon Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle amazona*) – Seen on 8 dates.

Green Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle americana*) – Seen on 3 dates.

Green-and-rufous Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle inda*) – Seen on just 2 dates.

American Pygmy Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle aenea*) – Seen on 4 dates; quite common in the *igarapés* in the Anavilhanas.

MOTMOTS (MOMOTIDAE)

* **Amazonian (Blue-crowned) Motmot** (*Momotus momota*) – Heard on 5 dates. The Blue-crowned Motmot complex has been split into 5 different species in a recent decision by the South American Checklist Committee. The Amazonian form heard on this trip retains the original scientific binomial, but gains a new English name, Amazonian Motmot.

JACAMARS (GALBULIDAE)

Green-tailed Jacamar (*Galbula galbula*) – Recorded on 4 dates north of the Amazon.

Bronzy Jacamar (*Galbula leucogastra*) – Seen or heard on 4 dates in areas with sandy soils.

Paradise Jacamar (*Galbula dea*) – This canopy species was seen or heard on 10 dates.

Great Jacamar (*Jacamerops aurea*) – Seen only on the first afternoon of the trip, when we managed to lure one to the forest edge along the entrance road at Iracema Falls Hotel – the first time I'd ever seen one come to an edge.

PUFFBIRDS (BUCCONIDAE)

White-necked Puffbird (*Notharchus hyperrhynchus*) – A pair seen along the Transamazônica highway in Amazonia National Park on 02/10.

Guianan Puffbird (*Notharchus macrorhynchos*) – Three individuals seen on high exposed perches at the edge of the clearing at the park headquarters at Viruá NP on the afternoon of 07/10.

Brown-banded Puffbird (*Notharchus ordii*) – We saw one bird of a pair which responded to playback near the first streambed along the main trail at Tupana, and heard the species on the trail system there on two dates thereafter.

* **Pied Puffbird** (*Notharchus tectus*) – Heard only, at the Lago da Arraia in the Anavilhanas archipelago on 26/09.

Spotted Puffbird (*Bucco tamatia*) – Two birds seen, and at least another two individuals heard singing in response to playback in stunted forest opposite the gate at the Uruá headquarters of Amazonia NP on the afternoon of 02/10.

Collared Puffbird (*Bucco capensis*) – We heard a pair at dawn on 28/09 on the entrance road at Anavilhanas Jungle Lodge but could not see them in the dim light; thankfully Gilberto spotted a perched bird beside the Piçarreira trail at Amazonia NP on 02/10 which we managed to track and scope after it flushed to another perch in the understorey of primary *terra firme* forest.

Rufous-necked Puffbird (*Malacoptila rufa*) – Two different birds seen at close range (and scope views of the first individual) on the morning of 02/10 in the understorey of *terra firme* forest along the Piçarreira trail at Amazonia NP.

* **Rusty-breasted Nunlet** (*Nonnula rubecula*) – We simply couldn't locate an individual which sang softly above our heads in response to playback for a while before it clammed up, along the secondary trail at Tupana on 10/10.

Black Nunbird (*Monasa atra*) – Seen at Iracema Falls Hotel and elsewhere around Presidente Figueiredo on 22 and 23/09, also heard on two dates at Viruá NP.

Black-fronted Nunbird (*Monasa nigrifrons*) – Seen only on two dates in the Anavilhanas archipelago.

White-fronted Nunbird (*Monasa morphoeus*) – Seen on a daily basis at Amazonia NP.

Swallow-wing (*Chelidoptera tenebrosa*) – Common throughout, especially in edge habitats.

BARBETS (CAPITONIDAE)

Brown-chested Barbet (*Capito brunneipectus*) – **Endemic** – This handsome barbet, endemic to the area between the lower Tapajós and Madeira rivers, welcomed us on our first afternoon at Amazonia National Park. A very nice pair responded to playback with a small mixed flock on the Ramal da Praia (the short trail from Uruá down to the edge of the Tapajós) on 05/10. Subsequently heard only on 01/10. Amazonia NP is one of the few easily accessible locations for foreign birders for this species.

Black-spotted Barbet (*Capito niger*) – A pair seen from the Iracema Falls Hotel entrance road on 25/09.

Gilded Barbet (*Capito auratus*) – Heard on 2 dates at the Anavilhanas Lodge; 2 or 3 birds seen with a mixed canopy-subcanopy flock near the beginning of the main trail at Tupana on 09/10.

TOUCANS (RAMPHASTIDAE)

Toco Toucan (*Ramphastos toco*) – Seen only on 05/10 when we encountered a couple of pairs along the RR-319 and around the village of Passarão at the rio Uraricoera.

Channel-billed Toucan (*Ramphastos vitellinus*) – Recorded on 7 dates, ssp. *culminatus* (Amazonia NP) and ssp. *vitellinus* (N of the Amazon).

White-throated Toucan (*Ramphastos tucanus*) – Recorded on 19 dates.

Gould's Toucanet (*Selenidera gouldii*) – Recorded only at Amazonia NP, where we saw a female and heard a couple of dueting pairs in tall *terra firme* on the Capelinha trail on 30/09.

Golden-collared Toucanet (*Selenidera reinwardtii*) – 1 male seen in the subcanopy of *terra firme* after it approached in response to playback along the first 500m of the main trail at Tupana on the morning of 09/10; also heard on two dates thereafter.

Green Araçari (*Pteroglossus viridis*) – Seen on the first 2 days of the tour; a bird seen entering a tree cavity at dusk along the entrance track at the Iracema Falls Hotel on 22/09, and a pair seen along the track at KM 4 of the AM-240 south of Presidente Figueiredo on 23/09.

Lettered Araçari (*Pteroglossus inscriptus inscriptus*) – Recorded only at Amazonia NP, where a pair seen along the Transamazônica north of Buburé on the afternoon of 02/10.

Black-necked Araçari (*Pteroglossus aracari*) – Seen on a couple of occasions in Presidente Figueiredo.

Chestnut-eared Araçari (*Pteroglossus castanotis*) – Seen on a couple of dates at Tupana only.

* **Curl-crested Araçari** (*Pteroglossus beauharnaesii*) – Heard only at Tupana, where we could never

manage to glimpse calling birds. In general they appeared to be indifferent to playback, a bit of a departure from my experience with the species elsewhere in the Brazilian Amazon.

WOODPECKERS (PICIDAE)

Bar-breasted Piculet (*Picumnus aurifrons*) – Seen only at Tupana Lodge on 09/10; 1 accompanied a mixed flock in early afternoon a few metres along the first spur trail off the main path past the small bridge ca. 200m from the lodge. The race here is presumably *wallacii*.

Lafresnaye's Piculet (*Picumnus lafresnayi pusillus*) – We saw this species on 3 dates on the west bank of the rio Negro around Anavilhanas Lodge. Our first observations on 26/09 of a pair in *igapó* at the Igarapé Najatuba were probably our best. The birds we saw belong to the *pusillus* race, a taxon endemic to Brazil along the middle Solimões east as far as the Negro.

White-bellied Piculet (*Picumnus spilogaster spilogaster*) – 1 bird seen with the use of playback in gallery forest along the rio Uraricoera near Passarão on 05/10.

Yellow-tufted Woodpecker (*Melanerpes cruentatus*) – Recorded on 10 dates.

Golden-collared Woodpecker (*Veniliornis cassini*) – Seen only on 25/09 along the entrance track at the Iracema Falls Hotel in Presidente Figueiredo.

Little Woodpecker (*Veniliornis passerinus*) – Recorded on 2 dates: 26/09 on a river island in the Anavilhanas archipelago; and on 07/10 when a member of the group had one at Viruá NP.

Red-stained Woodpecker (*Veniliornis affinis*) – Seen or heard on 4 dates.

Yellow-throated Woodpecker (*Piculus flavigula*) – We saw the nominate race on 24/09, when we encountered pairs with mixed flocks at two sites around Presidente Figueiredo. We also saw ssp. *magnus* on a couple of dates in Amazonia NP.

Golden-green Woodpecker (*Piculus chrysochloros*) – 1 seen along the track at KM 4 of the AM-240 south of Presidente Figueiredo on 23/09.

Waved Woodpecker (*Celeus undatus*) – Recorded on 3 dates at Presidente Figueiredo, where finally seen on the morning of 25/09 on the Ramal do Urubuí.

Scaly-breasted Woodpecker (*Celeus grammicus*) – Recorded on 5 dates.

Chestnut Woodpecker (*Celeus elegans*) – Seen only on 23/09 along the track to the Cachoeira de Iracema at Iracema Falls Hotel, where we had 2 males at forest edge that engaged in a chase in front of us.

Cream-coloured Woodpecker (*Celeus flavus*) – Seen or heard on 3 dates.

Ringed Woodpecker (*Celeus torquatus*) – 1 seen after we tracked down some tapping in the canopy was the biggest reward for our efforts during a mid-morning hike along a dry *igapó* off the Igarapé Najatuba, downstream from Anavilhanas Lodge on 28/09.

Lineated Woodpecker (*Dryocopus lineatus*) – Recorded on 4 dates.

Red-necked Woodpecker (*Campephilus rubricollis*) – Recorded on 7 dates.

Crimson-crested Woodpecker (*Campephilus melanoleucos*) – Just two encounters: a bird heard drumming on 30/09 in Amazonia NP; and a distant bird seen on a snag along the Estrada Perdida on 06/10.

TYPICAL ANTBIRDS (THAMNOPHILIDAE)

Fasciated Antshrike (*Cymbilaimus lineatus*) – Seen or heard on 8 dates, observations relating to two taxa: *lineatus* (seen at Presidente Figueiredo) and *intermedius* (from *terra firme* at Anavilhanas, Amazonia NP, and Tupana).

Undulated Antshrike (*Frederickena unduligera*) – After a number of tries with tape in suitable micro-habitat within *terra firme* on the trail system at Tupana, we finally got an emphatic response from a pair on 10/10. A proposed split of *F. unduligera* into two separate species level taxa was accepted by the SACC in 2010; the birds we saw relate to the *pallida* race, which along with the nominate race and ssp. *diversa*, is retained in *F. unduligera*.

Great Antshrike (*Taraba major*) – Seen only on 02/10, when we called in a male in a thicket near a small stream at a marshy spot along the Transamazônica a couple of kilometres north of the Uruá post at Amazonia NP.

Black-crested Antshrike (*Sakesphorus canadensis*) – Common on the rios Negro and Branco, at Anavilhanas and Boa Vista, respectively. Also heard on 2 dates at Viruá National Park near flooded borrow ditches along the Estrada Perdida.

Barred Antshrike (*Thamnophilus doliatus*) – Recorded on 3 dates at Viruá NP along the Estrada Perdida.

Chestnut-backed Antshrike (*Thamnophilus palliatus*) – Seen only at Amazonia NP, where we had a responsive pair in secondary scrub along the Transamazonica south of the Uruá post.

Plain-winged Antshrike (*Thamnophilus schistaceus*) – Seen or heard on a daily basis on the trails at Amazonia National Park.

Mouse-coloured Antshrike (*Thamnophilus murinus*) – Recorded on 11 dates in *terra firme* forest at Presidente Figueiredo, on the west bank of the rio Negro, and at Tupana.

Blackish-gray Antshrike (*Thamnophilus nigrocinereus cinereoniger*) – 1 pair seen and several others heard along the main island channel downstream from Anavilhanas Lodge on 26/09; to see the pair it was necessary to disembark and climb up into the riverbank into the *igapó* forest where they responded nicely to tape.

Northern Slaty-Antshrike (*Thamnophilus punctatus*) – 3 pairs recorded along the track to Cachoeira Iracema at Iracema Falls Hotel on 23/09. Sometimes called Eastern or Guianan Slaty-Antshrike.

Natterer's Slaty-Antshrike (*Thamnophilus stictocephalus*) – Recorded on 3 dates at Amazonia NP, where resident in the semi-deciduous forest around the Uruá guard post.

White-shouldered Antshrike (*Thamnophilus aethiops*) – Recorded on 6 dates.

Pearly Antshrike (*Megastictus margaritatus*) – One of the target birds for our antbird lovers. A pair was seen accompanying Stipple-throated Antwrens roughly 2 km along the main trail behind the lodge in the morning, near a small dry stream bed, at Tupana on 09/10. Also heard on the final morning of the tour.

Dusky-throated Antshrike (*Thamnomanes ardesiacus obidensis*) – Seen on consecutive dates on the forest trail at KM 120 north of Presidente Figueiredo.

Saturnine Antshrike (*Thamnomanes saturninus*) – Recorded on a daily basis on the trail system at Amazonia NP. The taxon we observed is the nominate race which is a near-endemic, occurring outside Brazil only in extreme NE Bolivia.

Cinereous Antshrike (*Thamnomanes caesius*) – This leader of understory flocks was seen or heard on 11 dates in total.

Spot-winged Antshrike (*Pygoptila stellaris*) – Seen on 3 dates at Amazonia NP, but not elsewhere.

Brown-bellied Antwren (*Epinecrophylla gutturalis*) – Recorded on 2 dates along the forest trail at KM 120 on the BR-174 north of Presidente Figueiredo.

White-eyed Antwren (*Epinecrophylla leucophthalma*) – Seen on three dates on the *terra firme* trails at Amazonia NP, where it proved to be fairly common in pairs and with mixed understory flocks. The race here is *ssp. phaeonota*, a taxon endemic to Amazonian Brazil between the lower rios Madeira and Tapajós.

Stipple-throated Antwren (*Epinecrophylla haematonota*) – A pair seen with a mixed flock on a side track off the entrance road at Anavilhanas Lodge on 27/09 (*ssp. pyrrhonota*); recorded on two dates at Tupana (*ssp. amazonica*).

Pygmy Antwren (*Myrmotherula brachyura*) – Seen or heard on 9 dates.

Sclater's Antwren (*Myrmotherula sclateri*) – Heard on a pair of dates in *terra firme* forest in Amazonia NP; recorded on 3 dates on the trail system at Tupana.

Amazonian Streaked-Antwren (*Myrmotherula multostriata*) - Seen only on 30/09 when we found a pair in roadside secondary growth along the Transamazônica near the track to Buburé, in Amazonia NP.

Cherrie's Antwren (*Myrmotherula cherriei*) – We saw a sharp male of this species, specialist of the flooded white sand forests of the rio Negro basin on 26/09 during our morning trip amongst the islands of the Anavilhanas archipelago, at the far end of the Lago do Arraia. We also heard the species on two dates along the Estrada Perdida in Viruá NP near the first washed out culvert.

Klages' Antwren (*Myrmotherula klagesi*) – **Endemic** – 1 pair seen and other singing birds heard along the main channel in the archipelago downstream from Anavilhanas Lodge on the morning of 26/09. The species is considered Near-threatened on the IUCN Red List.

Plain-throated Antwren (*Myrmotherula hauxwelli*) – Nominate race seen and heard on 3 dates in Amazonia NP.

White-flanked Antwren (*Myrmotherula axillaris*) – Recorded on 7 dates: we had nominate *axillaris* on 24/09 in Presidente Figueiredo and 07/10 in Viruá NP; and we had daily encounters with the *heterozyga* race at Tupana.

Long-winged Antwren (*Myrmotherula longipennis*) – We saw the nominate race on 24/09 in Presidente Figueiredo, and the endemic *ochrogyna* race was a common fixture in understory flocks in *terra firme* at Amazonia NP.

Ihering's Antwren (*Myrmotherula iheringi*) – 1 singing male seen with a mixed flock along the Capelinha trail at Amazonia NP on 30/09

Gray Antwren (*Myrmotherula menetriesii*) – Recorded on 7 dates: ssp *cinereiventris* at Presidente Figueiredo; ssp *berlepschi* at Amazonia NP; and the nominate race at Tupana Lodge.

Leaden Antwren (*Myrmotherula assimilis*) - At least 3 pairs seen and heard at our very first stop near the entrance to the main channel downstream from Anavilhanas Lodge on the morning of 26/09.

Banded Antbird (*Dichrozona cincta*) - A terrific individual responded nicely to a whistled imitation of its song along the Açaizal trail at Amazonia NP on 01/10 and came in quite close to the edge of the trail, singing and strolling around on the ground very near to our position. Bill had another individual stroll past him on the trail grid at Viruá NP on 06/10 while the rest of us tried in vain to see a Thrush-like Antpitta off-trail.

Spot-backed Antwren (*Herpsilochmus dorsimaculatus*) – Recorded on 7 dates, mostly by voice. A pair was called in with the use of tape at the Cachoeira Iracema parking lot at Iracema Falls Hotel on the first morning of the tour.

Antwren sp. nov. (*Herpsilochmus sp. nov.*) – **Endemic** – There is always an element of mystery and excitement when one sees a species which has not yet been described to science. Our experience with this species was no different. It took a while working the first mixed flock we encountered with one in it, but in the end we all managed good views of this canopy *Herpsilochmus* on 09/10 at Tupana. The species is one of at least two new *Herpsilochmus* spp. currently being described from the Brazilian Amazon.

Dot-winged Antwren (*Microrhopias quixensis*) – Birds of the *bicolor* race were seen on 3 dates at Amazonia NP.

White-fringed Antwren (*Formicivora grisea*) – Seen on 2 dates in Roraima.

* **Chestnut-shouldered Antwren** (*Terenura humeralis*) – A frustrating heard-only. We tracked a singing

bird that responded to tape while it moved with a massive canopy flock above us along a side trail at Tupana Lodge late morning on 11/10. I saw the bird a few times as it led its merry chase, but the lighting, angle, and the bird's habits conspired to keep this one as a 'heard-only' for the group.

Ash-winged Antwren (*Terenura spodioptila*) – We saw a pair of this (mostly) Guianan Shield species with a large canopy/subcanopy super-flock on the *ramal* at KM 10 of the Ramal do Urubuí in Presidente Figueiredo.

Gray Antbird (*Cercomacra cinerascens*) – Recorded on 8 dates, but only seen at Anavilhanas (n nominate race).

Dusky Antbird (*Cercomacra tyrannina*) – Recorded on 5 dates at Presidente Figueiredo (*saturiator*) and Anavilhanas Lodge on the west bank of the rio Negro (*tyrannina*).

Willis' Antbird (*Cercomacra laeta*) – We saw a responsive male on the trail system behind the HQ at Viruá NP on 06/10, and heard several pairs singing later that afternoon and on the next day along the entrance road. The race we saw, ssp. *waimiri*, is the only non-endemic taxon of this species as it barely sneaks across the border into Guyana.

Black Antbird (*Cercomacra serva*) – Seen or heard on a daily basis at Tupana.

Rio Branco Antbird (*Cercomacra carbonaria*) – This near-endemic (found in Guyana only on the rio Ireng near the Brazilian border) is considered Near-threatened on the 2010 IUCN Red List. Everyone had excellent views of a reluctant male that clambered through riverine thickets at Agua Boa de Cima on 04/10; we saw at least one pair the next morning along the Uraricoera at Passarão as well.

White-browed Antbird (*Myrmoborus leucophrys angustirostris*) – Seen only on 07/10 when a pair crossed the track in front of us on the entrance road at Viruá NP.

Ash-breasted Antbird (*Myrmoborus lugubris*) – Seen only during our first morning at Anavilhanas (27/09), when we had 3 birds together just inside the edge of *igapó* forest along the main channel downstream from the lodge. The rio Negro populations belong to the race *stictopterus*.

Black-faced Antbird (*Myrmoborus myotherinus*) – Seen or heard on 10 dates.

Guianan Warbling-Antbird (*Hypocnemis cantator*) – Recorded daily around Presidente Figueiredo, and on 2 dates in Viruá NP. This and the following 2 species were formerly treated as conspecifics under *H. cantator*, until the redefinition of the species limits in 2007 led to a 6-way split – to the delight of Neotropical listers!

Peruvian Warbling-Antbird (*Hypocnemis peruviana*) – Seen or heard on 3 dates at Tupana lodge.

Spix's Warbling-Antbird (*Hypocnemis striata*) – **Endemic** – Seen only at Amazonia NP, where recorded on a daily basis.

Yellow-browed Antbird (*Hypocnemis hypoxantha hypoxantha*) – Seen on 27/09 with the use of

playback along the entrance road to Anavilhanas Lodge, where quite common vocally.

Black-chinned Antbird (*Hypocnemoides melanopogon*) – A pair seen in the Anavilhanas archipelago on 26/09; also heard only from the Estrada Perdida in Viruá NP on 06/10.

Black-headed Antbird (*Percnostola rufifrons*) – The nominate *rufifrons* race was recorded on 5 dates in Presidente Figueiredo and Viruá NP.

Ferruginous-backed Antbird (*Myrmeciza ferruginea*) – We saw the nominate race on two occasions at Presidente Figueiredo and Viruá NP, while only hearing the endemic *eluta* subspecies at Amazonia NP on 02/10.

Black-throated Antbird (*Myrmeciza atrothorax*) – We saw a pair of the nominate race in the undergrowth of stunted forest along the entrance road to Viruá NP on 08/10.

Sooty Antbird (*Myrmeciza fortis*) – Seen on two dates at active antswarms at Tupana. On the morning of 12/10 this species was numerous (several pairs) at an antswarm we accompanied for a while before our final breakfast and departure for Manaus. It seemed that these birds were in a hurry to feed before the swarm was discovered by larger, dominant obligate ant-followers such as Reddish-winged Bare-eye (which we had seen previously near the same swarm) arrived for their share; the males would dash into the middle of the swarm to chase down prey items, while a couple of females clung to stems closer to the action, from where they would drop down upon a hapless morsel as it tried to flee the ants.

Yapacana Antbird (*Myrmeciza disjuncta*) - Excellent observations of a subadult male which approached in response to broadcast of the song, in Viruá NP on 07/10. The bird approached silently and proceeded to hop slowly around in front of us on the ground or on very low branches, moving lethargically but fearlessly as it eyeballed us a number of times from distances down to 2 metres on several occasions. After some time (5+ minutes) the bird wandered off a short distance and began to sing (tape recorded, a cut is available on the online open access resource, Xeno-canto: http://www.xeno-canto.org/sounds/uploaded/YNXJLOESBB/BD_2010-10-7_Myrmeciza_disjunctaXC.mp3). The bird was found in a small *capão* (a forest 'island') of low *campinarana* surrounded by *campina* roughly 500m from the Estrada Perdida. The *capão* was still flooded at the taller end and had one or two larger hardwood trees, several tiny canals filled with water, and a number of small palms throughout. This species is very poorly known, and has only been seen by a handful of birders and ornithologists. It was discovered at Cerro Yapacana in Venezuela in 1945 (hence its English name), and since then has only been found at a couple of other localities in that country and Colombia, along with 2 Brazilian sites: Jaú NP and Viruá NP.

Wing-banded Antbird (*Myrmornis torquata*) - It took a lot of work, but we finally all had nice views of this terrific bird (nominate race), on the Capelinha trail at Amazonia NP on our final morning there, 03/10.

White-plumed Antbird (*Pithys albifrons*) – After hearing it on 23/09, we saw a handsome adult the following day at an antswarm along the forest trail at KM120 of the BR-174 north of Presidente Figueiredo.

Rufous-throated Antbird (*Gymnopithys rufigula*) – A couple of birds seen attending an antswarm along

the KM120 forest trail north of Presidente Figueiredo with the above species on 24/09.

White-throated Antbird (*Gymnopithys salvini*) – We had several quality observations of these lovely obligate ant followers at the antswarm we encountered on a couple of dates on the Tupana trail system.

Harlequin Antbird (*Rhegmatorhina berlepschi*) – **Endemic** – Another of the big target species for the trip. We saw 6 to 8 birds attending an active *Eciton* sp. army ant swarm on the Açaizal trail in Amazonia NP on 01/10. Two days later we saw 2 or perhaps 3 pairs at an active swarm on the Capelinha trail in the company of *Skutchia*. For our money, the females were nicer than the males! Amazonia National Park is really the only easily accessible location for this endemic ‘stonker’.

* **Hairy-crested Antbird** (*Rhegmatorhina melanosticta*) – Frustrating. We only heard this bird at the antswarm we encountered on the trail system at Tupana. The birds appeared uninterested in taped song and calls, and invariably remained hidden somewhere well off the centre of the swarm (the swarm *could* have had multiple focal points of activity, though a short circuit around the perimeter indicated this wasn’t the case).

* **Spot-backed Antbird** (*Hylophylax naevius*) – Heard only, on single occasions near Anavilhanas Lodge (27/09) and in Amazonia NP (01/10).

Scale-backed Antbird (*Willisornis poecilinotus*) – Recorded on 4 dates. We saw the *nigrigula* race on a couple of occasions in Amazonia NP, and *griseiventris* at Tupana on the final morning of the tour.

Black-spotted Bare-eye (*Phlegopsis nigromaculata*) – Recorded on a daily basis in Amazonia NP. These large obligate antbirds were dominant (though outnumbered twofold by Harlequins) at the first antswarm we encountered, on the Açaizal trail on 01/10. At the large swarm we found on our final morning on the Capelinha trail, a pair was observed early on but disappeared once the group of Pale-faced Antbirds began to assert their dominance near the front of the swarm. These birds belong to the near-endemic *bowmani* race.

Reddish-winged Bare-eye (*Phlegopsis erythroptera*) – A shy pair seen at an antswarm on 10/10 on the trail system at Tupana Lodge. The populations of the southern Amazon belong to the *ustulata* race.

Pale-faced Antbird (*Phlegopsis (Skutchia) borbae*) – **Endemic** – Voted bird of the trip in an impromptu poll over a pleasant farewell lunch in Manaus. 5 individuals were seen attending an antswarm on the Capelinha trail in Amazonia NP on 03/10. It took a while before the birds (a family group?) settled down and became used to our presence as they foraged at and in the antswarm, bouncing down for prey and often scurrying out from amidst the ants just as quickly. Filmed ([watch the video](#)) and tape recorded ([song and calls uploaded to the open access resource Xeno-canto](#)). By the end of our hour or longer of observation, the Pale-faced Antbirds had pushed the other obligate spp. away from the swarm, and we had the birds foraging as close as just 3 metres away! An amazing encounter with a very poorly known species. A recent SACC proposal has re-assigned the species to the *Phlegopsis* genus with the other bare-eyes based on mtDNA findings, but our anecdotal observations cry foul at such a travesty!

GNATEATERS (CONOPOPHAGIDAE)

Chestnut-belted Gnatcatcher (*Conopophaga aurita snethlageae*) – Recorded on a pair of dates in Amazonia NP, where we saw a sharp male along the first kilometre of the Capelinha trail on 30/09. The *snethlageae* race is quite distinctive and deserves full species status.

ANTPITTAS (GRALLARIDAE)

Spotted Antpitta (*Hylopezus macularis*) - 1 bird seen off-trail along the Piçarreira trail in Amazonia NP on 02/10. Upon hearing its song in the valley below us, we walked down the slope into the valley bottom, finding a spot to cross a small forest stream and climb up the next hill a short distance to where the bird was calling from. As we set up to call it in, Gilberto spotted it singing from a fallen log and everyone proceeded to get excellent views of the bird. The birds at Amazonia NP belong to the *paraensis* subspecies, a good candidate for a future split.

* **Thrush-like Antpitta** (*Myrmothera campanisona*) – Heard only, on 8 dates. Particularly abundant in the forests around the park HQ at Viruá NP, where we tried a couple of individuals but simply couldn't see them!

TAPACULOS (RHINOCRYPTIDAE)

Rusty-belted Tapaculo (*Liosceles thoracicus*) – Recorded on 5 dates at sites visited on the south bank of the Amazon. On 30/09 in Amazonia NP, a brilliant pair approached in response to my whistled imitations along a dry stream bed at the first small bridge on the Capelinha trail. The birds at Amazonia NP have little to no amber/rusty colouration on the breast, replaced instead by a faded yellow 'belt'. We saw another responsive bird quite a distance along the main trail at Tupana on 11/10; this bird showed considerably richer colouration on the breast.

ANTTHRUSHES (FORMICARIIDAE)

* **Rufous-capped Antthrush** (*Formicarius colma*) – Heard on 4 dates at Presidente Figueiredo, Amazonia NP and Tupana Lodge.

* **Black-faced Antthrush** (*Formicarius analis*) – Heard only once, along the Capelinha trail on our final morning at Amazonia NP.

LEAFTOSSERS (SCLERURIDAE)

Short-billed Leaf-tosser (*Sclerurus ruficularis*) – A remarkable encounter was had with a responsive bird just before dusk in the dim undergrowth of the main trail at Tupana on 11/10.

WOODCREEPERS (DENDROCOLAPTIDAE)

Plain-brown Woodcreeper (*Dendrocincla fuliginosa*) – Recorded on consecutive dates at an antswarm on the KM 120 trail north of Presidente Figueiredo. Nominate race.

White-chinned Woodcreeper (*Dendrocincla merula*) – Seen just once on 03/10 at Amazonia NP.

Long-tailed Woodcreeper (*Deconychura longicauda*) – Seen on 3 dates at Amazonia NP and Tupana; observations at both locations relate to the *pallida* race. The northern races of *D. longicauda* from Honduras south to northern Colombia differ morphologically and vocally and may represent a separate species. Furthermore, differences in the song of the nominate race of the Guianan Shield from populations south of the Amazon river suggest that the latter birds may best be treated at the species level as well (as *D. pallida*).

Spot-throated Woodcreeper (*Certhiasomus [Deconychura] stictolaema*) – We saw the nominate race of this species on a couple of dates in *terra firme* forest at Amazonia NP. It was previously a member of the genus *Deconychura*, but studies of mitochondrial and nuclear DNA sequences found that *stictolaema* was not the sister species to *D. longicauda*; to rectify to problem of a polyphylic *Deconychura*, the SACC passed a resolution in 2010 that created a new genus, *Certhiasomus*, for *stictolaema*.

Olivaceous Woodcreeper (*Sittasomus griseicapillus*) – Recorded only at Tupana, where we saw or heard them on a daily basis. This widespread species contains a great deal of variation across its range, and it is very likely that four or five good species are involved. The *amazonus* race we observed at Tupana belongs to the *griseicapillus* group of the Amazon and Chaco regions.

Wedge-billed Woodcreeper (*Glyphorynchus spirurus*) – Recorded on 5 dates, though quite likely overlooked as this tends to be one of the most numerous species in forested habitats in the Amazon. We saw the following subspecies: *spirurus* (Presidente Figueiredo), *rufigularis* (Anavilhanas), and *castelnaudii* (Tupana).

Long-billed Woodcreeper (*Nasica longirostris*) – Heard in the Anavilhanas archipelago on 27/09, and seen on 30/09 at Amazonia NP where we had a pair, including a remarkably responsive bird that rocketed across an open marshy area to investigate a whistled imitation.

Cinnamon-throated Woodcreeper (*Dendrexetastes rufigula*) – Seen on 3 dates at Presidente Figueiredo (nominate race), heard on a daily basis at Amazonia NP (*moniliger*), and seen on 3 dates at Tupana Lodge (*devillei*).

Red-billed Woodcreeper (*Hylexetastes perrotii*) – We saw this rare species only once, with a big mixed flock along the *ramal* at KM 10 of the Ramal do Urubuí in Presidente Figueiredo on 24/09. The birds north of the Amazon belong to the nominate race. Some authorities such as the CBRO recognize the 3-way split of *H. perrotii* into this species, the Uniform Woodcreeper (*H. uniformis*) found south of the Amazon between the Madeira and the Xingu, and the endemic Brigida's Woodcreeper (*H. brigidai*) of the region east from the Xingu to the Araguaia.

Amazonian Barred-Woodcreeper (*Dendrocolaptes certhia*) – Recorded on 4 dates, at Amazonia NP (ssp. *concolor*) and Tupana (ssp. *juruanus*).

Black-banded Woodcreeper (*Dendrocolaptes picumnus*) – We saw single birds at Presidente Figueiredo on 24/09 and on the Anavilhanas Lodge entrance track on 27/09, and heard the species once at Amazonia NP.

Straight-billed Woodcreeper (*Dendroplex picus*) – Recorded on 7 dates.

Zimmer's Woodcreeper (*Dendroplex kienerii*) - A singing bird brought in with the use of tape in *igapó* near the entrance to the main islan channel downstream from Anavilhanas Lodge on 26/09.

Ocellated Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus ocellatus*) – Seen on 27/09 in forest along the entrance track at Anavilhanas Lodge; ssp. *weddellii*.

Chestnut-rumped Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus pardalotus*) – Common and vocal around Presidente Figueiredo.

Elegant Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus elegans*) – Quite common south of the Amazon, where we recorded it daily at Amazonia NP and Tupana Lodge.

Striped Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus obsoletus*) – Seen only on 26/09, in *igapó* forest in the Anavilhanas archipelago.

Buff-throated Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus guttatus*) – Recorded on 6 dates; ssp. *guttatoides* on the west bank of the Negro at Anavilhanas Lodge, and ssp. *vicinalis* on a daily basis at Amazonia NP.

Lineated Woodcreeper (*Lepidocolaptes albolineatus*) – Recorded on 5 dates: nominate race at Presidente Figueiredo; ssp. *duidae* (?) at Anavilhanas Lodge; ssp. *madeirae* heard at Amazonia NP; and ssp. *fuscicapillus* at Tupana Lodge.

Curve-billed Scythebill (*Campylorhamphus procurvoides*) – We recorded this cool species on 2 dates: first on 01/10 in Amazonia NP on the Açaizal trail with a mixed flock (probably ssp. *probatas*); and later on 09/10 at Tupana Lodge (probably ssp. *successor*).

OVENBIRDS (FURNARIIDAE)

Pale-legged Hornero (*Furnarius leucopus*) – Seen only on 05/10.

* **Pale-breasted Spinetail** (*Synallaxis albescens*) – Heard only, on 3 dates in Viruá NP.

Ruddy Spinetail (*Synallaxis rutilans*) – 3 different individuals seen in thick vegetation alongside a track through tall forest on the *ramal* off KM 10 of the Ramal do Urubuí in Presidente Figueiredo on 24/09.

Hoary-throated Spinetail (*Synallaxis kollari*) – This near-endemic (it has been found across the border in Guyana in recent years) co-operated nicely after a bit of searching along an overgrown path alongside the Uraricoera river across from the village of Passarão on 05/10. Few birding tour groups go after this little known species, which is in fact actually quite handsome!

Speckled Spinetail (*Cranioleuca gutturata*) – Seen only once, on 26/09 with a small mixed flock in successional growth forest in the Anavilhanas archipelago.

Yellow-chinned Spinetail (*Certhiaxis cinnamomeus*) – Recorded only on 05/10 in flooded ditches alongside the Estrada Perdida in Viruá NP.

* **Point-tailed Palmcreeper** (*Berlepschia rikeri*) – Heard only, at a *Mauritia* palm swamp north of Presidente Figueiredo on 24/09.

Chestnut-winged Hookbill (*Ancistrops strigilatus*) – 1 seen with a mixed flock in the subcanopy of *terra firme* forest on the Açaizal trail at Amazonia NP on 01/10.

Rufous-tailed Foliage-gleaner (*Philydor ruficaudatum*) – Recorded only on 11/10, with a mixed flock on the main trail at Tupana.

Rufous-rumped Foliage-gleaner (*Philydor erythrocerum*) – Seen on 5 dates in total, always accompanying flocks in the understorey and mid-levels in *terra firme* forest at Amazonia NP and Tupana Lodge.

Chestnut-winged Foliage-gleaner (*Philydor erythropterum*) – 1 individual seen very well after being lured closer with the use of tape as it moved with a canopy/subcanopy flock on the Piçarreira trail in Amazonia NP on 02/10. This observation relates to the *diluviale* race, a taxon endemic to east Amazonian Brazil.

Cinnamon-rumped Foliage-gleaner (*Philydor pyrrhodes*) – Full credit to Gilberto for this one. 1 bird approached in response to tape along the initial section of the Capelinha trail in mid-morning on 03/10. We had heard it singing early as we worked on Wing-banded Antbird, but only tried to see it as we passed the spot on our return. Some work with the tape elicited no vocal response, and we were ready to move on when Gilberto spotted the bird moving, mostly hidden way in the back. Further tape work brought it in, and it came in close in the upper middle storey, fanning its tail and hitching around on slender palm stems in search of its phantom rival while we enjoyed the show.

* **Buff-throated Foliage-gleaner** (*Automolus ochrolaemus*) – Heard at Amazonia NP and Viruá NP.

Olive-backed Foliage-gleaner (*Automolus infuscatus*) – John spotted this one, a lone bird giving alarm calls in the understorey of *terra firme* forest on the trail at KM 120 of the BR-174 north of Presidente Figueiredo.

* **Slender-billed Xenops** (*Xenops rutilans*) – Heard calling and responding to tape, and seen by only myself in a canopy flock on the Piçarreira trail in Amazonia NP on 02/10.

Plain Xenops (*Xenops minutus*) – Recorded on 3 dates.

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS (TYRANNIDAE)

Ochre-bellied Flycatcher (*Mionectes oleagineus*) – 1 seen in *igapó* at the Igarapé Najatuba on the west bank of the Rio Negro on 28/09; also seen on the Capelinha trail at Amazonia NP on 30/09.

MacConnell's Flycatcher (*Mionectes macconnelli*) – Singles seen on 24 and 25/09 around Presidente Figueiredo.

Double-banded Pygmy-Tyrant (*Lophotriccus vitiosus*) – Seen only on 23/09, when we called an

inquisitive bird in low to the roadside for close range views, on a side track off the road from Presidente Figueiredo to Balbina in early afternoon. Heard on a couple of dates thereafter.

* **Helmeted Pygmy-Tyrant** (*Lophotriccus galeatus*) – Heard only.

Snethlage's Tody-Tyrant (*Hemitriccus minor*) – We saw the vocally distinctive *pallens* race on the west bank of the rio Negro downstream from Anavilhanas Lodge; and we had a co-operative individual of the nominate race that sat amidst a vine tangle and preened for several minutes while we watched it in the scope on the Açazal trail on 01/10 at Amazonia NP.

Tody-Tyrant sp. nov. (*Hemitriccus sp. nov.*) – The *Hemitriccus* flycatchers resembling *H. minor* in appearance and voice that we saw at least twice on the trail system at Tupana apparently represent a new taxon to science which is currently being worked on by Mario Cohn-Haft.

White-eyed Tody-Tyrant (*Hemitriccus zosterops*) – Thiago pointed out a territory on the trail grid behind the park HQ at Viruá NP, and a little bit of playback did the trick to call this one in as per Bill's request, on 07/10.

White-bellied Tody-Tyrant (*Hemitriccus griseipectus*) – Seen and heard on 2 dates at Tupana.

* **Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant** (*Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer*) – Heard at Viruá NP in *campina*.

Pelzel's Tody-Tyrant (*Hemitriccus inornatus*) – **Endemic** – A very poorly-known taxon, which perhaps makes our sighting of one individual in a small patch of *campinarana* in a city park in Presidente Figueiredo all the more remarkable. The species is very patchily distributed in white sand and *igapó* forests east of the rio Negro. Knowledge of its voice and habitat preferences have allowed field ornithologists to find the species in a handful of locations in northern Amazonas and Pará states since its rediscovery in 1992 (an amazing 161 years after it was first collected!).

* **Zimmer's Tody-Tyrant** (*Hemitriccus minimus*) – Frustrating. For the most part, we never managed to get a bird calling at close enough range to track down. On several occasions we ventured off trail to follow territorial birds, only to find they fell silent and/or moved away by the time we reached them. A number of playback strategies also failed. This poorly known species is more common than the literature would suggest, and we heard them on a daily basis at Amazonia NP and Tupana Lodge.

Short-tailed Pygmy-Tyrant (*Myiornis ecaudatus*) – Heard on several dates, and seen with the use of playback along the Transamazônica in Amazonia NP on the afternoon of 02/10.

* **Spotted Tody-Flycatcher** (*Todirostrum maculatum*) – Heard on a couple of dates, but we didn't make any effort to go after them.

Painted Tody-Flycatcher (*Todirostrum pictum*) – Recorded on 3 dates in Presidente Figueiredo; the pair was saw along the entrance road at the Iracema Falls Hotel was, I believe, the first lifer of the trip for the group.

Yellow-browed Tody-Flycatcher (*Todirostrum chrysocrotaphum*) – Seen only on 27/09, when we had a pair with a small mixed flock in the canopy along the entrance road at Anavilhanas Jungle Lodge.

Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet (*Tyrannulus elatus*) – Seen or (mostly) heard on 12 dates.

Forest Elaenia (*Myiopagis gaimardii*) – Recorded on 10 dates.

Gray Elaenia (*Myiopagis caniceps*) – Recorded on 5 dates.

Yellow-bellied Elaenia (*Elaenia flavogaster*) – Seen or heard on a daily basis in Viruá NP.

Plain-crested Elaenia (*Elaenia cristata*) – Seen on 05 and 06/10 along the Estrada Perdida.

Lesser Elaenia (*Elaenia chiriquensis*) – Seen on 3 dates in Viruá NP.

Rufous-crowned Elaenia (*Elaenia ruficeps*) – One of our targets at Viruá, seen on our first morning along the Estrada Perdida with the use of tape. The species occurs in areas dominated by sandy soils, and has a patchy distribution in Brazil.

White-lored Tyrannulet (*Ornithion inerme*) – Seen or heard on 7 dates.

Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet (*Camptostoma obsoletum*) – Recorded on 8 dates.

Yellow Tyrannulet (*Campsiempis flaveola*) – Seen only on 02/10 when we found one in a roadside tangle near a marshy area 2km north of the Uruá HQ at Amazonia NP.

Slender-footed Tyrannulet (*Zimmerius gracilipes*) – Recorded on 3 dates at Anavilhanas.

Olive-green Tyrannulet (*Phylloscartes virescens*) – This Guianan Shield specialty was only recorded once, accompanying a big mixed flock on 24/09 in *terra firme* forest along the *ramal* at KM 10 of the Ramal do Urubuí near Presidente Figueiredo.

Amazonian Tyrannulet (*Inezia subflava*) – Recorded on 5 dates in riverine scrub along the rio Negro and at Viruá NP in flooded *campina*.

Pale-tipped Tyrannulet (*Inezia caudata*) – Seen only on 04/10 when we had a pair at Agua Boa de Cima on the rio Branco upstream from Boa Vista.

Brownish Flycatcher (Twistwing) (*Cnipodectes subbrunneus minor*) – We saw an advertising male of the Amazonian subspecies *minor* in the undergrowth of *terra firme* forest on the trail system at Tupana Lodge on 11/10.

Olivaceous Flatbill (*Rhynchocyclus olivaceus*) – Seen only on 11/10, when we picked up a single bird (probably ssp. *sordidus*) accompanying a flock in the mid levels on the main trail at Tupana Lodge.

Yellow-margined Flycatcher (*Tolmomyias assimilis*) – Surprisingly, only recorded on 2 dates in and around Presidente Figueiredo. A number of authorities already accept a widely recognized split of the trans-Andean forms of the species (*T. flavotectus*, would retain the English name Yellow-margined) from the Amazonian forms (*T. assimilis* group, usually called Zimmer's Flycatcher or

Zimmer's Flatbill), but the South American Checklist Committee stops short of recognizing this split for the time being, though perhaps only for lack of a decent proposal. Otherwise most sources also favour the view that *T. assimilis* itself contains multiple species.

Gray-crowned Flycatcher (*Tolmomyias poliocephalus sclateri*) – Recorded on 5 dates at Presidente Figueiredo and Tupana Lodge.

* **Yellow-breasted Flycatcher** (*Tolmomyias flaviventris*) – Heard only on a pair of dates in Roraima.

Cinnamon-crested Spadebill (*Platyrinchus saturatus*) – Fantastic views of the endemic *pallidiventris* subspecies were had on the Açaizal trail in Amazonia NP on 01/10; we heard possibly the same individual the following afternoon.

White-crested Spadebill (*Platyrinchus platyrhynchos*) – Seen on 01/10 on the Açaizal trail at Amazonia NP (ssp. *amazonicus*); heard at Viruá NP on 06/10 (ssp. *platyrhynchos*); and seen on the main trail at Tupana (ssp. *nattereri*).

Black-tailed Flycatcher (*Myiobius atricaudus*) – Seen on 2 dates accompanying mixed flocks on the trail system at Tupana; not certain whether this would be the *connectens* or *adjacens* race.

Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher (*Terentotriccus erythrurus*) – Recorded on 4 dates: at Presidente Figueiredo (n nominate); and at Tupana (*amazonus*).

Cinnamon Tyrant (*Neopipo cinnamomea*) – We had a nice encounter with the nominate race of this poorly known species of ancient soils near the first deep forest stream along the main trail at Tupana (several kilometres in) on 11/10.

Fuscous Flycatcher (*Cnemotriccus fuscatus*) – Seen by some of the group on 05/10 at Viruá NP where the *duidae* race is expected.

Vermilion Flycatcher (*Pyrocephalus rubinus*) – Seen only on 05/10 around Passarão in Roraima.

Amazonian Black-Tyrant (*Knipolegus poecilocercus*) – Duncan pulled a rabbit out of a hat with this spot, picking up a sombre male as it sat quietly deep within a thicket in successional scrub in 'Agami Alley' on 26/09 in the Anavilhanas archipelago.

White-headed Marsh-Tyrant (*Arundinicola leucocephala*) – Recorded only on 06/10 at Viruá NP.

Piratic Flycatcher (*Legatus leucophaeus*) – Recorded on 5 dates.

Rusty-margined Flycatcher (*Myiozetetes cayanensis*) – Recorded on 9 dates.

** **Social Flycatcher** (*Myiozetetes similis*) – Leader only, seen in Boa Vista.

Dusky-chested Flycatcher (*Myiozetetes luteiventris*) – Seen or heard on 3 dates in Amazonia NP.

Great Kiskadee (*Pitangus sulphuratus*) – Recorded on 10 dates.

Lesser Kiskadee (*Philohydor lictor*) – Recorded on 5 dates.

Three-striped Flycatcher (*Conopias trivirgatus berlepschi*) – Seen or heard on 3 dates around the Uruá guard post at Amazonia NP.

Yellow-throated Flycatcher (*Conopias parvus*) – Recorded on 6 dates at Presidente Figueiredo, Anavilhanas, and Viruá NP.

Streaked Flycatcher (*Myiodynastes maculatus*) – Recorded only on 29/09.

Sulphury Flycatcher (*Tyrannopsis sulphurea*) – Seen on 24/09 at a *Mauritia* palm swamp near Presidente Figueiredo.

Variegated Flycatcher (*Empidonomus varius*) – Seen on back to back dates by the houses at Uruá in Amazonia NP.

Tropical Kingbird (*Tyrannus melancholicus*) – Seen on 15 dates.

Fork-tailed Flycatcher (*Tyrannus savana*) – Seen on 9 dates.

Grayish Mourner (*Rhytipterna simplex*) – Recorded on 11 dates, mostly by voice.

Rufous Casiornis (*Casiornis rufus*) – This bird is on my list for 02/10 from Amazonia NP (we birded the Piçarreira trail in the morning, and along the Transamazônica in the afternoon), but it doesn't appear in my daily notes and I have no recollection of the sighting! Gentlemen, anyone care to refresh my memory?

Dusky-capped Flycatcher (*Myiarchus tuberculifer*) – Scope views of a single bird along the entrance track at the Iracema Falls Hotel on 25/09.

Short-crested Flycatcher (*Myiarchus ferox*) – Seen on 4 dates.

Brown-chested Flycatcher (*Myiarchus tyrannulus*) – Seen on 4 dates.

Rufous-tailed Flatbill (*Ramphotrigon ruficauda*) – Recorded on 3 dates.

* **Cinnamon Attila** (*Attila cinnamomeus*) – Heard only at Amazonia NP.

* **Bright-rumped Attila** (*Attila spadiceus*) – Heard only, on two mornings at Iracema Falls Hotel.

COTINGAS (COTINGIDAE)

Guianan Cock-of-the-Rock (*Rupicola rupicola*) – A sparkling male seen at forest edge along the track from the Iracema Falls Hotel to the waterfall of the same name on 23/09 was a wonderful way to kick off our first morning in Amazonian Brazil.

Spangled Cotinga (*Cotinga cayana*) – Seen on 4 dates in Presidente Figueiredo, Anavilhanas, and Amazonia NP.

Screaming Piha (*Lipaugus vociferans*) – Recorded on 14 dates.

Pompadour Cotinga (*Xipholena punicea*) – This dashing cotinga was seen or heard on 4 dates, including two days around Presidente Figueiredo where it proved to be fairly common.

Bare-necked Fruitcrow (*Gymnoderus foetidus*) – Recorded on just a single date in Amazonia NP.

Purple-throated Fruitcrow (*Querula purpurata*) – Recorded on 3 dates on the trail grid in tall *terra firme* and *campinarana* forest at Viruá NP, where we saw 2 or 3 birds which approached us from a distance in response to my whistled imitations, on 07/10.

MANAKINS (PIPRIDAE)

Saffron-crested Tyrant-Manakin (*Neopelma chrysocephalum*) – It took a bit of playback and some careful tracking of their odd nasal songs, but eventually we had wonderful views of these strange manakins along the main trail at the Parque Municipal da Cachoeira das Orquideas in Presidente Figueiredo. This species is found primarily in areas of sandy soils in eastern Colombia, southern Venezuela, patchily in Peru, and on the Guianan Shield.

Dwarf Tyrant-Manakin (*Tyranneutes stolzmanni*) – Mostly heard on 8 dates west of the Rio Negro at Anavilhanas Lodge and south of the Amazon on Amazonia National Park and Tupana, but seen once, at Anavilhanas on 27/09.

Tiny Tyrant-Manakin (*Tyranneutes virescens*) – We tracked down the spritely song of this aptly named manakin along the trail at KM 120 of the BR-174 north of Presidente Figueiredo on 23/09/.

Wing-barred Piprites (*Piprites chloris*) – Recorded on 4 dates; seen at Presidente Figueiredo, Anavilhanas, and Tupana.

Blue-crowned Manakin (*Lepidothrix coronata*) – Seen or heard on 3 dates at Tupana.

Snow-capped Manakin (*Lepidothrix nattereri*) – A nice male seen well on the Capelinha trail at Amazonia NP on 30/09. This handsome manakin is endemic to the area between the Madeira and the Tapajós rivers, though it crosses the headwaters of the Tapajós in northern Mato Grosso (around Alta Floresta, for example).

* **White-bearded Manakin** (*Manacus manacus*) – Heard only, near the Uruá post at Amazonia NP. We would have seen the birds at their lek were it not for a violent thunderstorm that arrived just as we'd resolved to take a look.

* **Black Manakin** (*Xenopipo atronitens*) – Frustratingly, we only managed to hear this species (on 2 dates) at Viruá NP in Roraima. One area that seemed to have a few calling from inside the *campinarana* woodland was inaccessible from the Estrada Perdida, thanks to a deep borrow ditch filled with water between us and the forest.

Yellow-crested Manakin (*Heterocercus flavivertex*) – Even for a pipridae-phobe like myself, this is a

wonderful member of a terrific genus. We had no difficulty tracking down a co-operative male which called to us from his territory beside Duncan and Bill's cabin at Anavilhanas Lodge as we arrived back from a morning of looking at Agami Herons on 26/09.

Flame-crested Manakin (*Heterocercus linteatus*) – Seen just once, a lone female feeding on the fruits of a melastome along the Capelinha trail at Amazonia NP on 30/09.

White-crowned Manakin (*Dixiphia pipra*) – Seen or heard on 5 dates at Presidente Figueiredo and Viruá National Park. The first observation was perhaps the most hazardous, as John managed to find not only the male manakin, but also a small wasp's nest in the process.

Golden-headed Manakin (*Pipra erythrocephala*) – The common manakin of the Guianan Shield. We heard and saw them on a near daily basis in Presidente Figueiredo and Anavilhanas.

Red-headed Manakin (*Pipra rubrocapilla*) – The common forest manakin of the southern Amazon. Recorded nearly daily at Amazonia National Park and Tupana Lodge.

TITYRAS AND ALLIES (TITYRIDAE)

Thrush-like Schiffornis (*Schiffornis turdina*) – Recorded on 6 dates. This species should be watched closely in the future, as recent molecular studies have confirmed that there are probably multiple cryptic species within *S. turdina*. It is not clear on distribution alone which subspecies we observed at Amazonia NP and Tupana Lodge, respectively. The limits of the *amazona* taxon are not completely understood, and our observations may pertain to *wallacii* (Amazonia NP) and *amazona* (Tupana), or perhaps both observations were of *amazona*.

Cinereous Mourner (*Laniocera hypopyrra*) – Seen only on 23/09, a vocal bird which approached in response to whistled imitations along the boardwalk in tall *campinarana* in the PM da Cachoeira das Orquideas in Presidente Figueiredo.

White-browed Purpleuft (*Iodopleura isabellae*) – A pair seen briefly in the canopy of a fruiting tree along the Transamazônica in Amazonia NP near the trailhead for the Açaizal trail on 02/10.

Black-tailed Tityra (*Tityra cayana*) – Seen on 4 dates in Presidente Figueiredo and Viruá NP.

Chestnut-crowned Becard (*Pachyramphus castaneus*) – Seen on 2 dates in Presidente Figueiredo.

Black-capped Becard (*Pachyramphus marginatus*) – Recorded at Anavilhanas and Tupana.

Glossy-backed Becard (*Pachyramphus surinamus*) – Another key species on this tour. We found a terrific pair in the canopy along a logging track off the ramal at KM 10 of the Ramal do Urubuí west of Presidente Figueiredo on 24/09.

Pink-throated Becard (*Pachyramphus minor*) – Observed twice on the tour; accompanying canopy flocks in Presidente Figueiredo and Amazonia NP, on 24/09 and 02/10, respectively.

VIREOS AND ALLIES (VIREONIDAE)

Rufous-browed Peppershrike (*Cyclarhis gujanensis*) – The sight and sound of this lovely bird brightened our days on 9 dates during the course of this tour.

Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo (*Vireolanius leucotis*) – Recorded on 4 dates in tall *terra firme* forest, though seen just once, a single bird accompanying a mixed canopy flock on the trail at KM 120 of the BR-174 north of Presidente Figueiredo.

Red-eyed Vireo (*Vireo olivaceus*) – Recorded on 10 dates.

Lemon-chested Greenlet (*Hylophilus thoracicus*) – An extremely responsive bird replied to playback while accompanying a mixed flock along the entrance road at Viruá NP late morning on 07/10. The disjunct nominate form of this species that is restricted to southeast Brazil (from S Bahia to Rio de Janeiro) is likely a good species.

Gray-chested Greenlet (*Hylophilus semicinereus*) – Just 3 records, and only seen once: along the Agami Heron channel at the far end of the Lago da Arraia at Anavilhanas on 26/09.

* **Ashy-headed Greenlet** (*Hylophilus pectoralis*) – Heard only, on 05/10 near the Rio Uraricoera at Passarão north-east of Boa Vista.

Dusky-capped Greenlet (*Hylophilus hypoxanthus*) – Recorded only at Tupana, where heard in the canopy of *terra firme* on 09/10, and seen on 11/10 with a massive canopy flock on a spur trail. Possibly heard at Anavilhanas as well.

Buff-cheeked Greenlet (*Hylophilus muscicapinus*) – A common constituent of canopy flocks at Presidente Figueiredo, also seen once at Amazonia NP.

Tawny-crowned Greenlet (*Hylophilus ochraceiceps*) – Seen only on 24/09, a small family party accompanying a mega-flock in tall forest near the Ramal do Urubuí west of Presidente Figueiredo. This species differs from its congeners in its habits, foraging primarily at low and mid-levels, avoiding forest edges, and always traveling with mixed species flocks.

CROWS, JAYS AND MAGPIES (CORVIDAE)

Cayenne Jay (*Cyanocorax cayanus*) – This handsome and widespread Guianan jay made the notebooks just once, for a quick sighting of a small party that flew across the Estrada Perdida in Viruá on 05/10.

SWALLOWS (HIRUNDINIDAE)

Black-collared Swallow (*Pygochelidon melanoleuca*) – John saw this species at Amazonia NP on 02/10.

White-thighed Swallow (*Neochelidon tibialis*) – This forest swallow was seen on 3 dates at the Iracema Falls Hotel in Presidente Figueiredo.

Southern Rough-winged Swallow (*Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*) – Seen on 15 dates.

Brown-chested Martin (*Progne tapera*) – Recorded on 13 dates.

Purple Martin (*Progne subis*) – This boreal migrant was seen on 5 dates during crossings of the rios Negro and Solimões, and also on utility lines on the RR-319 just before Passarão.

Gray-breasted Martin (*Progne chalybea*) – Recorded on 10 dates.

White-winged Swallow (*Tachycineta albiventer*) – Seen on 9 dates.

Bank Swallow (*Riparia riparia*) – Seen by some of the group along the Rio Branco on 04/10.

Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*) – Recorded on 4 dates.

WRENS (TROGLODYTIDAE)

Scaly-breasted Wren (*Microcerculus marginatus*) – Recorded only at Tupana, where we managed to convince a singing bird to sit still (okay, maybe we had nothing to do with that) long enough for Bill to spot it on a small fallen log in the undergrowth. The bird obliged by hanging around while I set up the scope on it and we took turns watching it blast out that marvelous, if somewhat haunting song on the rainforest floor on 11/10.

Wing-banded Wren (*Microcerculus bambla*) – For my money the best singer in the Amazon. We saw this enigmatic wren when it approached on the forest floor in response to my whistled imitation at the end of the short trail at KM 120 of the BR-174 north of Presidente Figueiredo on 23/09. Once agitated, the bird refused to stand still for very long, bouncing from one fallen log to another while constantly shivering its wings, a typical response from this species and its congener *M. marginatus*. A return visit to this spot the following day in an attempt to get it for Duncan didn't produce the goods.

House Wren (*Troglodytes aedon*) – Recorded on 7 dates.

Bicoloured Wren (*Campylorhynchus griseus*) – At least 3 birds popped up in response to playback at a patch of dry forest surrounded by savannas near Passarão north-east of Boa Vista on 05/10.

* **Thrush-like Wren** (*Campylorhynchus turdinus*) – Heard on a couple of dates at Amazonia NP.

* **Moustached Wren** (*Pheugopedius genibarbis*) – Heard on a couple of dates at Amazonia NP.

Coraya Wren (*Pheugopedius coraya*) – Recorded on 6 dates north of the Amazon/Solimões.

* **Buff-breasted Wren** (*Cantorchilus leucotis*) – Heard only, on just a couple of dates.

DONACOBIUS (DONACOBIIDAE)

Black-capped Donacobius (*Donacobius atricapilla*) – Seen on 4 dates.

GNATCATCHERS (POLIOPTILIDAE)

* **Collared Gnatwren** (*Microbates collaris*) – Unfortunately, we only heard the song of this species as a

small party of them refused to approach the trail in the forest at KM-120 off the BR-174 north of Presidente Figueiredo on 24/09, and a particularly thick patch of spiny palms kept us from reaching the area the birds were calling from.

Long-billed Gnatwren (*Ramphocaenus melanurus*) – Seen or heard on 6 dates.

Pará Gnatcatcher (*Polioptila paraensis*) – We saw this recently split (2005) species a couple of times in canopy flocks in the *terra firme* forest at Tupana lodge on 09/10 and 11/10. While this form is recognized as a full species by CBRO, the South American Checklist Committee did not pass a proposal to recognize it and *P. facilis* as full species. They turned down the proposal not necessarily because *paraensis* is a controversial taxon, but rather due to unsatisfactory sample sizes and lack of a geographically robust examination of the *guianensis* complex.

THRUSHES (TURDIDAE)

Pale-breasted Thrush (*Turdus leucomelas*) – Recorded on 4 dates.

* **Hauxwell's Thrush** (*Turdus hauxwelli*) – Heard on 11/10 near the forest stream at Tupana where we had Ornate Hawk-Eagle – in fact the observation of said species distracted us from an attempt at this thrush.

MOCKINGBIRDS (MIMIDAE)

Tropical Mockingbird (*Mimus gilvus*) – Seen daily in Roraima, but nowhere else.

PIPITS AND WAGTAILS (MOTACILLIDAE)

Yellowish Pipit (*Anthus lutescens*) – Seen only on 05/10 in short grass savannah along the RR-319.

BANANAQUIT (COEREBIDAE)

Bananaquit (*Coereba flaveola*) – Recorded on 11 dates.

TANAGERS AND ALLIES (THRAUPIDAE)

Buff-throated Saltator (*Saltator maximus*) – Recorded on 7 dates.

Black-faced Tanager (*Schistochlamys melanopis*) – Seen on 06 and 07/10 along the Estrada Perdida at Viruá NP, where we encountered them in pairs and small family groups.

Red-billed Pied-Tanager (*Lamprospiza melanoleuca*) – A small flock of this species was seen along the entrance road at the Iracema Falls Hotel in Presidente Figueiredo on 25/09, including a few black-billed juvenile birds.

Hooded Tanager (*Nemosia pileata*) – Seen only on 04/10 at Agua Boa de Cima on the Rio Branco, where numerous.

Flame-crested Tanager (*Tachyphonus cristatus*) – Seen on just 2 dates at Amazonia NP.

Fulvous-crested Tanager (*Tachyphonus surinamus*) – Seen or heard on 6 dates, including on a daily basis in Presidente Figueiredo.

White-shouldered Tanager (*Tachyphonus luctuosus*) – Surprisingly, we only recorded this species on 1 date, 07/10, along the entrance road at Viruá NP where a family party was accompanying a mixed species flock. A couple of very grotty juveniles caused some confusion at first, but the presence of a pair of adults finally clued us in as to what we were looking at.

White-lined Tanager (*Tachyphonus rufus*) – This common species of secondary scrub and degraded areas was recorded on just 2 dates.

Fulvous Shrike-Tanager (*Lanio fulvus*) – We called in a pair of these flock-leading species with the use of tape, and as we watched a large mixed flock formed around them in the canopy and subcanopy, along the forest trail at KM 120 of the BR-174 north of Presidente Figueiredo on 24/09.

White-winged Shrike-Tanager (*Lanio versicolor*) – Seen with a large canopy flock at Tupana on 11/10.

Silver-beaked Tanager (*Ramphocelus carbo*) – Seen on 17 dates.

Blue-gray Tanager (*Thraupis episcopus*) – Seen on 13 dates.

Palm Tanager (*Thraupis palmarum*) – Seen on 16 dates.

Turquoise Tanager (*Tangara mexicana*) – Seen only on 30/09 at Amazonia NP.

Paradise Tanager (*Tangara chilensis*) – Recorded on 5 dates.

Spotted Tanager (*Tangara punctata*) – Seen on a couple of dates at Presidente Figueiredo, and when seen it bordered on numerous; also seen with a large canopy flock at Tupana on 11/10.

Dotted Tanager (*Tangara varia*) – 1 male seen on 24/09 accompanying 2 *Dacnis cayana* females in the canopy, foraging in the outermost branches of a large tree overhanging the *ramal* at KM 10 of the Ramal do Urubuí near Presidente Figueiredo, near the beginning of the track on the first steep descent. The dark lores, bluish wings and even the indistinct speckling on the bird's breast were all seen well. This enigmatic species is rare and local throughout its range.

Burnished-buff Tanager (*Tangara cayana*) – Seen on 06 and 07/10 along the Estrada Perdida in Viruá NP; the northern nominate populations of this species lack the black bib and chest stripe found in the eastern *flava* group, and are considered in some circles to be sufficiently distinct to warrant treatment as a full species, Rufous-crowned Tanager.

Opal-rumped Tanager (*Tangara velia*) – Seen only on 02/10 in Amazonia NP.

Black-faced Dacnis (*Dacnis lineata*) – Our only record of this species was a pair seen at the Iracema Falls Hotel on the first afternoon of the trip.

Yellow-bellied Dacnis (*Dacnis flaviventer*) – Seen 30/09 at Amazonia NP.

Blue Dacnis (*Dacnis cayana*) – Seen on 8 dates.

Short-billed Honeycreeper (*Cyanerpes nitidus*) – A pair seen with a small canopy flock on a spur trail at Tupana on the morning of 12/10 was one of the last new birds of the trip.

Purple Honeycreeper (*Cyanerpes caeruleus*) – Seen on 4 dates.

Red-legged Honeycreeper (*Cyanerpes cyaneus*) – A female joined a group of birds in the canopy that approached to check out whistled imitations of Amazonian Pygmy-Owl along the entrance road at Iracema Falls Hotel in Presidente Figueiredo on 22/09.

Green Honeycreeper (*Chorophanes spiza*) – Seen on 5 dates in Presidente Figueiredo, Anavilhanas, and at Tupana.

Chestnut-vented Conebill (*Conirostrum speciosum*) – Seen twice; at Agua Boa de Cima on 04/10, and at Tupana on 11/10.

EMBERIZID FINCHES (EMBERIZIDAE)

* **Rufous-collared Sparrow** (*Zonotrichia capensis*) – Heard only.

Grassland Sparrow (*Ammodramus humeralis*) – Seen on 05/10 in the short grass savannahs and agricultural fields along the RR-319 north-east of Boa Vista.

Yellow-browed Sparrow (*Ammodramus aurifrons*) – Seen every day around Presidente Figueiredo.

Orange-fronted Yellow-Finch (*Sicalis columbiana*) – Seen only on 26/09, when we had several pairs on beaches and river banks in the Anavilhanas archipelago.

Grassland Yellow-Finch (*Sicalis luteola*) – Recorded only on 05/10, when we had large flocks in tall-grass savannah along the RR-319 north-east of Boa Vista.

Wedge-tailed Grass-Finch (*Emberizoides herbicola*) – A couple of pairs observed on 07/10 in *campina* along the Estrada Perdida in Viruá NP.

Blue-black Grassquit (*Volatinia jacarina*) – Recorded on 8 dates.

Plumbeous Seedeater (*Sporophila plumbea*) – Seen on two dates on the Estrada Perdida.

Wing-barred Seedeater (*Sporophila americana*) – 1 or 2 males seen along the track opposite a small orchard near the main gate to the Iracema Falls Hotel on the afternoon of 24/09.

Lined Seedeater (*Sporophila lineola*) – Seen on two dates in Amazonia NP.

Yellow-bellied Seedeater (*Sporophila nigricollis*) – Seen on two dates in Amazonia NP.

Chestnut-bellied Seedeater (*Sporophila castaneiventris*) – Seen on a couple of dates on the grounds of the Iracema Falls Hotel in Presidente Figueiredo.

Chestnut-bellied Seed-Finch (*Sporophila angolensis*) – Pairs seen on 02/10 in Amazonia NP, and on 08/10 in Viruá NP.

* **White-naped Seedeater** (*Dolospingus fringilloides*) – One of the more disappointing dips on this tour. We heard a singing male some distance from the road at one of our first stops on the Estrada Perdida on the afternoon of our arrival at Viruá NP, on 05/10. Deep borrow ditches filled with water prevented us from getting off the road and into the *campinarana* where the bird was singing from. In spite of repeated visits to the same spot, using playback, we couldn't elicit any response on subsequent dates.

Pectoral Sparrow (*Arremon taciturnus*) – Recorded on just 3 dates.

Red-capped Cardinal (*Paroaria gularis*) – A couple of individuals seen at a palm swamp north of Presidente Figueiredo on 24/09.

CARDINAL GROSBEAKS (CARDINALIDAE)

Rose-breasted Chat (*Granatellus pelzelni*) – A lovely male that we called in along the Açazal trail on 01/10 in Amazonia NP was a lifer for our local guide Gilberto.

* **Blue-black Grosbeak** (*Cyanoloxia cyanooides*) – Heard on a couple of dates in Viruá NP.

NEW WORLD WARBLERS (PARULIDAE)

Riverside Warbler (*Phaeothlypis rivularis*) - 1 called in for views near the small river at the lowest point of the *ramal* at KM10 of the Ramal do Urubuí in Presidente Figueiredo on 24/09.

TROUPIALS AND ALLIES (ICTERIDAE)

Green Oropendola (*Psarocolius viridis*) – Seen or heard on 7 dates.

Olive Oropendola (*Psarocolius bifasciatus*) – Seen on a couple of dates at Amazonia NP.

Red-rumped Cacique (*Cacicus haemorrhous*) – Recorded on 3 dates.

Yellow-rumped Cacique (*Cacicus cela*) – Recorded on 8 dates.

Epaulet Oriole (*Icterus cayanensis*) – Seen on 2 dates in Viruá NP, where it is alleged not to occur. Our observations indicate otherwise.

Moriche Oriole (*Icterus chrysocephalus*) - 1 seen at the *Mauritia* palm swamp at KM 120.5 of the BR-174 just north of Presidente Figueiredo. A number of sources, SACC included, treat *chrysocephalus* as a subspecies of *I. cayanensis*. The Comitê Brasileiro de Registros Ornitológicos, however, retains it as a full species in their October 2010 update (18 October 2010, available at <http://www.cbro.org.br/CBRO/listabr.htm>) to the official check list for Brazil

(the baseline for this systematic list – worth noting that the most recent taxonomic updates to the CBRO list are not incorporated here).

Yellow Oriole (*Icterus nigrogularis*) – Recorded only on 04/10, when we had 1 or 2 individuals in the riverine vegetation at Agua Boa de Cima upstream from Boa Vista.

Giant Cowbird (*Molothrus oryzivorus*) – Seen on 3 dates.

Red-breasted Blackbird (*Sturnella militaris*) – Seen only on 05/10 in the savannas along the RR-319.

Eastern Meadowlark (*Sturnella magna*) – We saw several individuals in the savannas along th RR-319 north-east of Boa Vista. The species is not widely distributed in Brazil; it occurs in the *lavrados* of Roraima, the savannas of Amapá, on the Ilha do Marajó and in open areas along the lower rio Tocantins.

SISKINS AND ALLIES (FRINGILLIDAE)

Plumbeous Euphonia (*Euphonia plumbea*) – We saw at least 3 pairs of these lovely euphonias during our first morning birding at Iracema Falls Hotel. A pair seen mid-morning on 23/09 was carrying nesting material at the parking lot for the Cachoeira da Iracema.

Purple-throated Euphonia (*Euphonia chlorotica*) – Seen by some of the group at Uruá on 29/09.

Thick-billed Euphonia (*Euphonia laniirostris*) – Recorded just twice during the tour.

White-lored Euphonia (*Euphonia chrysopasta*) – Seen only on the first afternoon of the trip, when a pair approached in the canopy to scold my pygmy-owl imitations.

Rufous-bellied Euphonia (*Euphonia rufiventris*) – Seen or heard on 4 dates; most common at Tupana.

Golden-sided Euphonia (*Euphonia cayannensis*) – Recorded only around Presidente Figueiredo.

OLD WORLD SPARROWS (PASSERIDAE)

House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*) – Seen on 3 dates in cities.

MAMMALS

Taxonomy follows Infonatura (<http://www.natureserve.org/infonatura>)

**** Giant Anteater** (*Myrmecophaga tridactyla*) – Leader only, as one crossed the Transamazônica in Amazonia NP while the rest of the group watched a small rodent (full disclosure of the sordid tale in the daily accounts).

Santarem Marmoset (*Callithrix humeralifera*) – Also known as Tassel-eared Marmoset. We saw this handsome primate on two dates in Amazonia National Park, including once as they scampered across the Transamazônica highway in front of our vehicle. This species is a Brazilian endemic restricted to the area between the Tapajós and Maués rivers.

Tamarin sp. nov. (*Saguinus* sp. nov.) – The small group of inquisitive marmosets we saw near the lodge clearing at Tupana Lodge belong to an undescribed taxon from the saddle-back tamarin (*Saguinus fuscicollis*) complex intermediate to *S. f. avilapirensi* and *S. f. weddelli*.

Red-handed (Midas) Tamarin (*Saguinus midas*) – Seen only on 24/09 in Presidente Figueiredo, where it is quite common. Appeared on our lists as Golden-handed Tamarin.

White-fronted Capuchin (*Cebus albifrons*) – Seen only at Amazonia NP.

Tufted (Brown) Capuchin (*Cebus apella*) – Seen at Presidente Figueiredo and Amazonia NP.

Monk Saki (*Pithecia monachus*) – A troop of these handsome but shy primates seen along the entrance road at Anavilhanas Lodge.

Red-faced Spider Monkey (*Ateles paniscus*) – A hulking individual tossed a few large branches down at us from the canopy over the trail grid at Viruá NP.

Red-rumped Agouti (*Dasyprocta leporina*) – Seen on a couple of dates at Iracema Falls Hotel.

South American Coati (*Nasua nasua*) – Seen at Anavilhanas Lodge.

Kinkajou (*Potos flavus*) – 1 seen while looking for White-winged Potoo at Anavilhanas Lodge.

Collared Peccary (*Pecari tajacu*) – A group of these animals seen along the Açaizal trail at Amazonia NP.

Tucuxi (Gray River Dolphin) (*Sotalia fluviatilis*) – Several seen on the rio Negro.