

Wise Birding Holidays

Bird and mammal watching tours



BRAZIL: Birds & Mammals of the Northern Pantanal & Cerrado Monday 5th October - Friday 16th October 2015

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HIGHLIGHTS OF TRIP

Big Cats: Fabulous views of Jaguar with at least five different animals seen over, three days, a superb Puma watched for 15 minutes during a night drive and a wonderful daytime encounter with a male Ocelot on the Transpantaneira.

Maned Wolf: Great views of an animal watched from the breakfast table of our lodge!

Giant Anteater: Two animals in great light on our last morning near Piuval Lodge.

Macaws: The Hyacinth Macaws are hard to beat with fabulous views outside our rooms at Port Jofre, though Red-and-Green Macaws were equally as impressive!

Great Potoo: A number of good sightings both at night and during the day.

Horned Sungem: Often tricky and easy to miss, so a male perched out in the open near Chapada dos Guimaraes was very much appreciated by everyone.



Monday 5th October

The group arrived and met at Cuiaba airport and we all boarded our air conditioned coach and headed north-east towards our eco-lodge located just inside the Chapada dos Guimaraes National Park. Approximately 15 Km before our accommodation we had a mechanical problem with our coach, though luckily we had stopped beside some good birding habitat! Therefore we spent the last hour of daylight birding whilst our trusty driver Mauris attempted to fix the problem. Highlights here included our first tanagers with both Hepatic Tanager, Burnished-buff Tanager and the beautiful Swallow Tanager as well as our first White-eyed Parakeets and Boat-Billed Flycatchers. Tony did well to find us a Cliff Flycatcher and a cracking Toco Toucan that gave us a brief fly-by. As the light faded a female Scissor-tailed Nightjar was flushed from the path at dusk just in time for our new coach to arrive and we soon arrived at our very quiet and well located eco-lodge. Once checked into our rooms, we met for some great food on the outside terrace where a calling Striped Owl was heard and seen briefly by a few of the group. After dinner, we all waited quietly in the hope that we might see the Maned Wolf that sometimes visits the garden. After a while, sleep was most definitely calling and despite Tony being the last man standing, the Maned Wolf failed to show.

Tuesday 6th October

Everyone awoke to the loud songs of Chopi Blackbirds and we all met for an early breakfast eager for our first full day's birding. Breakfast was served on the terrace overlooking the garden where binoculars were always to hand as the commoner species such as Sayaca Tanager, Chalk-browed Mockingbird and small groups of Brazilian Cavy entertained us all.

After breakfast we headed out to do some birding alongside the Aguas Frias road. Our first stop was for Rufous-winged Antshrike, which we did see but it wasn't the most co-operative bird and the annoying sweat bees didn't help! Also seen here were a group of White-rumped Tanagers warming up in the early morning sunshine and a brief White-banded or "Shrike-like" Tanager. We continued a little further down the road by coach and then birded a track until late morning. Here, we enjoyed a good purple patch with a number of specialities including a couple of Blue-winged Macaws that gave a close fly-by, a singing Collared Crescentchest that gave great scope views and Helen then spotted a stunning male Horned Sungem that sat perched out in the open for everyone to see. We also enjoyed much better views of Rufous-winged Antshrike. Other highlights during the morning included numerous very close Burrowing Owls, Red-crested Finches, Rusty-backed Antwren and Curl-crested Jays.

The heat was quite intense by now, so we returned to our coach and headed towards our lunch stop inside the Chapada dos Guimaraes National Park. We walked down to the impressive viewpoint overlooking the famous Veu da Noiva "Bride's Veil" Waterfall. On our way down to the viewpoint we enjoyed great views of a male Barred Antshrike and a Yellow-bellied Elaenia - a family soon to become Dave's favourite! On arriving at the waterfall and right on cue, two stunning and typically vocal Red-and-Green Macaws gave us a fantastic fly-by against a fantastic backdrop of red rock escarpment topped with wooded scrub Cerrado. A Great Dusky Swift was also a good bird to see as it zoomed across the valley. The temperature was severely hot by now, so we took some time to relax in the shade and ordered our lunch. From our shaded area we sipped cool drinks and added a few more species including, Rufous-browed Peppershrike, Crested Black Tyrant and a soaring White-tailed Hawk.

After lunch a walk around the grounds was very productive despite the very high temperatures! Highlights included, Yellow-chevroned Parakeet and Peach-fronted Parakeet, Plumbeous Seedeater, Plain-breasted Dove, Planalto Hermit for some, Swallow-tailed Hummingbird and Masked Tityra. Back at the waterfall viewpoint

Chestnut-eared Aracari and Purple-throated Euphonia were new species before we headed back to our lodge. Here, some of the group decided to rest and relax around the gardens whereas Chris, Patricio, Helen, Simon and Keith were keen to explore the forest trail adjacent to lodge. Highlights here included literally hundreds of amazingly coloured grasshoppers, Blue-crowned Motmot, White-bellied warbler, Saffron-billed Sparrow and at dusk a male Helmeted Manakin and a calling Rufous Nightjar. Back at the lodge Andy and Tony had enjoyed watching a couple of Crab-eating Foxes.

Dinner was once again enjoyed on the terrace and despite our best efforts to try and see the Striped owl it was only heard along with a Tropical Screech Owl. The weather then deteriorated as the wind increased and some lightning was seen before everyone sensibly retired for the night!

Wednesday 7th October

We started a little earlier this morning and met for an 04.45hrs breakfast, but it certainly paid off! It was dark and other than a calling Common Potoo from the back of the lodge, all was quiet. However, that all changed just after 5am! Whilst sipping the first coffee of the day and trying a very delicious chocolate cake from the breakfast table everyone was in high spirits despite the early hour! Then Chris called "Maned Wolf" and there in the garden was South America's largest canid! The animal gave incredibly close views and seemed relatively unperturbed by its onlookers as cameras and videos worked hard in the early morning gloom. After a few minutes it disappeared behind some buildings and then re-appeared a little further away where we all watched it gathering fruit from the ground before it finally wandered off into the scrub. What a great start to the day - Maybe it was the magic of the chocolate cake for breakfast Terry!?

Needless to say, we started our birding day a little behind schedule due to the Maned Wolf but the smiles said it all and we boarded the coach and took a short drive to explore another area of Cerrado. The temperature today seemed much cooler, helped by more overcast conditions and a light breeze. Despite being more pleasant for us, it seemed the birds were unimpressed as bird activity seemed much quieter than the previous morning. Nonetheless, highlights included Red-and-Green Macaws, Yellow-rumped Toucan, Swallow-tailed Kite, Lesser Eleania and Rusty-backed Antwren as well as more Red-crested Finch. At around 09.00hrs it was beginning to get a little warmer, so we headed towards a cooler forest area seeing our first Whistling heron and a Grey Monjita spotted by Dave en route. We walked slowly along the forest trail where a brief Rufous Casiornis was seen by a few of the group as well as our first Thrush-like Wrens and the luminous colours of a Yellow-rumped Cacique. Black-faced Nunbird and Large-billed Antwrens were welcome additions to the morning tally, but without doubt the real star of the show was the stonking male Band-tailed Manakin. This bird was a real performer and posed beautifully for the whole group to enjoy. A little further down the trail we also heard Fiery-capped Manakin and despite quietly entering the forest where the bird was calling, we failed to see it but a Plain Ant-Vireo was new.

Our lunch was a very classy affair as we dined at a restaurant high on an escarpment where we all enjoyed view towards the Pantanal. Here we had good views of White-collared Swifts, a White Hawk and a group of six Wood Storks flew high overhead. After a filling lunch we returned to our Eco Lodge for a rest before heading out again. We drove to a site where sometimes the rare Yellow-faced Parrot can be seen, but it seemed we had used up our luck on the Maned Wolf. However, despite a lack of rare parrots we still saw Greater Rhea, two very close Red-legged Seriamas, Crested Black Tyrant, Double-collared Seedeater, more Red-and-Green Macaws and some distant Nighthawks that were most likely Lesser Nighthawks. On our return journey we did a little spotlighting where we had some fantastic views of at least three Little Nightjars.

Thursday 8th October

Everyone was very eager to meet early again this morning, in the hope that the Maned Wolf might return. Sadly it didn't show up, though a Common Potoo was calling once again as dawn broke. We decided to take a walk from the lodge which produced a number of new birds. These included: Wedge-tailed Grass-finch, Crane Hawk, Planalto Slaty-Antshrike, White-lined Tanager as well as some excellent views of Plumbeous Kite, a perched Yellow-ridged Toucan, and a White-bellied Warbler which was new for most of the group. Keith was also in the right spot as a Black-faced Tanager popped out in front of him before Mauris picked us up and drove us back to the lodge for a leisurely breakfast. Andy had decided to take things a little easy at the lodge and did well to see Ash-throated crane whilst the rest of us were on the walk. After breakfast, we had time to do some last minute birding around the lodge where we had some great scope views of two perched King Vultures as well as four species of hummingbird around the swimming pool, White-vented Violet-ear, Fork-tailed Woodnymph, Black-throated Mango and the Glittering-bellied Emerald.

Once the luggage had been loaded onto the coach, we waved goodbye to our lodge and then headed back to Cuiaba before heading north-west towards the Serra das Araras or "Macaw Mountains" which was to be our home of the next two nights. We arrived in time for lunch and were greeted by our first views of the noisy Red-shouldered Macaws that sought shade beside the dining area and the very smart Yellow-tufted Woodpecker as well as some very close views of Buff-necked Ibis. We waited for the intense heat to abate a little and then headed out, though Keith clearly did not mind the heat and decided to loiter by the swimming pool where he was duly rewarded with some views of the scarce Red-necked Woodpecker.

During the afternoon birding session we enjoyed great views of more Bare-faced Ibis and a Ringed Kingfisher before we arrived at a small pool. Here a nice selection of waders and ducks distracted us and included Solitary Sandpiper, Lesser Yellowlegs and Black-winged (White-backed) Stilt as well as Brazilian Teal, White-faced Whistling Duck, Muscovy Duck, Wattled Jacana, Striated Heron and Bare-faced Ibis. Our lodging had become well known to birding groups in recent years due to a pair of Harpy Eagles that often nests within the ranch grounds. Sadly, this year, despite the usual pair being seen at the nest in weeks prior to our arrival, they had since disappeared so we were not very optimistic but still had to visit the nest site regardless. As expected, no birds were present at the nest though it was still an impressive sight to see the huge nest. A nearby pool revealed Least Grebe, Grey-necked Wood-Rail, Plumbeous Pigeon and a posing Rufous-tailed Jacamar. Close to the Harpy Eagle nest we had some good scope views of Dusky-headed Parakeet, Orange-winged Amazon, Magpie Tanager and a very smart Black-tailed Tityra. We waited in the area until dusk and the noise of the Cicadas was almost deafening! As we slowly walked back to our coach Patricio picked up a Great Potoo in the torch which sat at the very top of a tree allowing great views. A short night drive and walk after dinner revealed no hopes for owls but a superb view of a Six-banded (Yellow) Armadillo and a Boat-billed Heron feeding on a nearby pool were the definite highlights.

Friday 9th October

This morning we met for coffee early and then headed out to a high viewpoint which gave us a commanding view over the forested area which we felt would give us our best chance of picking up any perched Harpy Eagles! Here, we saw our first Black-tailed Marmosets, Asy-tailed (Sick's) Swift, Black-tailed Tityra, Scaled Pigeon, Toco Toucan, Red-and-Green Macaw and hundreds of sweat bees! However, despite our best efforts we could not find any Harpy Eagle but we gave it our best try!

Back on the main trail we saw Grey-headed Tanager, White-lined Tanager, Thrush-like Wren, Black-fronted Nunbird and better views of a group of Black-tailed Marmosets. En route back to the lodge, two Southern Screamers showed well. We then returned to our lodge for breakfast in the company of the Red-shouldered Macaws.

After breakfast we headed back out to search for Crowned Solitary Eagle. This species is generally poorly known species in South America with a small and fragmented population and is considered scarce to rare in Brazil. Luckily a pair had recently been discovered nesting close to our lodge. We arrived at the nest site and before too long a bird appeared and flew low and up into the nest tree. Most of the group managed to get a flight view before it landed giving somewhat concealed scope views through the numerous leaves and branches. It was getting very hot by now, so after waiting a while we headed to the cooler river area seeing our only Greater Yellow-headed Vulture of the trip en route as well as the now expected Burrowing Owls on what seemed like every other fence post! At the river a Rufous-tailed Jacamar showed well, as did a very obliging Black-crowned Trogon and a Buff-breasted Wren was singing nearby. Activity was clearly very quiet due to the intensity of the heat so we returned to the Eagle 'stake-out' where a Grassland Sparrow sought shade at our feet! We tried a slightly different angle which allowed much better views of the Crowned Solitary Eagle as it sat in the nest tree allowing the whole bird to be visible in the scope.

After a relaxing lunch, we felt it would be rude not to check out Keith's "magic birding spot" from the previous day where we hoped the Red-necked Woodpecker might return. Alas, things seemed exceptionally quiet other than a Black-fronted Nunbird, so we headed back out and explored another forest trail. As is often the case with forest birding, things were very quiet! However, our first Black-striped Capuchin Monkey of the trip was well received, as was a perched Orange-winged Amazon. Then a little burst of activity revealed both Black-crowned and Black-tailed Trogons in quick succession and a small group of Lettered Aracaris perched in a nearby tree. A showy Amazonian Motmot then posed in fading light soon to be followed by calling Common Pauriques all around us. We then slowly walked back through the forest in darkness listening for any owls and despite an absence of night birds, it was a great experience to be in the forest at night. Our short drive back to the lodge produced a close view of a Crab-eating Fox, presumably the same feeding Boat-billed Heron from yesterday and a brief view of a small deer presumed to be a Red Brocket Deer.

Saturday 10th October

This morning there was a definite change in the weather as it was very overcast and much cooler with rain threatening. We headed to an area of Burito Palms which proved to be very productive with a number of new species for the trip. Highlights here included a Point-tailed Palmcreeper building a nest, Fork-tailed Palm Swifts, a small group of Red-bellied Macaws, Sulphury Flycatcher, White-headed Marsh-tyrant, Swallow-winged Puffbird, Cattle Tyrant and a smart male Rusty-collared Seedeater.

Later in the morning, we loaded our luggage onto the coach and then headed south to begin the second part of our tour, in the wildlife rich Northern Pantanal. En route, we travelled through some very heavy rain and surface water but before too long we arrived in the town of Pocone, the last town before the start of the famous Transpantaneira, a 150Km dirt road. By the time we joined the Transpantaneira the rain had stopped and new birds came thick and fast with our first Bare-faced Curassows, Rufescent Tiger Herons and Red-crested Cardinals all greeting us at the official Transpantaneira sign. Another stop beside the Transpantaneira revealed species such as Black-collared Hawk, Purple Gallinule, Yellow-chinned Spinetail, Donacobius and Greyish Baywing along with many Pantanal Caiman. We then proceeded to our lunch stop at the very 'birdy' Piuval Lodge just 10 Kilometres south

of the start of the Transpantaneira. Here we experienced our first real spectacle of waterbird congregations as numerous Jabiru, Great White Egret, Snowy Egret, Capped Heron and a couple of Roseate Spoonbills all fed together at a marshy pool. After lunch, we viewed the surrounding area from an elevated viewing platform where we enjoyed more views of the waterbird spectacle with more species such as Snail Kite, Limpkin, Buff-necked Ibis, Plumbeous Ibis and Green Ibis, Crane Hawk, Greater Rhea, Red-legged Seriema and our first South American Coati.

We continued south towards Pousa Alegre which was to be our accommodation for the night. We birded en route where the endemic Chestnut-bellied Guan was seen along with the first of many Chaco Chachalacas! Other stops along the way revealed our first Capybaras and yet more great birding with highlights that included, American Pygmy Kingfisher, Green Kingfisher, Ringed Kingfisher and Amazon Kingfisher, Chestnut-eared Aracari, Great Antshrike and White-winged Swallow. Of course one of the day's highlights was our very first Hyacinth Macaw with two birds perched in a tree briefly before flying off to confirm they really are the largest Macaw in the world!

With dusk fast approaching we turned off the Transpantaneira and drove a number of kilometres down a track that led to our lodge at Pousa Alegre. En route we saw Red-legged Seriema and a group of circling Mississippi Kites before arriving at our lodge in darkness. Once checked into our rooms, we had a little time to relax before dinner and then it was straight back out in search of mammals! So once again we were back in our coach and we slowly drove the tracks spotlighting, with Patricio covering the right side of the coach and Chris covering the left. Things seemed quiet for the first twenty minutes, but that all changed in an instant as Patricio picked up some eye shine on the right and then Andy called "Puma!" Despite the potential for panic, everyone remained calm and could see the animal immediately as it lay in vegetation and just looked towards us. Once everyone was happy with the views we very slowly and quietly disembarked from the coach and walked a little closer allowing some fantastic views as this very unperturbed cat loafed in the bushes for the next few minutes and then eventually stood up slowly and wandered off - Simply Wow! Once back in our coach it began to sink in, just how fortunate we had been and we continued a little further along the track. A Red Brocket Deer and a couple of Crab-eating Foxes were nice to see but slightly eclipsed by Puma! A Great Potoo, also showed in torchlight but it was the wonderful Brazilian Tapir that was the final cherry on the top as it stood in a nearby pool drinking. We all returned to the lodge exhausted but exhilarated ready for sleep and sweet dreams of Puma!

Sunday 11th

This morning we had an early breakfast before heading south along the Transpantaneira for the first of our boat trips. We spent a couple of hours on the Rio Claro where it seemed very strange to be wearing a fleece, as it was decidedly chilly for the Pantanal! Regardless of the overcast conditions, we enjoyed some great wildlife where highlights included, a minimum of two Sungrebes, Nanday Parakeet, Pale-legged Hornero, Great Black Hawk, Black-collared Hawk, Rufescent Tiger Heron, Capped Heron, Greater Ani, Grey-necked Wood Rail, numerous Kingfishers, Common Tegu Lizard and a group of Long-nosed Bats clinging to the trunk of a tree. After the boat trip we enjoyed some coffee and a little birding around the lodge gardens which allowed great views of species such as Narrow-billed Woodcreeper, Bare-faced Currawong, Chestnut-bellied Guan and Grey-crested Cacholote. We then returned to Pousa Alegre for lunch and enjoyed watching our first Sunbitterns of the trip as we neared the lodge as well as a few wonderful tiny Picui Ground Doves.

After lunch we spent much of the afternoon birding around the grounds and the track back towards the Transpantaneira. The birding was excellent as we enjoyed some great views of a very close pair of perched Hyacinth Macaws in the lodge garden, Pale-crested Woodpecker, Little Woodpecker, White Woodpecker, Glittering-throated Emerald and the first Azara's Agouti of the trip. Further up the track we had some nice views of Great Rufous Woodcreeper (a speciality of the lodge) as well as Red-billed Scythebill and more views of Sunbittern. As we drove towards the Transpantaneira gate entrance, Andy did well to spot our second Six-banded (Yellow) Armadillo of the trip before it scuttled off to seek cover and we made one final birding stop. Here highlights included, Blue Ground-dove, Long-tailed Ground-dove, Chotoy Spinetail, Rufous-fronted Thornbird, White-lored Spinetail, Pearly-vented Tody-tyrant, Chestnut-vented Conebill, White-bellied Seedeater, Chesnut-bellied Seed-finch and Lesser Kiskadee. Then it was back onto the Transpantaneira, re-tracing our steps from this morning continuing south towards our hotel beside the Rio Pixaim. As usual, we drove slowly along the dirt road stopping every now and again before finally arriving in the early evening allowing us time to relax before dinner.

Monday 12th

After some much needed caffeine, and not such an early start(!), we took another boat trip, this time on the River Pixaim, just metres from our rooms. Here, we enjoyed another strangely chilly boat trip but once again packed full of great wildlife. Highlights this morning were undoubtedly the seven Giant River Otters that put on a great show as we watched them swimming and calling to each other just a few feet from our boat and nosily munched fish on the river bank. A brief Neotropical River Otter was a bonus and Keith did very well to find both American Pygmy and Green-and-Rufous Kingfishers giving us a full suite of five Kingfisher species for the day! We also did exceptionally well with Sungrebes with a maximum count of five birds. A Roadside Hawk amused us as it took fish from the river and we also found another group of Long-nosed Bats under a bridge before returning for breakfast at the hotel.

A little time spent at the hotel bird feeders was well rewarded with some great views of Chestnut-eared Aracari and Orange-backed Troupial as well as Greyish Baywing, Giant Cowbird and both Shiny Cowbird and Chopi Blackbird to give good comparison of the differences. Ted was also very pleased as he finally enjoyed some views of Purplish Jay that had so far eluded him. Before lunch we took a walk along some nearby gallery forest where we added a number of new species. These included good views of both Mato Grosso Antbird and Band-tailed Antbird, Rusty-backed Spinetail and both Rusty-fronted Tody Flycatcher and Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant. Further along the trail we found a large cat print of either Jaguar or Puma and a Helmeted Manakin taunted us with its distinctive call, showing only briefly to some of the group. An Ashy-headed Greenlet showed well along with a White-eyed Attila and Stripe-necked Tody-Tyrant whilst a Black-tufted Capuchin seemed bemused at our presence and Andy saw a female Black-and-Gold Howler. A speed walk back for lunch was then necessary as too many birds had distracted us!

After lunch we continued our drive slowly south towards Porto Jofre stopping at the various wooden bridges and finding new species or getting better views of species seen previously. Species included Black-crowned Night Heron, Capped Heron, Purple Gallinule, Yellow-chinned Spinetail, Common Tody-Flycatcher, Hooded Tanager, Snail Kite, White-winged Swallow, Limpkin, Jabiru and much more! A convenient toilet stop en route produced good views of a Ferruginous Pygmy Owl, thanks to Simon, as well as Turquoise-fronted Parrot and more Hyacinth Macaws. We continued south seeing our only Scarlet-headed Blackbirds of the trip and then shortly before dusk we loitered on the dirt road for a while. Then Chris alerted everyone to a distant large cat on the Transpantaneira ahead of us! A quick look in the scope confirmed the id as our first

Jaguar(!) as it nontulantly paced down the road and into the wetter vegetation. We all quickly boarded the coach and slowly headed down towards where it seemed to have disappeared, but we failed to find it again. It was an exciting first sighting, but something to improve on! A Nacunda Nighthawk was seen hawking from the coach at dusk briefly and a Spot-tailed Nightjar was calling around the Campo Jofre area. As dusk became darkness, we did a little spotlighting and soon found our second Jaguar of the trip, this time much closer but only a brief sighting, so the views were improving! We finally arrived at our hotel in Porto Jofre which was to be home for the next three nights. Here we enjoyed some great food and once again dreamed of Cats!

Tuesday 13th October

Today was all about large spotty cats as we spent the day on the Cuiaba River and its associated creeks and tributaries searching for Jaguars! Everyone was up early and keen for breakfast and we then boarded our boat just before 6am. It was a great feeling to be back out on the river knowing that this is probably one of the best places in the world to see Jaguars. The weather had improved and it felt warmer today and about time! A number of new bird species started off the day well with Pied Lapwing and Yellow-billed Tern as well as Black Skimmer and Large-billed Tern also.

It was 08.20hrs when we saw our first Jaguar of the day, a female animal lazing in the shade with only the flicking tail to give its location away! It was a good view and certainly our most prolonged sighting yet at a range of around 75 metres. We watched her for a good 30 minutes or so until she got up and walked a little further away into the shade where presumably she would spend the day. So with smiling faces all round, we headed off to try and find another! Our second sighting was of a male at around 11am on the Corrixo Negro, much closer, but perhaps unsurprisingly for the time of day and the heat, it was sleeping and slightly out of view. Still, there were to be no complaints as it was our second sighting of the day and our fourth Jaguar of the trip! We waited for a while and saw the animal a few times. As word spread, things became a little busy with other Jaguar watchers, so we decided to return to our hotel for lunch and try again in the afternoon.

After lunch, once again we ventured out on our boat at around 2.30pm and we agreed our best option was to return to the spot where the male Jaguar had been sleeping. On arrival, it was clearly still present and we simply moored up and waited. It was still very hot and the animal was clearly very hot and somewhat agitated by the flies that it would try and bat away with its huge paws every now and again! It even flushed a couple of Undulated Tinamous as it padded into view, much to the disgust of Keith who was videoing the birds at the time! We watched as the animal rolled on its back and stuck various legs in the air to try and find the most comfortable position. Other boats came and went, but we were determined to get the best views as it was clear this male would move at some point. Then as dusk approached we were all treated to an incredible experience as this huge male paced towards our boat and came down to the water's edge to drink just metres from us! It was a real privilege and one that we had all to ourselves before it finally padded away from us and into thicker vegetation. We then headed back to our hotel with the amazing sight of numerous Band-tailed Nighthawks hawking over the river as the sun set, soon replaced by what seemed like a swarm of Greater and Lesser Fishing Bats fishing above the water. Certainly an incredible day to remember!

Wednesday 14th October

This morning was another day looking for Jaguars and after another full breakfast we were back out on the river at around 05.45hrs. We explored the same areas and soon found ourselves exploring one of the narrow channels where we chanced upon our own Jaguar! Unfortunately, it was walking away and despite waiting a while it never returned. A day roosting adult Boat-billed Heron was a great spot by Helen and we

continued our river journey towards the Three Brothers River. En route a juvenile White-rumped Sandpiper and two Collared Plovers were much appreciated as well as a Little Cuckoo which showed very well before we arrived at the site of another Jaguar that had been spotted. This animal was sat up on the river bank in full view and later we confirmed it was most likely the animal we had seen earlier in the morning. It was another large male, but clearly different to the previous day's animal as the Jaguar clearly showed some damage to the right eye, presumably in a fight whilst trying to catch prey. It was a fine animal and gave some excellent views whilst a timely Grey-headed kite soared overhead vying for our attention also. We watched the male Jaguar for a good 30 - 45 minutes before it decided to wander off into the gallery forest. However, this was not to be our final Jaguar sighting for the day, as a little further down the same river and we came across another Jaguar, this time a female obvious by the clearly visible teats. A small crowd of boats had already arrived with other Jaguar watchers and despite jostling for positions and some boat diesel fumes somewhat tainting the experience, the jaguar never once seemed stressed nor looked towards us. It simply continued about its business and gave some great views as it walked out onto a fallen log over the river and then swam in the river amongst water hyacinths right beside our boat. This was probably our 6th animal but possibly the female from yesterday.

We arrived back at the hotel for lunch and news spread of a Brazilian Porcupine within the hotel grounds. It took a little searching for, but Dave's sharp eyes soon located it and we all enjoyed some views of its somewhat amusing pose, collapsed in the heat with all four legs sprawled over a shaded branch of a tree!

Having had such great Jaguar encounters, we decided to spend our last river boat trip exploring a new birding area. It was a very peaceful creek with some lovely habitat and free from other boats. Highlights here included a superb male Helmeted Manakin, White-wedged Piculet and a juvenile Boat-billed Heron perched in the open in superb evening sunlight. Mammals were very good here too with at least five Giant River Otters and at least five Black-and-Gold Howler Monkeys. As we ventured a little further down river we enjoyed a very welcome cool breeze as well as some great photographic opportunities for Pantanal Caiman. We also tried to tempt in a Black-collared Hawk to some fish substitute, but it was most unimpressed! As we slowly headed back we were treated to more good views of Sungrebe, Sunbittern and a Flavescent Warbler. A large flock of Cattle Egret gathered to roost with the odd Snowy Egret and it was time to return to our hotel with a very impressive sunset!

After dinner, we headed out for a short night drive north up the Transpantaneira. It was fairly quiet other than an Opossum that was not seen well enough to identify.

Thursday 15th October

After a slightly later breakfast for those that wished, we met at the giant lily ponds for a walk. During the walk we savoured views of previously seen species such as Wattled Jacanas on giant lily pads(!), Southern Screamer, Buff-necked Ibis and we finally caught up with Fawn-breasted Wren. This species replaces the very similar Buff-breasted Wren in the southern half of the Transpantaneira. Around the hotel gardens, the Hyacinth Macaws posed for more photos and Dave found the Brazilian Porcupine again. Most of the group then did some birding in nearby woodland. It was very hot already, despite only being just before 8am! We headed to an area of more shaded woodland close to the river. Here we saw Greenish Eleania and Keith found a Rufous-breasted Hermit which was a new addition to the trip list. Other species seen included Thrush-like Wren, Epaulet Oriole, Solitary Cacique and Violaceous Euphonia.

Some people then opted for some relaxation around the hotel whilst Simon, Keith and Tony were keen for more! We headed to a nearby bridge and tried to lure a Grey-breasted Crake into view. A bird was calling very close-by but despite a good 45 minutes of searching, it just wouldn't reveal itself. Common Tody Flycatcher and another Fawn-breasted Wren were the only other birds of note in the now fierce heat so we returned to the hotel.

We all enjoyed lunch at the hotel before beginning the long drive north. The afternoon was mostly a travel day due to the distance we needed to cover and so we made fewer stops. However, a brief stop around Campo Jofre produced the regular roosting Great Horned Owl and a not so expected dead Yellow Anaconda close to the dirt road. As we travelled back north, the birds from the coach were now very familiar. We passed numerous herons, storks and kingfishers whilst traversing the numerous wooden bridges and the very common Chaco Chachalaca and less frequent Chestnut-bellied Guan and odd Bare-faced Curassow periodically crossed the road in front of us.

At around 4.40pm we were making good progress north when at Km 55 a mammal a long way ahead on the road needed checking. Ocelot! It wasn't there for long but everyone managed a good view through binoculars before it disappeared out of sight and off the road. We drove slowly towards where it had vanished and then quietly got out of the bus. A little "squeaking" from Chris clearly made the animal inquisitive and it re-appeared incredibly close in roadside vegetation. We waited quietly and then it came right or into the open and crossed the Transpantaneira in front of us. The light was superb with the sun behind us and the views were simply stunning! Our mammal run continued a little later with a brief Tayra on the road at around Km 22!

As we neared Piuval it was dark so we tried a site for Black-banded Owl. No sooner had the call been played than an owl flew silently behind us but was only seen by Simon and Helen and then never seen again! Soon after this, we finally arrived at Piuval Lodge and were greeted with a cool drink before we checked into our rooms and enjoyed a final evening meal together.

Friday 16th October

Today was our last morning and also our last chance of finding Giant Anteater, so it was perhaps no surprise we were once again, up very early! We met at 04.30hrs and waited for our vehicle. A Crab-eating Fox with pup in mouth entertained us as we waited and then when our jeep arrived. However, it soon became evident that it had a flat tyre! So, with dawn imminent and clearly the best chance for our target mammal, we started walking the main track. Chris led the way and with the light fast improving the walk soon became more of a speed walk or route march! Regular scans of all likely looking areas soon revealed a wonderful Giant Anteater casually wandering through the grassland. We carefully entered the field to get a little closer and rather frustratingly our animal then disappeared into some thick vegetation, presumably to sleep! Luckily Dave suggested that we may want to look behind us; and there was another Giant Anteater right out in the open! We then all enjoyed great views in superb light for then next 30 minutes of this truly wonderful animal as it foraged amongst the termite mounds.

Our bus, now fixed, then arrived and took half the group for a drive before breakfast whilst the other half decided to walk back doing some leisurely birding. We picked up Polly en route and enjoyed an hour's birding with some great iconic species in superb light. Highlights included: Crab-eating foxes sleeping, Buff-necked Ibis, Red-legged Seriemas calling, a Greater Rhea with chicks, a couple of wonderful Hyacinth Macaws and Roseate Spoonbills flying past, Striped Cuckoo finally made it onto the "seen" list, and one of the best highlights was a fabulous Great Potoo roosting on a tree stump.

After a superb breakfast with cake(!), half the group relaxed whilst the other half did a short walk around some woodland which was very productive where the highlights were some great views of Cream-coloured Woodpecker, a male White-winged Becard and Great Rufous Woodcreeper before we had to return and pack one last time before heading back to Cuiaba where the tour ended.

Conservation Donation – Following this tour to the Northern Pantanal **£400** was transferred to the Wise Birding Holiday's central conservation fund. This shall be used to support a conservation project in the future, yet to be determined.

For the last three years Wise Birding Holidays has been supporting a number of small conservation projects. However, we now believe that to make a bigger difference to conservation it seems better to pool the donations from most of our tours into one central fund. Once a target amount has been reached this money will then be used to support a single project in the hope of achieving more for species conservation. At present this amount stands at £1,000. Some tours will still continue to donate money to help some of the smaller projects that we feel will still benefit from such smaller donations. Please visit our [Conservation News](#) and [Latest News](#) links to find out more.



Team Jaguar!



Red-and-Green Macaws (above) and Band-tailed Manakin (below)





This superb Maned Wolf was one of the tour highlights





Rufous-winged Antshrike (above) and Collared Crescentchest (below)



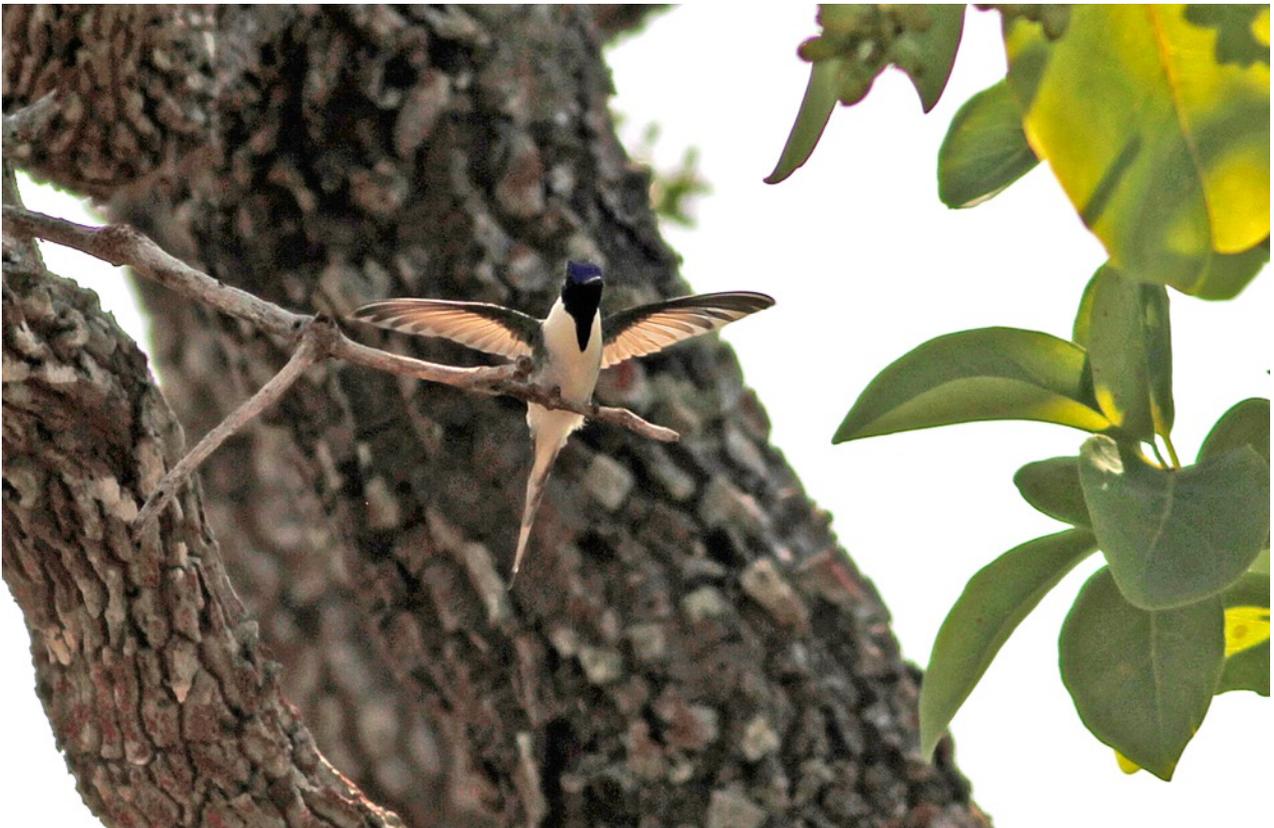


**Chapada dos Guimaraes looking towards the Pantanal (above)
and Burrowing Owl (below)**





Peach-fronted Parakeet (above) and Horned Sungem (below)





Hyacinth Macaw - the largest parrot in the world



Birding on the River Claro (above) and Green-and-Rufous Kingfisher (below)





This stunning Puma was a real surprise on a night drive (above) and a rare daytime encounter with the beautiful Ocelot (below)





Blue-crowned Trogon (above) and Toco Toucan (below)





One of many Giant River Otters seen (above) and Giant Anteater on our last morning (below)





This large male Jaguar was undoubtedly one of the tour highlights





Another male Jaguar (above) and a swimming female (below)





Green Iguana (above) and Pantanal Caiman (below)





Large-billed Tern (above) and Yellow-billed Tern (below)





Long-nosed Bats (above) and Band-tailed Antbird (below)





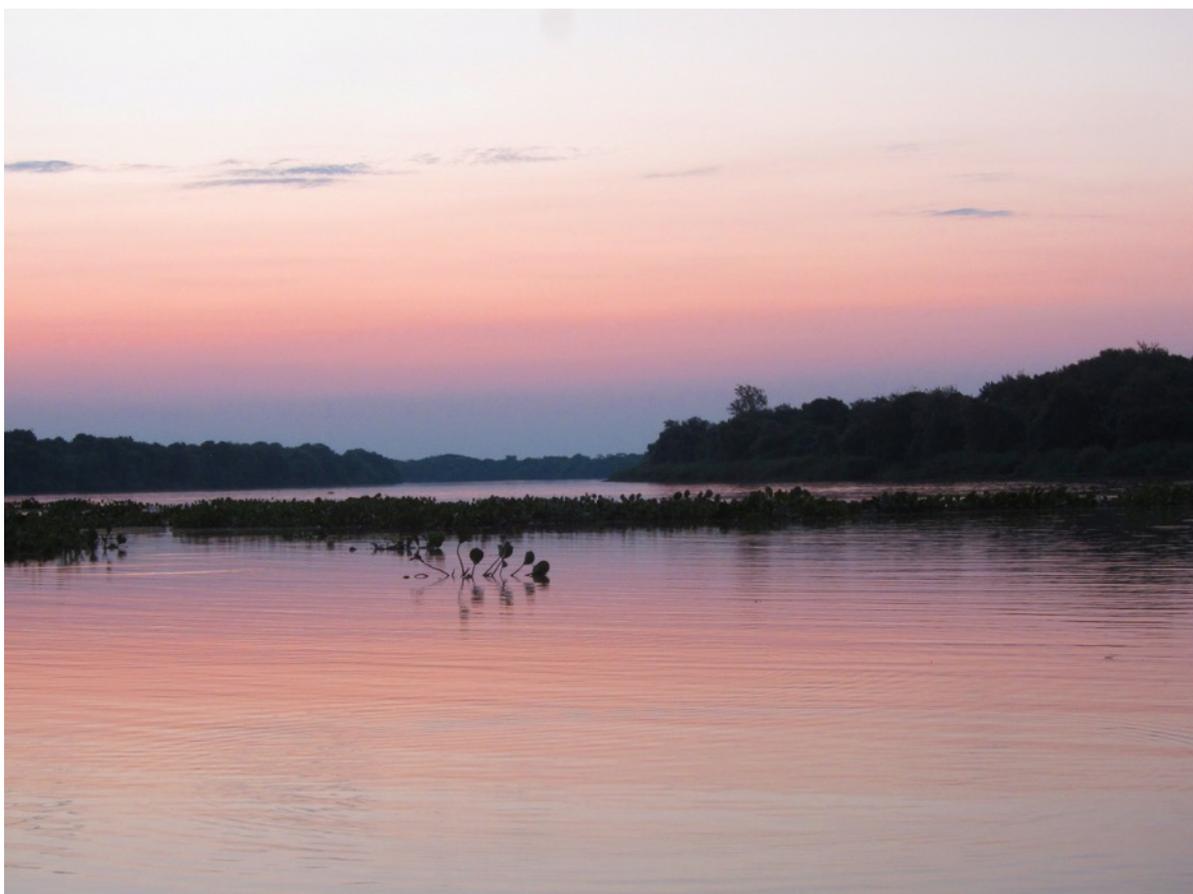
**Wattled Jacana on Giant Lilypad (above)
and Juvenile Boat-billed Heron (below)**





Male Sungrebe (above) and Brazilian Tapir (below)





Sunset over the River Cuiaba

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WISE BIRDING HOLIDAYS: Bird, Mammal and Reptile Checklist for Pantanal & Cerrado 5-16 October 2015

#	Common Name	Scientific Name	#	Species Notes
1	Greater Rhea	<i>Rhea americana</i>	1	Recorded on six days including adults with chicks
2	Undulated Tinamou	<i>Crypturellus undulatus</i>	2	Heard daily with 2 birds finally seen well on the 13th before being flushed by a Jaguar!
3	Tataupa Tinamou	<i>Crypturellus tataupa</i>	3	Heard on two days
4	Red-winged Tinamou	<i>Rhynchotus rufescens</i>	4	Heard during the first four days only
5	Chestnut-bellied Guan	<i>Penelope ochrogaster</i>	5	This true endemic was seen well on five days during the Pantanal section of the tour
6	Blue-throated Piping-guan	<i>Pipile cumanensis</i>	6	Recorded on four days during the Pantanal section of the tour
7	Red-throated Piping-guan	<i>Pipile cujubi</i>	7	Recorded on four days during the Pantanal section of the tour
8	Chaco Chachalaca	<i>Ortalis canicollis</i>	8	A daily occurrence both visually and vocally in the Pantanal
9	Bare-faced Curassow	<i>Crax fasciolata</i>	9	Good views of both males and females in the Pantanal
10	Southern Screamer	<i>Chauna torquata</i>	10	Great views of this very goose-like species, including chicks. Recorded on seven days
11	White-faced Whistling-duck	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>	11	Recorded on at least four days
12	Black-bellied Whistling-duck	<i>Dendrocygna autumnalis</i>	12	20+ birds in flight on the 13th whilst cruising the Cuiaba River was our only sighting
13	Muscovy Duck	<i>Cairina moschata</i>	13	Recorded on six days
14	Brazilian Teal	<i>Amazonetta brasiliensis</i>	14	Recorded on three days
15	Least Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus dominicus</i>	15	Some excellent views on the ponds near Currupira das Araras
16	Sunbittern	<i>Eurypyga helias</i>	16	Great views of this iconic species on five days with a max. day count of 4 birds
17	Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	17	Recorded on at least two days when near habitation
18	Scaled Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas speciosa</i>	18	This attractive pigeon was seen well on four days during the first half of the tour
19	Picazuro Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas picazuro</i>	19	A common species recorded on at least eleven days
20	Pale-vented Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas cayennensis</i>	20	Recorded on six days during the second half of the tour
21	Plumbeous Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas plumbea</i>	21	Recorded on just two days whilst at Currupira das Araras
22	White-tipped Dove	<i>Leptotila verreauxi</i>	22	A very common species recorded daily

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23	Grey-fronted Dove	<i>Leptotila rufaxilla</i>	23	Less conspicuous than the above species and seen well on two days from boat trips
24	Eared Dove	<i>Zenaida auriculata</i>	24	Despite being a relatively common species elsewhere, we recorded it on just one day
25	Scaled Dove	<i>Columbina squammata</i>	25	Recorded on four days
26	Plain-breasted Ground-dove	<i>Columbina minuta</i>	26	A single bird was seen well on the 6th
27	Ruddy Ground-dove	<i>Columbina talpacoti</i>	27	A very common species recorded on at least eleven days
28	Picui Dove	<i>Columbina picui</i>	28	This attractive dove was recorded on two days
29	Blue Ground-dove	<i>Claravis pretiosa</i>	29	This shy but very beautiful dove was seen well on the 11th near Pousa Alegre
30	Long-tailed Ground-dove	<i>Uropelia campestris</i>	30	Another good looking dove and seen very well on the 11th near Pousa Alegre
31	Great Potoo	<i>Nyctibius grandis</i>	31	Seen and heard by night and also seen in the day at Piuval Lodge on the 16th
32	Nacunda Nighthawk	<i>Chordeiles nacunda</i>	32	A single bird in flight at Campo Jofre on the 12th just after our first Jaguar sighting!
33	Lesser Nighthawk	<i>Chordeiles acutipennis</i>	33	Distant birds feeding at dusk at the YH Parrot stake-out were most likely this species
34	Band-tailed Nighthawk	<i>Nyctiprogne leucopyga</i>	34	Good views at dusk at Campo Jofre on the 12th and from the Cuiaba River 13th / 14th
35	Pauraque	<i>Nyctidromus albicollis</i>	35	A familiar sound of the forest at night and seen well on a number of occasions
36	Little Nightjar	<i>Setopagis parvula</i>	36	At least 3 birds seen whilst spotlighting on the 7th with one bird at very close range
37	Scissor-tailed Nightjar	<i>Hydropsalis torquata</i>	37	A female seen at dusk on the 5th by some of the group whilst waiting for bus repairs
38	Spot-tailed Nightjar	<i>Hydropsalis maculicaudus</i>	38	A bird was heard singing on the evening of the 12th at Campo Jofre
39	Rufous Nightjar	<i>Antrostomus rufus</i>	39	Heard and seen briefly at dusk by some of the group on the 6th at Pousada do Parque
40	Great Dusky Swift	<i>Cypseloides senex</i>	40	At least two birds were seen well at Veu de Noiva (Bride's Veil Waterfall) thanks to Tony
41	White-collared Swift	<i>Streptoprocne zonaris</i>	41	Good views of low flying birds on the 6th / 7th in the Chapada dos Guimaraes area
42	Grey-rumped Swift	<i>Chaetura cinereiventris</i>	42	Tony had good views of a bird on the 8th
43	Ashy-tailed (Sick's) Swift	<i>Chaetura andrei</i>	43	A number of birds seen well from the viewing platform at Curupira das Araras on the 9th
44	Short-tailed Swift		44	Good views of a small number of birds on the morning of the 10th at the Buriti Palms
45	Fork-tailed Palm-swift	<i>Tachornis squammata</i>	45	Recorded on the 7th with our best views at the Buriti Palms on the 10th

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46	Rufous-breasted Hermit	<i>Glaucis hirsutus</i>	46	Some very good views of a bird feeding on flowers at Porto Jofre on the 15th
47	Cinnamon-throated Hermit	<i>Phaethornis nattereri</i>	47	A single bird recorded on the 14th at Porto Jofre by some of the group
48	Buff-bellied Hermit	<i>Phaethornis subochraceus</i>	48	A single bird seen whilst near the Pixaim River on the 12th
49	Planalto Hermit	<i>Phaethornis pretrei</i>	49	Recorded on three days (6th-8th) with best views in the gardens at Pousada do Parque
50	White-vented Violet-ear	<i>Colibri serrirostris</i>	50	Recorded on the 7th / 8th with the best views in the gardens of Pousada do Parque
51	Horned Sungem	<i>Heliactin bilophus</i>	51	A great find by Helen as a superb male sat and posed allowing scope views on the 6th
52	Black-throated Mango	<i>Anthracothorax nigricollis</i>	52	Recorded on three days (6th-8th) - the best views in the gardens at Pousada do Parque
53	Glittering-bellied Emerald	<i>Chlorostilbon lucidus</i>	53	Recorded on three days with the best views in the gardens at Pousada do Parque
54	Swallow-tailed Hummingbird	<i>Eupetolema macroura</i>	54	This unmistakable hummer was seen well at our accommodation on the 7th
55	Fork-tailed Woodnymph	<i>Thalurania furcata</i>	55	Recorded on three days (6th-8th) - the best views in the gardens at Pousada do Parque
56	Glittering-throated Emerald	<i>Amazilia fimbriata</i>	56	Recorded on the 11th and 14th
57	Gilded Hummingbird	<i>Hylocharis chrysura</i>	57	A single bird on the 14th showed well near Porto Jofre
58	Amethyst Woodstar	<i>Calliphlox amethystina</i>	58	Andy had a bird on the 7th at Pousada do Parque
59	Greater Ani	<i>Crotophaga major</i>	59	Recorded on seven days when in appropriate wetland habitats
60	Smooth-billed Ani	<i>Crotophaga ani</i>	60	A common species recorded on eleven days
61	Guira Cuckoo	<i>Guira guira</i>	61	A common gregarious species recorded on at least ten days
62	Striped Cuckoo	<i>Tapera naevia</i>	62	Heard on five days and finally seen on our last morning at Piuval Lodge
63	Little Cuckoo	<i>Coccyca minuta</i>	63	Good views of a bird whilst on the Three Brothers River
64	Common Squirrel-cuckoo	<i>Piaya cayana</i>	64	Recorded on six days
65	Sungrebe	<i>Heliornis fulica</i>	65	Excellent views from boats recorded on three days. Max. count of 5 on the Pixaim River
66	Grey-breasted Crake	<i>Laterallus exilis</i>	66	A vocal bird came very close on the 15th just N of Porto Jofre but failed to show itself!
67	Grey-necked Wood-rail	<i>Aramides cajaneus</i>	67	Often quite tame giving great views and recorded on eight days
68	Blackish Rail	<i>Pardirallus nigricans</i>	68	Simon had a single bird on the 11th

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69	Ash-throated Crane	<i>Porzana albicollis</i>	69	Andy saw a bird well on the 8th at Pousada do Parque
70	Purple Gallinule	<i>Porphyrio martinicus</i>	70	Single birds recorded on two days from bridges along the Transpantaneira
71	Limpkin	<i>Aramus guarauna</i>	71	Very common in the Pantanal and recorded on seven days
72	Wood Stork	<i>Mycteria americana</i>	72	Recorded on nine days, mostly in the Pantanal
73	Jabiru	<i>Jabiru mycteria</i>	73	Always impressive to see and some great views on seven days whilst in the Pantanal
74	Roseate Spoonbill	<i>Platalea ajaja</i>	74	Recorded either singly or as a pair on four days, with the best views at Piuval Lodge
75	Plumbeous Ibis	<i>Theristicus caerulescens</i>	75	A striking ibis with grey neck plumes recorded on six days whilst in the Pantanal
76	Buff-necked Ibis	<i>Theristicus caudatus</i>	76	This very attractive ibis was seen during both sections of the tour, recorded on ten days
77	Green Ibis	<i>Mesembrinibis cayennensis</i>	77	Recorded on six days in both sections of the tour
78	Bare-faced Ibis	<i>Phimosus infuscatus</i>	78	One of the less common ibis species recorded on five days in small numbers
79	Rufescent Tiger-heron	<i>Tigrisoma lineatum</i>	79	A very common but nonetheless impressive heron recorded on eight days
80	Boat-billed Heron	<i>Cochlearius cochlearius</i>	80	Single birds recorded on five days; at Currupira das Araras and the Pantanal
81	Black-crowned Night-heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	81	Juveniles and adults recorded on two days whilst in the Pantanal
82	Green-backed Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>	82	A common heron recorded on seven days
83	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	83	A very common species recorded daily
84	Cocoi Heron	<i>Ardea cocoi</i>	84	A common heron recorded on eight days
85	Great White Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	85	Recorded on nine days
86	Whistling Heron	<i>Syrigma sibilatrix</i>	86	This highly attractive heron was recorded on seven days. Max. count of 5+ on the 16th
87	Capped Heron	<i>Pilherodius pileatus</i>	87	Probably the best looking of all the herons and recorded on four days
88	Little Blue Heron	<i>Egretta caerulea</i>	88	Single birds were recorded on two days whilst on the Claro and Pixaim Rivers
89	Snowy Egret	<i>Egretta thula</i>	89	Recorded on seven days
90	Neotropical Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax brasilianus</i>	90	Recorded on seven days
91	Anhinga	<i>Anhinga anhinga</i>	91	Recorded on seven days

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92	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	92	At least two birds on the ponds at Currupira das Araras were of the 'white-backed' form
93	Collared Plover	<i>Charadrius collaris</i>	93	Recorded on two days with the best views of 2 birds on the Cuiaba River on the 14th
94	Pied Lapwing	<i>Hoploxypterus cayanus</i>	94	This stunning wader was recorded on three days whilst travelling on the Cuiaba River
95	Southern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus chilensis</i>	95	Recorded daily
96	Wattled Jacana	<i>Jacana jacana</i>	96	Recorded on nine days
97	White-rumped Sandpiper	<i>Calidris fuscicollis</i>	97	A juvenile bird was seen well on the Cuiaba River on the 14th
98	Spotted Sandpiper	<i>Actitis macularius</i>	98	Singles were seen on the Cuiaba River on the 13th and 14th
99	Solitary Sandpiper	<i>Tringa solitaria</i>	99	Mostly single birds and recorded on five days
100	Lesser Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa flavipes</i>	100	Single birds were recorded on ponds at Currupira das Araras on the 8th and 9th
101	Black Skimmer	<i>Rynchops niger</i>	101	Singles recorded on three days with the breeding colony on the Cuiaba River departed
102	Yellow-billed Tern	<i>Sternula superciliaris</i>	102	Great views on the Cuiaba River on the 13th and 14th
103	Large-billed Tern	<i>Phaetusa simplex</i>	103	Recorded on four days with great views from our boat
104	Ferruginous Pygmy-owl	<i>Glaucidium brasilianum</i>	104	Heard on three days and seen on the 12th beside the Transpantaneira thanks to Simon
105	Burrowing Owl	<i>Athene cunicularia</i>	105	Recorded on six days with many close encounters
106	Striped Owl	<i>Asio clamator</i>	106	Seen briefly by a few on our first evening & then only heard on the 6th as it taunted us!
107	Tropical Screech-owl	<i>Megascops choliba</i>	107	Heard on four evenings
108	Great Horned Owl	<i>Bubo virginianus</i>	108	Excellent views of a bird at roost during the day at Campo Jofre on the 15th
109	Black-banded Owl	<i>Ciccaba huhula</i>	109	A bird responded to iPod on the the 15th but was only seen briefly by Simon and Helen
110	Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	110	A very common species recorded on at least ten days
111	Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture	<i>Cathartes burrovianus</i>	111	Common in the Pantanal and seen on at least six days
112	Greater Yellow-headed Vulture	<i>Cathartes melambrotus</i>	112	A single bird was seen on the 9th
113	American Black Vulture	<i>Coragyps atratus</i>	113	A very common species recorded daily
114	King Vulture	<i>Sarcoramphus papa</i>	114	Good scope views of birds perched and in flight from our accommodation on the 8th

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115	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	115	A single bird seen whilst travelling south on the Cuiaba River
116	Grey-headed Kite	<i>Leptodon cayanensis</i>	116	A bird circling above the Three Brothers River on the 14th whilst watching a Jaguar!
117	Hook-billed Kite	<i>Chondrohierax uncinatus</i>	117	A single bird seen briefly in flight beside the Pixaim River on the 12th
118	Swallow-tailed Kite	<i>Elanoides forficatus</i>	118	This attractive bird of prey showed well on three days and a max. count of 2+ on the 9th
119	Black-collared Hawk	<i>Busarellus nigricollis</i>	119	Recorded on six days with very close views on most boat trips
120	Crane Hawk	<i>Geranospiza caerulescens</i>	120	Single birds seen well on both the 8th and the 10th
121	Mississippi Kite	<i>Ictinia mississippiensis</i>	121	Careful checking of all <i>Ictinia</i> Kites revealed small numbers on the 10th and 13th
122	Plumbeous Kite	<i>Ictinia plumbea</i>	122	An attractive and common raptor seen on at least 10 days
123	Snail Kite	<i>Rostrhamus sociabilis</i>	123	Fairly common at low density in the Pantanal and recorded on four days
124	Roadside Hawk	<i>Rupornis magnirostris</i>	124	Recorded on 10 days
125	Savanna Hawk	<i>Buteogallus meridionalis</i>	125	A striking raptor seen well on many occasions and recorded on six days
126	Great Black Hawk	<i>Buteogallus urubitinga</i>	126	Recorded on six days in the Pantanal with some great views from boat trips
127	Crowned Solitary Eagle	<i>Buteogallus coronatus</i>	127	After careful scanning some good scope views of this bonus eagle were had on the 9th
128	White-tailed Hawk	<i>Geranoaetus albicaudatus</i>	128	Recorded in the first half of the tour and seen well on four days
129	White Hawk	<i>Pseudastur albicollis</i>	129	A single bird was seen soaring above the Cerrado at our lunch stop on the 7th
130	Black-tailed Trogon	<i>Trogon melanurus</i>	130	Heard on the 6th and seen very well on the 9th in the forest at Currupira das Araras
131	Blue-crowned Trogon	<i>Trogon curucui</i>	131	A familiar sound of forested areas, recorded on five days and seen on three of them
132	Amazonian Motmot	<i>Momotus momota</i>	132	A stunning bird, recorded on four days with a max. count of 3 birds on the 6th
133	Ringed Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle torquata</i>	133	The largest of all the kingfishers and recorded on eight days
134	Amazon Kingfisher	<i>Chloroceryle amazona</i>	134	Similarly common as the above species and seen well on eight days
135	American Pygmy-kingfisher	<i>Chloroceryle aenea</i>	135	As the name suggest, the smallest of the kingfishers and seen very well on three days
136	Green Kingfisher	<i>Chloroceryle americana</i>	136	Seen very well and recorded on seven days
137	Green-and-rufous Kingfisher	<i>Chloroceryle inda</i>	137	The hardest of the kingfishers - Keith did well to find one that everyone saw on the 12th

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138	Rufous-tailed Jacamar	<i>Galbula ruficauda</i>	138	A species always appreciated and seen well on many occasions, recorded on six days
139	White-eared Puffbird	<i>Nystalus chacuru</i>	139	At least one bird was seen very well on the 7th whilst birding the Cerrado
140	Black-fronted Nunbird	<i>Monasa nigrifrons</i>	140	A commonly encountered species recorded on eight days
141	Swallow-winged Puffbird	<i>Chelidoptera tenebrosa</i>	141	Single birds recorded on two days, the best being a bird at the Buriti Palms on the 10th
142	Toco Toucan	<i>Ramphastos toco</i>	142	Always a pleasure to see this fantastic toucan - Many great views recorded on 10 days
143	Yellow-ridged Toucan	<i>Ramphastos culminatus</i>	143	Recorded on the 7th and 8th whilst birding the areas around Chapada dos Guimaraes
144	Lettered Araçari	<i>Pteroglossus inscriptus</i>	144	A nice group of at least 3 birds were seen well at Currupira das Araras
145	Chestnut-eared Araçari	<i>Pteroglossus castanotis</i>	145	Commoner than the above species and seen in both sections of the tour on five days
146	White-wedged Piculet	<i>Picumnus albosquamatus</i>	146	Recorded on two days with a bird seen well on the 14th beside the Negrinio River
147	Red-necked Woodpecker	<i>Campephilus rubricollis</i>	147	Keith enjoyed views of this scarce woodpecker in the midday heat whilst others rested!
148	Crimson-crested Woodpecker	<i>Campephilus melanoleucos</i>	148	Seen well on a number of occasions and recorded on four days
149	Golden-green Woodpecker	<i>Piculus chrysochloros</i>	149	A bird showed well on the 13th
150	Green-barred Woodpecker	<i>Colaptes melanochloros</i>	150	Single birds seen on the 6th & 8th when birding the Chapada dos Guimaraes area
151	Campo Flicker	<i>Colaptes campestris</i>	151	A common woodpecker recorded on at least four days
152	Cream-colored Woodpecker	<i>Celeus flavus</i>	152	Great views of this attractive & localised species by some on the 16th at Piuval Lodge
153	Pale-crested Woodpecker	<i>Celeus lugubris</i>	153	Good views of a single bird on the 11th around Pousa Alegre
154	White Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes candidus</i>	154	This mostly gregarious species was recorded on four days, sometimes just single birds
155	Yellow-tufted Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes cruentatus</i>	155	Another gregarious species seen very well on three days at Currupira das Araras
156	Little Woodpecker	<i>Veniliornis passerinus</i>	156	Some good views of this species and recorded on three days
157	Red-legged Seriema	<i>Cariama cristata</i>	157	Excellent views throughout the tour with up to 3 birds at a time, recorded on three days
158	Southern Caracara	<i>Caracara plancus</i>	158	One of the commonest raptors recorded daily
159	Yellow-headed Caracara	<i>Milvago chimachima</i>	159	Surprisingly few sightings, but Keith had a bird on the 7th nr Chapada dos Guimaraes
160	American Kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius</i>	160	This attractive falcon was recorded on five days

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161	Bat Falcon	<i>Falco ruficularis</i>	161	Two birds were seen flying over on the 6th and a single bird in the Pantanal on the 12th
162	Aplomado Falcon	<i>Falco femoralis</i>	162	Recorded on two days with 2 birds on the 7th by Keith and another sighting on the 10th
163	Monk Parakeet	<i>Myiopsitta monachus</i>	163	A very common parakeet recored on at least eight days
164	Yellow-chevroned Parakeet	<i>Brotogeris chiriri</i>	164	One of the commonest parakeet species recorded every day
165	Scaly-headed Parrot	<i>Pionus maximiliani</i>	165	Some good views perched and in flight recorded on five days
166	Blue-headed Parrot	<i>Pionus menstruus</i>	166	Seen only during the first half of the tour with birds on the 5th, 8th and 9th
167	Turquoise-fronted Amazon	<i>Amazona aestiva</i>	167	Seen only during the Pantanal section of the tour with sightings on five days
168	Orange-winged Amazon	<i>Amazona amazonica</i>	168	Good views whilst at Currupira das Araras and surrounding areas on the 8th and 9th
169	Hyacinth Macaw	<i>Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus</i>	169	One of the Pantanal tour highlights recorded on six days and a max day count of 6+
170	Peach-fronted Parakeet	<i>Eupsittula aurea</i>	170	Some great views of this very attractive parakeet recorded on six days
171	Dusky-headed Parakeet	<i>Aratinga weddellii</i>	171	Good views whilst at Currupira and the surrounding area recorded on the 8th and 9th
172	Nanday Parakeet	<i>Aratinga nenday</i>	172	Surprisingly scarce this trip with sightings in the Pantanal on the 11th and 13th
173	Red-bellied Macaw	<i>Orthopsittaca manilatus</i>	173	At least 6 birds showed well both perched and in flight at the Buriti Palms on the 10th
174	Blue-winged Macaw	<i>Primolius maracana</i>	174	Great views of 2 birds flying over us on the 6th and then 7+ birds in flight on the 8th
175	Red-and-green Macaw	<i>Ara chloropterus</i>	175	A highlight of the Chapada dos Guimaraes area seen on four days and 5+ on one day
176	Southern Red-shouldered Macaw	<i>Diopsittaca cumanensis</i>	176	Recorded on three days most often during meal times at Currupira das Araras!
177	White-eyed Parakeet	<i>Psittacara leucophthalmus</i>	177	Similar in appearance to the above species seen on 6 days in both sections of the tour
178	Pale-legged Hornero	<i>Furnarius leucopus</i>	178	Preferring water and more intensely coloured than RH and recorded on four days
179	Rufous Hornero	<i>Furnarius rufus</i>	179	A very common, tame and characterful species recorded daily
180	Chotoy Spinetail	<i>Schoeniophylax phryganophilus</i>	180	Very good views of a bird along the track to Pousa Alegre on the 11th
181	White-lored Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis albilora</i>	181	First seen on the 11th and again on the 14th with others heard on the 12th and 15th
182	Rusty-backed Spinetail	<i>Cranioleuca vulpina</i>	182	First heard on the 11th but first seen on the 12th and recorded on two other days
183	Yellow-chinned Spinetail	<i>Certhiaxis cinnamomeus</i>	183	A common sound from the water hyacinths with birds seen & heard on at least 4 days

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184	Rufous-fronted Thornbird	<i>Phacellodomus rufifrons</i>	184	A single bird showed well along the track to Pousa Alegre
185	Greater Thornbird	<i>Phacellodomus ruber</i>	185	Seen well on at least two days whilst around the Porto Jofre area
186	Grey-crested Cachalote	<i>Pseudoseisura unirufa</i>	186	Often quite showy and noisy with birds seen well on at least four days
187	Point-tailed Palmcreeper	<i>Berlepschia rikeri</i>	187	Some great views of a bird nest building at the Buriti Palms on the 10th
188	Great Rufous Woodcreeper	<i>Xiphocolaptes major</i>	188	Great views of this huge woodcreeper with 2 birds at Pousa Alegre and one at Piuval
189	Buff-throated Woodcreeper	<i>Xiphorhynchus guttatus</i>	189	A single bird showed well beside the Negrinio River on the 14th
190	Straight-billed Woodcreeper	<i>Xiphorhynchus picus</i>	190	One of the commoner woodcreepers and seen well on at least four days
191	Narrow-billed Woodcreeper	<i>Lepidocolaptes angustirostris</i>	191	Seen well on three days with a very confiding bird in the garden of Rio Claro Lodge
192	Red-billed Scythebill	<i>Campylorhamphus trochilirostris</i>	192	This very distinctive species was seen well by most on the 11th and 12th
193	Great Antshrike	<i>Taraba major</i>	193	Often quite confiding and seen very well on at least six days
194	Barred Antshrike	<i>Thamnophilus doliatus</i>	194	Both sexes seen very well on at least seven days during both sections of the tour
195	Rufous-winged Antshrike	<i>Thamnophilus torquatus</i>	195	A speciality of the Cerrado region and seen very well on the 6th and the 7th
196	Planalto Slaty Antshrike	<i>Thamnophilus pelzelni</i>	196	Endemic - A female near Pousada do Parque was seen giving distinctive tail wagging
197	Plain Antwren	<i>Dysithamnus mentalis</i>	197	At least 2 birds were seen in the near vicinity of the stonking Band-tailed Manakin!
198	Large-billed Antwren	<i>Herpsilochmus longirostris</i>	198	Both male and female seen very well whilst looking for Band-tailed Manakin
199	Rusty-backed Antwren	<i>Formicivora rufa</i>	199	Excellent views of birds on the 6th whilst birding the Cerrado
200	Mato Grosso Antbird	<i>Cercomacra melanaria</i>	200	More often heard than seen, but seen very well beside the Pixaim River on the 12th
201	Band-tailed Antbird	<i>Hypocnemoides maculicauda</i>	201	More often heard than seen, but seen very well beside the Pixaim River on the 12th
202	Collared Crescentchest	<i>Melanopareia torquata</i>	202	A singing male showed very well on the morning of the 6th whilst birding the Cerrado
203	Band-tailed Manakin	<i>Pipra fasciicauda</i>	203	One of the most stunning birds of the trip as a male performed very well on the 7th
204	Helmeted Manakin	<i>Antilophia galeata</i>	204	A great manakin with scarlet Elvis hairdo recorded on 4 days, the best being the 14th
205	Fiery-capped Manakin	<i>Machaeropterus pyrocephalus</i>	205	Frustratingly only heard in close proximity to the Band-tailed Manakin on the 7th
206	Planalto Tyrannulet	<i>Phyllomyias fasciatus</i>	206	A single bird was seen very well close to the Cuiaba River at Porto Jofre on the 15th

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207	Yellow-bellied Elaenia	<i>Elaenia flavogaster</i>	207	Seen well on three days during the first section of the tour
208	Small-billed Elaenia	<i>Elaenia parvirostris</i>	208	Recorded on the first two days of the trip whilst birding the Cerrado
209	Lesser Elaenia	<i>Elaenia chiriquensis</i>	209	Recorded on three days during the first section of the trip only
210	Southern Beardless Tyrannulet	<i>Camptostoma obsoletum</i>	210	Heard more than seen with their distinctive laughing calls recorded on at least six days
211	Chapada Flycatcher	<i>Suiriri islerorum</i>	211	Rather embarrassingly only heard on this trip, as a bird failed to show in the heat
212	Southern Antpipit	<i>Corythopsis delalandi</i>	212	A bird heard calling for those that took a walk in the forest near our lodge on the 6th
213	Sepia-capped Flycatcher	<i>Leptopogon amaurocephalus</i>	213	A single bird was heard on the 7th
214	Stripe-necked Tody-tyrant	<i>Hemitriccus striaticollis</i>	214	Great views of a bird beside the Pixaim River on the 12th
215	Pearly-vented Tody-tyrant	<i>Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer</i>	215	Seen on both the 11th and 12th with the best views beside the Pixaim River on the 12th
216	Rusty-fronted Tody-flycatcher	<i>Poecilatriccus latirostris</i>	216	Great views of a very confiding bird beside the Pixaim River on the 12th
217	Common Tody-flycatcher	<i>Todirostrum cinereum</i>	217	Dave did well to spot our first from the bus on the 12th & others recorded on 13th / 15th
218	Yellow-olive Flycatcher	<i>Tolmomyias sulphureus</i>	218	A bird was heard calling on the 12th whilst birding beside the Pixaim River
219	Cliff Flycatcher	<i>Hirundinea ferruginea</i>	219	Good views of these distinctive flycatchers on the 5th and the 6th
220	Euler's Flycatcher	<i>Lathrotriccus eulerei</i>	220	Seen well on the 11th near Pousa Alegre and heard on at least two other days
221	Fuscous Flycatcher	<i>Cnemotriccus fuscatus</i>	221	First heard on the 7th and finally seen on the 15th
222	Vermilion Flycatcher	<i>Pyrocephalus rubinus</i>	222	A young male was seen well on the 8th near the pools at Currupira das Araras
223	Crested Black-tyrant	<i>Knipolegus lophotes</i>	223	This distinctive flycatcher with white flashes in the wings showed well on the 6th & 7th
224	Black-backed Water-tyrant	<i>Fluvicola albiventer</i>	224	This localised species was seen well on three days whilst in the Pantanal section
225	White-headed Marsh-tyrant	<i>Arundinicola leucocephala</i>	225	This localised species was seen well on just two days whilst in the Pantanal section
226	Grey Monjita	<i>Xolmis cinereus</i>	226	Dave saw this species well from the bus on the 7th whilst travelling
227	White-rumped Monjita	<i>Xolmis velatus</i>	227	This species was seen well on the 7th and the 15th
228	Cattle Tyrant	<i>Machetornis rixosa</i>	228	A common species recorded on seven days
229	Piratic Flycatcher	<i>Legatus leucophaeus</i>	229	Recorded on four days

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230	Rusty-margined Flycatcher	<i>Myiozetetes cayanensis</i>	230	Recorded on six days
231	Great Kiskadee	<i>Pitangus sulphuratus</i>	231	A very common and vocal species recorded on at least 11 days
232	Lesser Kiskadee	<i>Philohydor lictor</i>	232	A more slender-billed version of the above favouring water and seen on four days
233	Streaked Flycatcher	<i>Myiodynastes maculatus</i>	233	Seen during both sections of the tour and recorded on six days
234	Boat-billed Flycatcher	<i>Megarynchus pitangua</i>	234	This aptly named flycatcher was recorded on at least five days
235	Sulphury Flycatcher	<i>Tyrannopsis sulphurea</i>	235	A single bird showed very well near the Buriti Palms on the 10th
236	Variigated Flycatcher	<i>Empidonomus varius</i>	236	Recorded on five days in both sections of the tour
237	Tropical Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus melancholicus</i>	237	Recorded daily
238	Fork-tailed Flycatcher	<i>Tyrannus savana</i>	238	A common but stunning flycatcher recorded on seven days with “hundreds” on the 10th
239	Rufous Casiornis	<i>Casiornis rufus</i>	239	Single birds on the 7th and the 11th of this attractive cinnamon coloured flycatcher
240	Short-crested Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus ferox</i>	240	Part of the tricky <i>Myiarchus</i> group but seen well and heard calling on four days
241	Brown-crested Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus tyrannulus</i>	241	A single bird on the 11th near Pousada do Parque called and showed well
242	Dull-capped Attila (White-eyed)	<i>Attila bolivianus</i>	242	A single bird performed well in woodland beside the Pixaim River on the 12th
243	Masked Tityra	<i>Tityra semifasciata</i>	243	Good views of at least two individual on the 6th and the 8th
244	Black-tailed Tityra	<i>Tityra cayana</i>	244	Good views on at least five days
245	Green-backed Becard	<i>Pachyramphus viridis</i>	245	Simon and others had a single bird briefly on the 13th
246	White-winged Swallow	<i>Tachycineta albiventer</i>	246	A regular sighting whilst in the Pantanal with sightings on at least six days
247	Grey-breasted Martin	<i>Progne chalybea</i>	247	A common species often around habitation and recorded on at least seven days
248	Brown-chested Martin	<i>Progne tapera</i>	248	Seen well on at least five days whilst in the Pantanal section
249	Blue-and-white Swallow	<i>Notiochelidon cyanoleuca</i>	249	Recorded on the 6th and 7th whilst staying in the Chapada dos Guimaraes region
250	Southern Rough-winged Swallow	<i>Stelgidopteryx ruficollis</i>	250	The commonest of all the hirundines with sightings on at least 11 days
251	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	251	A single bird was seen by a few of the group on the 8th
252	Thrush-like Wren	<i>Campylorhynchus turdinus</i>	252	These large and very vocal birds were seen very well on at least seven days

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253	Buff-breasted Wren	<i>Thryothorus leucotis</i>	253	Heard singing on the 9th and seen on the 12th by Keith
254	Fawn-breasted Wren	<i>Thryothorus guarayanus</i>	254	Replaces BB Wren in the south and a bird showed well on the 15th at Porto Jofre
255	Southern House Wren	<i>Troglodytes musculus</i>	255	Recorded on just two days with good views on the 8th
256	Donacobius	<i>Donacobius atricapilla</i>	256	These noisy members of the Wren family performed well on six days
257	Chalk-browed Mockingbird	<i>Mimus saturninus</i>	257	A regular roadside and garden species recorded on at least 10 days
258	Pale-breasted Thrush	<i>Turdus leucomelas</i>	258	Seen well during the first half of the tour and recorded on five days
259	Rufous-bellied Thrush	<i>Turdus rufiventris</i>	259	A common but attractive thrush recorded on at least eight days
260	Masked Gnatcatcher	<i>Poliophtila dumicola</i>	260	Good views on the 11th and 12th whilst birding woodland near the Transpantaneira
261	Purplish Jay	<i>Cyanocorax cyanomelas</i>	261	A common species recorded on nine days
262	Curl-crested Jay	<i>Cyanocorax cristatellus</i>	262	Good views of two birds on both the 6th and the 7th whilst birding the Cerrado
263	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	263	A familiar friend and recorded on at least six days
264	Rufous-browed Peppershrike	<i>Cyclarhis gujanensis</i>	264	First seen well from the waterfall at Chapada dos Guimaraes and then on 5 other days
265	Red-eyed Vireo	<i>Vireo olivaceus</i>	265	Our only bird of the trip was one seen on the 5th whilst waiting for our bus to be fixed
266	Ashy-headed Greenlet	<i>Hylophilus pectoralis</i>	266	A bird was seen & heard singing in woodland beside the Pixaim River on the 12th
267	White-bellied Warbler	<i>Basileuterus hypoleucus</i>	267	Single birds were seen on the 6th and again on the 8th whilst birding woodland areas
268	Flavescent Warbler	<i>Basileuterus flaveolus</i>	268	This warbler showed well flicking its tail alongside the Negrinio River on the 14th
269	Black-faced Tanager	<i>Schistochlamys melanopis</i>	269	Keith was in the right place as a bird showed well in front of him on the 8th
270	Magpie Tanager	<i>Cissopis leverianus</i>	270	Some great views of this strikingly marked tanager on the 8th, 9th and 10th
271	White-banded Tanager	<i>Neothraupis fasciata</i>	271	Seen only on the morning of the 6th whilst watching our first Rufous-winged Antshrike
272	Hooded Tanager	<i>Nemosia pileata</i>	272	A single bird seen beside one of the many bridges on the Transpantaneira on the 12th
273	White-rumped Tanager	<i>Cypsnagra hirundinacea</i>	273	Great views on the 6th as a small group sunned themselves in the morning sunshine
274	Grey-headed Tanager	<i>Eucometis penicillata</i>	274	Recorded on three days all during the first section of the tour
275	White-lined Tanager	<i>Tachyphonus rufus</i>	275	Recorded on two days with the best views of both male and female on the 8th

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276	Silver-beaked Tanager	<i>Ramphocelus carbo</i>	276	A familiar species by the end of the tour recorded in both sections on nine days
277	Sayaca Tanager	<i>Thraupis sayaca</i>	277	A common and attractive tanager recorded on nine days
278	Palm Tanager	<i>Thraupis palmarum</i>	278	Another very familiar tanager species recorded on at least 10 days
279	Burnished-buff Tanager	<i>Tangara cayana</i>	279	Good views of this multi-coloured tanager seen well on the 5th and 6th
280	Swallow Tanager	<i>Tersina viridis</i>	280	Great views of both the green females and cobalt blue males on the first four days
281	Blue Dacnis	<i>Dacnis cayana</i>	281	Good views of both green female and blue males on the first four days
282	Chestnut-vented Conebill	<i>Conirostrum speciosum</i>	282	Male & female were seen together on the 11th whilst birding the track to Pousa Alegre
283	Purple-throated Euphonia	<i>Euphonia chlorotica</i>	283	Recorded on four days with the best views of a male at the waterfall on the 6th
284	Violaceous Euphonia	<i>Euphonia violacea</i>	284	Similar to the above species (bar the purple throat) recorded on three days
285	Lowland Hepatic-tanager	<i>Piranga flava</i>	285	A stunning male showed well on our first evening whilst waiting for the bus to be fixed
286	Bananaquit	<i>Coereba flaveola</i>	286	Single birds recorded on the 7th and the 12th
287	Rufous-collared Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia capensis</i>	287	A single bird seen only on our first evening
288	Grassland Sparrow	<i>Ammodramus humeralis</i>	288	Heard singing in the Cerrado on three days and then a very tame bird seen on the 9th
289	Saffron-billed Sparrow	<i>Arremon flavirostris</i>	289	A bird seen by some close to our accommodation on the 6th and heard again on 7th
290	Saffron Finch	<i>Sicalis flaveola</i>	290	This incredibly striking and common finch was seen on at least seven days
291	Wedge-tailed Grass-finch	<i>Emberizoides herbicola</i>	291	A bird posed in morning sunshine whilst birding the dirt road near our lodge on the 8th
292	Red-crested Finch	<i>Coryphospingus cucullatus</i>	292	Great views of both males and females on the 6th, 7th and 8th
293	Red-crested Cardinal	<i>Paroaria coronata</i>	293	This larger version of the below species was seen well in the Pantanal on three days
294	Yellow-billed Cardinal	<i>Paroaria capitata</i>	294	Easily seen at feeders in the Pantanal and recorded on five days
295	Blue-black Grassquit	<i>Volatinia jacarina</i>	295	Recorded on the 6th, 7th and 8th whilst birding the Cerrado
296	Plumbeous Seedeater	<i>Sporophila plumbea</i>	296	This attractive seedeater was seen well on the 6th and 7th
297	Rusty-collared Seedeater	<i>Sporophila collaris</i>	297	One of the best looking seedeaters with great views on four days
298	Lined Seedeater	<i>Sporophila lineola</i>	298	Another smart seedeater seen well on three days with the best views at Porto Jofre

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299	Double-collared Seedeater	<i>Sporophila caerulescens</i>	299	First seen on the 7th whilst waiting for roosting parrots & then again on the 12th / 13th
300	White-bellied Seedeater	<i>Sporophila leucoptera</i>	300	Another striking seedeater seen well on three days
301	Tawny-bellied Seedeater	<i>Sporophila hypoxantha</i>	301	At least one bird was seen well on the 6th
302	Chestnut-bellied (Lesser) Seed-finch	<i>Oryzoborus angolensis</i>	302	A male showed well along the track to Pousa Alegre
303	Green-winged Saltator	<i>Saltator similis</i>	303	The only bird of the trip was on our first evening whilst waiting for the bus to be fixed
304	Greyish Saltator	<i>Saltator coerulescens</i>	304	A relatively common Saltator recorded on six days
305	Black-throated Saltator	<i>Saltator atricollis</i>	305	Some good views of this very striking Saltator with orange bill recorded on the 6th - 8th
306	Yellow-rumped Cacique	<i>Cacicus cela</i>	306	These very attractive and inquisitive birds were seen on eight days
307	Solitary Cacique	<i>Procacicus solitarius</i>	307	Single birds seen well whilst close to the river and on the boat trips on the 12th - 15th
308	Crested Oropendola	<i>Psarocolius decumanus</i>	308	Good to hear and see these interesting looking birds on six days
309	Orange-backed Troupial	<i>Icterus croconotus</i>	309	A common but nonetheless "wow" factor bird recorded on eight days
310	Epaulet Oriole	<i>Icterus cayanensis</i>	310	This subtle oriole was seen well on three different days in both sections of the tour
311	Giant Cowbird	<i>Molothrus oryzivorus</i>	311	This parasitic species targets Oropendolas / Caciques and was recorded on six days
312	Shiny Cowbird	<i>Molothrus bonariensis</i>	312	Another parasitic species recorded in both sections of the tour on eight days
313	Scarlet-headed Blackbird	<i>Amblyramphus holosericeus</i>	313	Great views of two males near Campo Jofre on the 12th & Andy had a bird on the 14th
314	Chopi Blackbird	<i>Gnorimopsar chopi</i>	314	A very common and noisy songster recorded on 10 days
315	Unicolored Blackbird	<i>Agelasticus cyanopus</i>	315	Black males and pale yellow fronted females recorded in the Pantanal on five days
316	Greyish Baywing	<i>Agelaioides badius</i>	316	Seen very well, often at feeders and recorded on five days in the Pantanal

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Mammals and Reptiles				
1	Six-banded (Yellow) Armadillo	<i>Euphractus sexcinctus</i>	1	Great views at night at Currupira (8th) and then again in the day at Pousa Alegre (11th)
2	Giant Anteater	<i>Myrmecophaga tridactyla</i>	2	A fantastic finish to the tour with 2 animals on the morning of the 16th near Piuval
3	Azara's Agouti	<i>Dasyprocta azarai</i>	3	Good views on two separate days (11th and 12th)
4	Brazilian Cavy (Guinea Pig)	<i>Cavia aperea</i>	4	Recorded on three days during the first half of the tour
5	Capybara	<i>Hydrochaeris hydrochaeris</i>	5	Recorded on at least seven days
6	Brazilian Porcupine	<i>Coendou prehensilis</i>	6	A sleeping animal in a tree at Porto Jofre on the 14th and 15th
7	Puma	<i>Puma concolor</i>	7	A wonderful view for 15 minutes by spotlight on the evening of the 10th at Pousa Alegre
8	Ocelot	<i>Felis pardalis</i>	8	A superb day time encounter on the Transpantaneira on the 15th at around KM 55
9	Jaguar	<i>Panthera onca</i>	9	Great views of a min. of 5 animals incl. 2 from the Transpantaneira S of Jaguar Lodge
10	Maned Wolf	<i>Chrysocyon brachyurus</i>	10	Very close views of an animal at dawn from the breakfast table on the 7th
11	Crab-eating Fox	<i>Cerdocyon thous</i>	11	A relatively common mammal recorded on seven days
12	Neotropical River Otter	<i>Lutra longicaudis</i>	12	Brief sightings on the Rivers Claro and Pixaim
13	Giant Otter	<i>Pteronura brasiliensis</i>	13	Very close views and recorded on three days with a max. count of 7 on the 12th
14	South American Coati	<i>Nasua nasua</i>	14	Recorded on four days
15	Lesser Fishing (Bulldog) Bat	<i>Noctilio albiventris</i>	15	Recorded on two evenings from our boat at dusk on the River Cuiaba
16	Greater Fishing (Bulldog) Bat	<i>Noctilio leporinus</i>	16	Recorded on two evenings from our boat at dusk on the River Cuiaba
17	Long-nosed Bat	<i>Rhynchonycteris naso</i>	17	Small roosting groups seen on both the Rivers Claro and Pixaim
18	Black-tailed (Pantanal) Marmoset	<i>Callithrix melanura</i>	18	Seen well on the 9th around Currupira das Araras
19	Black-striped (Tufted) Capuchin	<i>Cebus libidinosus</i>	19	Recorded on at least three days
20	Black-and-Gold Howler	<i>Alouatta caraya</i>	20	Andy saw 2 females on the 12th and everyone saw 5 animals of both sex on the 14th
21	Red Brocket Deer	<i>Mazama americana</i>	21	Recorded on at least four days
22	Grey (Brown) Brocket Deer	<i>Mazama gouazoubira</i>	22	A single animal on the 15th was surprisingly our only sighting

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23	Marsh Deer	<i>Blastocerus dichotomus</i>	23	Recorded on two days including an impressive stag
24	Brazilian Tapir	<i>Tapirus terrestris</i>	24	A single on the night of the 10th after seeing Puma was a night to be remembered!
25	Tayra	<i>Eira barbara</i>	25	A brief sighting on the Transpantaneira just before dusk on the 15th at around KM 22
26	Opossum Sp	-	26	An animal was seen at night on the evening of the 15th but too brief to be identified
1	Pantanal (Yacare) Caiman	<i>Caiman yacare</i>	1	Recorded on at least six days
2	Common (Green) Iguana	<i>Iguana iguana</i>	2	Recorded on three days
3	House Gecko	<i>Hemidactylus mabouia</i>	3	Recorded at Pousada do Parque on the 7th
4	Common Tegu Lizard	<i>Tupinamis teguixin</i>	4	Recorded on both the 7th and the 11th
5	Giant (Cane) Toad	<i>Bufo marinus</i>	5	Recorded on four days
6	Red-footed Tortoise	<i>Chelonoides carbonaria</i>	6	One seen whilst travelling north on the Tranpantaneira on the 15th
7	Wolf Spider	-	7	Recorded on the 11th

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