

Trip report – Pousada Rio Azul, Brazil – 08 to 15 July 2008
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Summary:

This is a report on a visit by Andrew Whitehouse, guided by Bradley Davis, to the Pousada Rio Azul in the state of Pará, Brasil.

Daily accounts:

JULY 8TH: We met with Andrew at the airport in Alta Floresta upon his arrival on the mid-afternoon flight from Cuiabá with TRIP (www.voetrip.com.br). Carlos and Ivaní, the owners of the Pousada Rio Azul (www.pousadarioazul.com.br) were a bit delayed, so we had a cold drink and looked around near the airport a bit, seeing the first **Blue-and-yellow Macaws** of the trip, a lifer for Andrew.

After running a quick errand in town we headed north on the very bumpy roads to the Rio Teles Pires. We saw a soaring **American Wood Stork** during the ferry crossing. Common open country birds seen on the ranch roads north of the Teles Pires included **Plumbeous Kite**, **American Kestrel**, **Picazuro Pigeon** and a **Lineated Woodpecker**. Before dusk we stopped at a large reservoir with many dead snags where good numbers of parrots come to roost. These included more **Blue-and-yellow Macaws** and a few **Scarlet Macaws** as well amongst the numerous **Red-bellied Macaws**. A **Rusty-margined Guan** and **Red-throated Piping-Guans** were also present.

We arrived in the dark at the Pousada Rio Azul, where after a delicious vegetarian-friendly meal we settled in for our first of seven nights.

JULY 9TH: Dawn came early, but not before we heard a pair of **Spectacled Owls** calling in the dark at the edge of the lodge clearing. Before breakfast we called a singing **Black-banded Woodcreeper** to the forest edge where he showed in the brightening dawn twilight. A host of other woodcreepers were singing including **Red-billed**, **Amazonian Barred**, **Spix's** and **Lafresnaye's Woodcreepers**. Rather incredibly, a pair of **Bald Parrots** flew low over the clearing for reasonable in-flight views – we hadn't even eaten our first breakfast and the star bird of the Rio Azul had already given itself up!

We spent the morning birding the *campinarana* forest along the entrance track to the lodge, a low and somewhat scrubby habitat on sandy soils. We got things off to a good start with good looks at **White-tailed** and **Violaceous Trogons** and scope views of a female **Red-necked Woodpecker**. I was about to point out a calling **Yellow-margined Flycatcher** with a mixed flock when a **Black-girdled Barbet** started tooting its accelerating song above our heads. The flycatcher

forgotten, we worked on the barbet for a while but Andrew only managed good views of its tail before the bird flew off. Soon enough a **Guianan Gnatcatcher** also began to sing, and we quickly located a smart individual in the scope as it foraged in the canopy of a large emergent tree.

Further along, in the lowest forest, we heard a calling **Gould's Toucanet** which came roaring in from a distance when I played the tape. This lonely male was a bit difficult to find at first, but once found he showed off brilliantly in the scope, calling, bowing and tossing his head about in search of a either a companion or a rival. From the same spot we also scoped a nearby pair of **Pied Puffbirds** and a rather more distant pair of **Brown-banded Puffbirds** – nice to see the two species at the same time for a good comparison of the size and plumage details.

The forest type along the track hosts a set of interesting species which are quite local in the region and patchily distributed in similar habitats throughout the Amazon basin. We had some success with a few of these including **White-fringed Antwren**, **Black-billed Thrush** and the *Myiarchus* look-alike **Pale-bellied Mourner**. Soaring raptors seen overhead included pairs of **Gray-headed** and **Plumbeous Kites**.

The lack of canopy cover and the angry sun drove us into the forest by mid-morning. From the entrance track we entered a loop trail that took us back to the lodge via taller *campinarana*, transitional forest, seasonally-inundated *igapó* forest and tall transitional forest. The first bits were rather quiet with only **White-bellied Tody-Tyrants**, but in the final stretch of taller forest we managed to call in a **White-crested Spadebill** and had arm's length views of a stunning male **Scale-backed Antbird** before stumbling upon an exquisite **Rufous-necked Puffbird**. This classy bird sat quietly beside the trail just a couple of metres from us as we drank in the details. Eventually we decided to leave him be and continued back to the lodge for lunch.

After a nice lunch and a short break we headed out again in mid-afternoon. First stop was a quiet stream beside the lodge clearing where Carlos had recently found a **Gray Tinamou** nest. We were fortunate to find the female on the nest and gave full marks to her camouflage and to Carlos for finding the bird after enjoying her through the scope.



nesting Gray Tinamou (*Tinamus guttatus*), July 2008

On the way to the boat landing at the river's edge we stopped at a old treefall gap where I stopped to call on some old friends of mine by now, the resident pair of **Blue-necked Jacamars**, whom were mostly receptive but obviously had other commitments as they moved on shortly after showing for good views in the scope.

And thus we reached the banks of the Rio Azul for the first time. For the most part things were rather quiet on the river, but we did see **Anhinga** and **Capped** and **Striated Herons** for the first time. We stopped in a narrow stretch where we could easily watch birds on either side of the river, and as our pilot Bira anchored the boat I could hear the distinctive loudsong of a male **Crimson Topaz**. Two males of this second-largest hummingbird in the world were battling for territorial rights over a nearby flowering tree, and our boat happened to be anchored beside a perched favoured for rests between bouts! There appeared to be a number of other small passerines in the area, so out came the Amazonian Pygmy-Owl recording and in came a gang of scolding birds: **Black-throated Mango**, **Fork-tailed Woodnymph**, **Amazonian Antwren**, **Red-headed Manakin**, **Dwarf Tyrant-Manakin**, **Purple** and **Short-billed Honeycreepers** all made appearances. A **Green-and-rufous Kingfisher** flew past and was called back for good looks as it circled the boat a couple of times.

As we rode back to the lodge at dusk we were on the alert for nightbirds but found little other than **Green Ibis** and a very brief views of a single **Short-tailed**

Nighthawk. A few **Dwarf Caiman** provided a reptilian close to our first full day at the Rio Azul.

JULY 10TH: After breakfast we spent an hour and a half birding the forest edge in the lodge clearing where we kicked things off with **Lineated Woodcreeper**, **White-lored** and **Slender-footed Tyrannulets** and **Golden-bellied Euphonia** all seen in the scope. A male **White-browed Antbird** came in to check us out at the head of the Woodcreeper Trail. We grudgingly decided to give up the easy viewing and head into the forest on the Old Boat Trail; we were soon locked in a game of hide-and-seek with a **Great Jacamar** who flew back and forth above our heads in response to my imitations before finally choosing an exposed perch and singing away until well after we finally moved along. Next up was a **Helmeted Pygmy-Tyrant** flitting about above us in a patch of vine-dominated forest and a **Spix's Warbling-Antbird** near a treefall gap. As we worked to get better views of the female antbird, a pair of **Bald Parrots** suddenly caught Andrew's eye as they took flight from the canopy of a tree where they had been feeding quietly beside the path.

It was already mid-morning and the Old Boat Trail was mostly quiet (**Screaming Pihás** aside); a cute **Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher** tested the close focus of our binoculars, but a **Ringed Woodpecker** was far less co-operative as it blasted back and forth in the canopy in response to my imitations. Eventually we admitted defeat on that one and took a narrow side trail along the river's edge to search for **Flame-crested Manakin**. At the end of the trail we managed to call in a single bird, but unfortunately "only" a female.

With activity waning, we turned back to the lodge and saw next to nothing until we had nearly reached the trailhead; however as we rounded the final bend in the trail I heard the **Amazonian Royal Flycatcher** which holds territory on a small stream near the lodge. Out came the playback gear and soon enough we were enjoying close studies of this odd tyrannid – the only complaint being that he didn't raise his flamboyant crest (they rarely do)! Right beside the lodge clearing we found a **Gray-breasted Sabrewing** and **Fork-tailed Woodnymphs** at flowering *Passiflora* sp., and also managed to call in a pair of striking (if a bit hyperactive) **Fiery-capped Manakins** for close range viewing.

As we emerged into the open we were floored by the oppressive heat. It seemed that surely the morning's birding was finished – or perhaps not. A **Roadside Hawk** was perched in a large snag, and we scoped a handsome **Pearl Kite** dismembering a large *Bufo* toad. A small cotingid amongst the many **Swallow-wings** in the treetops turned out to be a **White-browed Purpletuff**. Given that there was still time before lunch, we walked a short distance to a beautiful lagoon with crystal clear waters where we managed to pick up a few new birds including a trio of **Bar-breasted Piculets**, **Glossy** and **Chestnut-backed Antshrikes**, an **Amazonian Antwren**, a responsive **Cinnamon Attila**, **Gray-chested Greenlet** and a pair of **Red-capped Cardinals**.

After lunch and another short rest, we loaded into the lodge's 4x4 vehicle and drove 40 minutes to a nearby cattle ranch to spend the afternoon birding at the edge of their forest reserve. The habitat here is a mosaic of logged forest and extensive stands of *Guadua* bamboo. Our selected birding spot was a small reservoir at the edge of the forest, and the water here usually means that many birds are active even during the hot afternoons. Today was no different, and we didn't manage to walk more than 100 metres from our starting point in a couple of hours. A pair of **White Hawks** showed up in a lonely emergent at forest edge, copulated, and the female sat up lazily for as long as we wanted to watch. The distinctive call of a **Manu Antbird** resolved itself into a smart male after a bit of searching in a bamboo stand, and we then watched three different **Blackish Antbirds** pass back and forth through his patch; the Manu kept singing methodically, but appeared not the least concerned by the presence of a close congener. We also called a pair of **Crested Foliage-gleaners** from across the road to join the fray in the same bamboo patch.



a pair of White Hawks (*Leucopternis albicollis*), July 2008

A colony of **Amazonian Oropendolas** gave us something to watch during lulls in other activity, and we watched as the oropendola-parasite **Giant Cowbird** stopped at one of the nests to check out the situation. The oropendolas nearly caused us to miss a pair of **Razor-billed Curassows** which strolled casually across the track behind us to the water's edge. Other birds moving through the area included **Yellow-crowned** and **Orange-winged Amazons**, a handful of **Red-necked Aracaris**, **Crowned Slaty-Flycatcher** and **Turquoise** and **Blue-necked Tanagers**. A **Green-and-rufous Kingfisher** made repeat visits to the edge of the small pond, but deviously avoided digi-scoping. A small mixed flock yielded a couple of new common birds for us (**Fasciated Antshrike**, **Dot-winged Antwren**, **Long-billed Gnatwren**) but the fading light began to frustrate us. Far

more frustrating was a singing **Curve-billed Scythebill** which rocketed over our heads from one side of the track to the other but would not perch anywhere in the open for Andrew to get reasonable views; it did not tire of the playback tag either, and it was difficult to say whom was left more agitated by the experience, the bird or the birders.

Dusk was nearing so we turned back to the lodge, largely ignoring a larger reservoir where **Red-bellied Macaws** come in numbers to roost in hollow snags in the evenings and heading directly to the highest point on the ranch roads to stand vigil for the late passage of macaws. After a couple of pairs of **Blue-and-yellow Macaws** passed, I got onto a very distant pair of **Hyacinth Macaws** flying along a riparian corridor more than a half kilometre away from us. Not the result we had been hoping for.

JULY 11TH: After breakfast this morning we were in the boat by 06:00 and heading downstream to the same bamboo forest we had birded the previous day, though we would access the forest from the river rather than the back of the ranch. Birds seen from the boat in the cool dawn included an adult **Great Black-Hawk**, several **Red-throated Piping-Guans** wing-drumming, a couple of **Ruddy Pigeons**, both **White-winged** and **White-banded Swallows** and many **Swallow Tanagers**. A lone **Curl-crested Aracari** was seen below the rapids in a section of river where we turned off the motor and paddled on the current for a while. This strategy paid off with decent views of perched **White-bellied Parrots** and better yet, excellent looks at a single **Bald Parrot** perched in a leafless tree at the river's edge. It was well after 7 AM when we arrived at our port of call, a wide trail leading through partially logged bamboo forest.

Bird activity was encouraging right out of the boat. Upon climbing the riverbank we were immediately aware of hummingbirds (**White-necked Jacobin**, **Versicoloured Emerald**, **Fork-tailed Woodnymph** and a female **Crimson Topaz**) swarming a flowering tree, and tanagers and other frugivores all over a neighbouring fruiting tree – **Black-girdled Barbet**, **Masked Tityra**, **Lawrence's Thrush**, **Turquoise**, **Green-and-gold**, **Bay-headed** and **Blue-necked Tanager** were all present. A bit further along we found **Violaceous Trogon**, excellent scope views of a pair of **Kawall's Amazons**, **Reddish** and **Eastern Long-tailed Hermits**, and an all-levels mixed flock which kept us busy for more than two hours...

Birds seen in our mega-flock included: **White-tailed Trogon**, **Black-girdled Barbet**, **Bar-breasted Piculet**, **Red-stained Woodpecker**, **Rufous-tailed Foliage-gleaner**, **Chestnut-winged Foliage-gleaner**, **Plain Xenops**, **Lafresnaye's Woodcreeper**, **Fasciated**, **Plain-winged**, **Saturnine** and **Cinereous Antshrikes**, **Pygmy**, **Sclater's**, **Gray** and **Dot-winged Antwrens**, **Striated** and **Black-faced Antbirds**, **Red-headed Manakin**, **Dwarf Tyrant-Manakin**, **Ochre-bellied Flycatcher**, **Chestnut-crowned** and **Black-capped**

Becards, Tooth-billed Wren, Long-billed Gnatwren, Dusky-capped Greenlet, White-shouldered Tanager and Rufous-bellied Euphonia.

We finally managed to tear ourselves away from the flock and move a few hundred metres down the trail, where we hit another much smaller flock which added **Spot-winged Antshrike, White-naped Xenopsaris** and a group of **Red-billed Pied-Tanagers**.

Back on the river we saw both **Dusky-billed Parrotlet** and **Madeira Parakeet** on exposed rocks in the rapids. In fact, nearly every set of rapids would yield a sudden explosion of green and red as the larger Madeira Parakeets noisily took flight when disturbed by our passage. Before arriving at the lodge we paddled into another small lagoon which was quiet in the late morning sun, but we still managed to find **Lesser Kiskadee** and a nice pair of **Silvered Antbirds**.

In the afternoon we birded a quiet trail along a small stream between the lodge and the river. There wasn't much activity early on, but we still managed to find a male **Collared Trogon**, a responsive **Spix's Woodcreeper** and a couple of **Spot-winged (Rufous-faced) Antbirds**, of which the male obliged by hanging around at close range while we checked him out.

Our trail was short, so by 16:00 we had walked its length and decided to spend the last couple of hours of daylight birding the white sand vegetation along the entrance track again. Things were very slow, and the birds were few and far between. The highlights of the afternoon were undoubtedly a gang of four **Plush-crested Jays**, and a nesting pair of **Blue-crowned Trogons**. As dusk fell we heard **Tropical Screech-Owl** and **Little Nightjars** and saw both **Pauraque** and **Blackish Nightjar**.



Blue-crowned Trogon (*Trogon curucui*), July 2008

JULY 12TH: This morning the plan was to focus on birds of the forest interior, so we headed for a new trail I had cut just two months prior. After we finished our early breakfast we stopped briefly in the lodge clearing to try for woodcreepers once again, with **Black-banded** and **Amazonian Barred Woodcreepers** seen in neighbouring trees. Inside the forest it was immediately evident that it would be a quiet morning as we listened to the tail end of a lacklustre dawn chorus. Our hopes were boosted by three flushed **Ruddy Quail-Doves**, one of which sat up on a low branch for reasonable views, and a nice male **Spot-backed Antbird** which responded to tape and approached quite closely in the undergrowth. They were then dashed once again by an unnerving lack of singing birds and a discouraging failure of my recording gear. We walked as far as a dry streambed where we stopped and decided to cut our losses and try something different.

Re-tracing our steps I finally managed to whistle in a **Long-tailed Woodcreeper** for repeated good views. A trio of **White-whiskered Spider Monkeys** was a mammal highlight, but otherwise the trail remained quiet.

Arriving back at the lodge we informed Bira that we'd take an unscheduled boat trip, and occupied ourselves around the lodge clearing while the boat was prepared. We used this time to really nail **Ringed Woodpecker** which, after zipping across the clearing a couple of times chasing my whistled imitations, decided to settle down and work a small *Cecropia* at the forest edge. We truly managed to get our fill of this bird, and Andrew even went to sit down for a while as I digi-blasted the woodpecker.



Ringed Woodpecker (*Celeus torquatus*), July 2008

Our river trip was mildly successful, kicked off with in-flight views of a single **Bald Parrot** which disappeared into the canopy of a tall emergent and could not be re-found. A female **Black-tailed Trogon** was new for the trip, and while we didn't find our major target (Hoatzin) we did manage nice studies of a pair of **Sunbitterns** at one of their usual haunts in the rapids. Well downstream in the Hoatzin habitat we had a rather extraordinary run of luck, enjoying three encounters with two different **Brazilian Tapirs** in the river. Returning for lunch we once again saw many **Madeira Parakeets** and **Dusky-billed Parrotlets** down on the rocks in the middle of the river.

Maarten and Grietje were scheduled to arrive at the lodge around 16:00, so Andrew and I decided to go for a short walk along the Woodcreeper Trail to see if we could pick up some forest birds in spite of the sweltering heat. Bizarrely, the first bird we heard was a calling **Spectacled Owl!** The hoped-for Musician Wrens weren't in, but we did eventually manage to find a nice **Bronzy Jacamar** in the canopy. The hour to return for meeting the others was approaching when a small mixed flock moved through; here we had **Gray** and **Long-winged Antwrens**, **Cinereous Antshrike** and **Plain Xenops** before we had to give up the flock to return to the lodge.

The car arrived more or less on time, with Maarten bounding out, eager to be after the Bald Parrot for which he had come. After a short chat we resolved to load up the boats once again and hit the river. Parrots were in short supply, but we did manage a **Brown Jacamar** and a number of fly-by views of **Chestnut Woodpecker** from the boats. We anchored at the spot Andrew and I had seen **Crimson Topaz** previously, but couldn't call the male to the river's edge for a look. While working on the hummer, I heard and pointed out a lone **Bald Parrot** as it passed directly over our heads – in perfect silhouette. Slightly dejected, we headed back to the lodge as dusk fell.

JULY 13TH: An early breakfast today, and we then birded the lodge clearing until it was light enough to navigate the river. The highlight was undoubtedly the calling **Spectacled Owl** which Maarten found perched at the edge of the clearing. Our first port of call on the river was a stop for a singing **Dot-backed Antbird**, where we saw a pair. Other early birds included **Scaled Pigeon** and two stunning male **Crimson Topazes**. A **Golden-green Woodpecker** flashed across in front of us, and the **Sunbitterns** were well behaved and seen again along the usual stretch of river. I called a **Pied Puffbird** from across the river to perch in a tree above our boat. While paddling along a stretch which had yielded perched Bald Parrots just a couple of days earlier, we dipped on a heard-only **Plain-crowned Spinetail** but a surprising **Little Cuckoo** evened things out a little. Far more surprising was a large **Brazilian Tapir** which suddenly surfaced beside our boat, panicked, and tried to dive underneath us, bumping roughly against the hull in the process before she lifted herself out of the water and walked into the forest!

Once again we birded an old track through partially logged bamboo forest where we added some new birds in the form of **Striped Cuckoo**, **Wing-barred Piprites**, **Vermilion Flycatcher**, **Grayish Mourner**, **Dusky-tailed Flatbill**, **Black-crowned Tityra**, **White-thighed Swallows** and **Magpie** and **Masked Tanagers**.

Immediately after lunch we headed back into the field to continue searching for Bald Parrots. On the Old Boat Trail we had excellent views of a species yet to be formally described to science, a small hummingbird of the *Phaethornis* genus which will likely be named the **Tapajós Hermit**. We took a small side trail to

reach the boat landing, and found a **Striped Woodcreeper** and **Bar-breasted Piculets** in the *igapó* forest. Then it was back into the boat trying to run into a Bald Parrot in flight or perched at the river's edge. Success was elusive.

JULY 14TH: We split the first part of our morning between the lodge clearing and the entrance road, which is typically an excellent place to see a good variety of parrots commuting over the low forest. In the clearing we saw a handful of canopy flycatchers in the scope which Andrew and I had seen earlier in the week but were new for Maarten, along with two nice *Celeus* woodpeckers: **Scale-breasted** and **Ringed**. On the entrance track we picked up a few of the white sand specialists including nesting **Green-tailed Goldenthrout**, **White-fringed Antwren**, **Yellow-breasted Flycatcher** and **Pale-bellied Mourner**.



nest of Green-tailed Goldenthrout (*Polytmus theresiae*), July 2008

The morning was heating up and parrot activity had died down. We resolved to hit the river once more for a last gasp at the Bald Parrot for Maarten. Our boat ride took us as far downstream as possible before one would have to walk the boat through a difficult set of rapids, and no parrots were coming out to play. No fairy tale ending to this one... we returned to the lodge feeling a little down, but we all know how birding works sometimes. At lunch we found that Grietje had seen (and photographed) a pair of **Giant Otters** on the river near the lodge.

Maarten and Grietje left after lunch. Carlão took them to Alta Floresta, stopping off at the large reservoir with flooded forest where we had stopped on the way in. Apparently Maarten actually saw **Bald Parrot** here, and thus I suppose attained his goal after all.

Andrew and I headed out to the Woodcreeper Trail again in the mid-afternoon. In a piece of bitter irony, the first birds we heard in the forest were a pair of **Bald Parrots** calling as they scooted through the canopy. A short distance along the trail, another **Bald Parrot** was sat in the canopy, calling intermittently. Just as I had the put the scope on the bird (and envisioning the photograph I could send to Maarten), it felt the eyes upon him and took off: easy come, easy go.

The trail was otherwise rather quiet, though we managed a nice **Blue-crowned Motmot** in tall *campinarana* near the end of the trail. There wasn't much more activity along the entrance track, but we did manage to find a male **Red-shouldered Tanager** of which I got a short cut to document its occurrence at the Rio Azul. A reasonable end to an inauspicious day.

JULY 15TH: Our final day at the Pousada Rio Azul, and we spent it after target species that we had missed thus far, focusing particularly on the birds that would be more difficult for Andrew at the Cristalino Jungle Lodge, his next destination. First off was **Red-billed Woodcreeper** with which we finally had success in the lodge clearing at dawn. We then hacked into the forest a short distance from the clearing to reach the edge of a **Yellow-browed Antbird** territory; after a bit of work we got good looks of the male. Hitting the Old Boat Trail, we found a couple of **Ruddy Quail-Doves** sitting stock-still on the trail in front of us. Andrew saw a nice **Rufous-tailed Flatbill** with a mixed flock that also had **Rufous-tailed Foliage-gleaner** and **Sepia-capped Flycatcher**. Further along we worked a **Pará Foliage-gleaner** for nearly half an hour before getting reasonable views. A mixed flock in the mid-levels had **Rufous-rumped Foliage-gleaner**, an array of common antbirds and a classy male **Fulvous-crested Tanager**. A fruiting tree in lower forest attracted two brilliant male **White-crowned Manakins**, a **Dwarf Tyrant-Manakin** and **Short-billed Honeycreepers** along with a group of four **Opal-rumped Tanagers**. Unfortunately our time was soon up, and we had to turn back to eat lunch and pack our bags to return to Alta Floresta.

Since Andrew would spend the night in Alta Floresta, we had no hurry to get back to town and decided to check out a promising side track which I had not yet explored. The mid-afternoon hour didn't help us with the birds, but we did find a small *Labidus* antswarm attended by **White-backed Fire-eye** and **Bare-eyed Antbirds**. A **Ruddy Spinetail** called a few times but did not approach further. A short distance along the track at a small *esplanada* we found a pair of hulking **Red-necked Woodpeckers**. We heard the sounds of **Collared Peccaries** just off the track but didn't see them; I did however feel the presence of the animals in another sense as I was covered in tiny ticks upon my return to the truck.

The major highlight of the drive to Alta Floresta was undoubtedly the ten **Hyacinth Macaws** we saw near the border between Mato Grosso and Pará, including a flock of five which perched for prolonged scope views at the side of the road to the point where Andrew moved the scope from the macaws to check

out a couple of other nearby birds including **Chestnut-fronted Macaws** and a **Fork-tailed Flycatcher**.

By this point we had delayed sufficiently to warrant a little haste if we wanted to reach town in time for dinner. Night fell, and our progress was repeatedly stymied by dozens of **Pauraques**, **Blackish Nightjar** and a **Little Nightjar** on the road. A **Brazilian Rabbit** was a notable mammal. Finally we reached Alta Floresta, exhausted by a long day of travel. Andrew checked into the Floresta Amazônica Hotel (where he saw **Harpy Eagle** two days later) and the rest of us stumbled to our respective homes.



Little Nightjar (*Caprimulgus parvulus*), July 2008