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WILDWINGS JAGUAR TOUR

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SPECIES CHECKLIST

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MAMMALS

A total of **41** species was seen including the Peccary sp but excluding feral Cape Buffalo & Pigs, the tame Collared Peccary and unidentified rodents and bats.

Brown Four-eyed Opossum <i>Metacchirus nudicaudatus</i>	A small opossum seen along the boardwalk at Araras on a late night spotlighting session on our first night at Araras appeared noticeably smaller than the two opossums seen two days later, and appeared to have an all pale tail suggesting this species.
Grey Four-eyed Opossum <i>Philander opossum</i>	Two along the boardwalk at Araras while spotlighting prior to dawn on the final day of the trip.
Seven-banded Armadillo <i>Dasybus septemcinctus</i>	An armadillo crossing the road on our way back from Canastra to Sao Roque caused controversy with different members of the group seeing different features fitting a number of species. However based on the carapace shape, tail length and most importantly Regina's previous experience of armadillos it was agreed that it was probably a Seven-banded.
Giant Anteater <i>Myrmecophaga tridactyla</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Unexpectedly difficult in Canastra on this tour possibly due to the dry conditions. Not seen until 1700 on the first day when two were seen in quick succession. A second extremely distant individual spotted by MM the following day. ▪ In the Pantanal superb views close to the boardwalk at Araras on two consecutive days, another seen distantly from the Tower Hide and good views of a third while spotlighting along the Transpantaneira south of Araras.
Southern Tamandua <i>Tamandua tetradactyla</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The highlight of the first night's spotlighting when the driver heard one as we drove along the Transpantaneira south of Pixaim. We reversed to find it ripping open a termite nest on the side of a tree and had great views at close range. ▪ A second was seen walking along the Transpantaneira south of Pixaim later the same evening. ▪ At Araras on our first spotlighting session the driver found another clinging to the side of a tree less than two metres from the vehicle and we had further amazing views at close range for several minutes before it shot up the tree at amazing speed. ▪ Our 4th and final tamandua was seen along the Tranapantaneira to the south of Araras on the final spotlighting session of the trip.
Forest (Brazilian) Rabbit <i>Sylvilagus brasiliensis</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ One Caraca (RR only) – surprisingly no Brazilian Cavies were seen on this trip. ▪ 4+ seen on our final night in the Pantanal along the track opposite Araras Ecolodge.
Guianan Squirrel <i>Sciurus aestuans</i>	6+ around the carpark at Caraca as normal.
Azara's Agouti <i>Dasyprocta azarai</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ One near Hotel Porto Jofre (JDK only). ▪ Up to three along the boardwalk at Araras on both days.

Capybara <i>Hydrochaeris hydrochaeris</i>	Good numbers seen daily in the Pantanal
Ocelot <i>Felis pardalis</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Brief views of one along Santa Isabel Road at dusk while spotlighting near Pousada Jaguar. ▪ Good albeit short views of another at close range along the Transpantaneira south of Araras on our first night at Araras. ▪ Fantastic prolonged views of another along the Transpantaneira south of Araras during the final spotlighting session on our second night at Araras. Originally spotted 50+ metres from the road it was 'squeeked' in to within a few metres where it stood for several minutes. The green filter really came in to its own.
Jaguar <i>Panthera onca</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A male spotted by LG on the south bank of the Rio Cuiaba as we returned to Porto Jofre after our first day on the river gave good views albeit in fading light for 10-15 minutes much to the relief of all the clients. ▪ A superb female spotted by RR on the north bank of the Rio Cuiaba the following morning gave prolonged views and provided excellent photo opportunities. <p>Unusually both individuals were seen along the main river which seemed to be true of most sightings while we were there. It seem likely that Jaguars may have been displaced from the tributories by the late and heavy rains which had flooded the banks and have yet to move back to the tributories as the water levels have receded.</p>
Maned Wolf <i>Chrysocyon brachyurus</i>	<p>Caraca,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ One particularly hungry individual visited the terrace several times between 1830 and 2130 on the first evening staying to eat for long periods, a second individual loitered briefly at the far end of the carpark (RW only) but didn't come up for meat. ▪ One seen shortly after dawn on the second day looking for the remains of any food from the night before (RR only). ▪ Two separate individuals visiting the terrace from 1915 to 2200 on the second evening. ▪ Another at 0430 on day 3, seen by DS as he looked for bats around the terrace. <p>Canastra</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ One distantly on the first evening and a second which crossed the road and then gave excellent views as it walked off across the grasslands. ▪ Another distant individual on the second afternoon which appeared to be hunting pouncing several times as we watched.
Crab-eating Fox <i>Cerdocyon thous</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ One along the Transpantaneira south of Pousada Jaguar as we spotlighted back to Porto Jofre. ▪ One dead on the road north of Pixaim. ▪ One around the lodge at Araras on all 3 days we were there. ▪ Four seen along the Transpantaneira on our first evening spotlighting at Araras. ▪ Three along the Transpantaneira and one along the track opposite the lodge on our second evening spotlighting at Araras.
Neotropical River Otter <i>Lutra longicaudis</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ One seen briefly on the boat trip at Pixaim. ▪ One on a roadside pool south of Pixaim. ▪ One single and a pair seen along the Rio Piquiri. ▪ One actually crossing the Transpantaneira north of Pousada Jaguar.
Giant Otter <i>Pteronura brasiliensis</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Seven seen on the boat trip at Pixaim with another being seen along the river from the river trail. ▪ Seven along the river trail at Pixaim the following morning. ▪ Three along the Rio Piquiri including one eating a fish at point blank range.
Tayra <i>Eira barbara</i>	One seen by DS along the boardwalk at Araras was followed by another from the Tower Hide 20 minutes later.
South American Coati <i>Nasua nasua</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Two north of Araras on our first morning driving south in the Pantanal. ▪ 10+ in trees along the Transpantaneira c.10 km north of Porto Jofre on our second afternoon. ▪ Four from the Tower Hide on our first afternoon at Araras. ▪ 4+ in the morning & c.12 during the afternoon on the track opposite the lodge plus one along the boardwalk on our second day at Araras. ▪ One along the boardwalk on a pre-dawn spotlighting session on our final morning at Araras.

Crab-eating Raccoon <i>Procyon cancrivorus</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One seen while spotlighting north of Pixaim. One seen while spotlighting along Santa Isabel Road. Nightly counts of 5 & 2+ on the two spotlighting sessions at Araras.
Long-nosed (Proboscis) Bat <i>Rhynchonycteris naso</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20+ under a bridge just south of the park entrance gate. Another seven at the usual site under a bridge between Pousada Jaguar and Porto Jofre.
Greater Fishing (Bulldog) Bat <i>Noctilio leporinus</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All the fishing bats seen were tentatively identified as this species this year. Seen along the rivers at Pixaim and Porto Jofre in large numbers and from several bridges while spotlighting along the Transpantaneira. Also and watched as they took insects from the ground along the verandah at Araras and Pixaim.
Lesser Fishing (Bulldog) Bat <i>Noctilio albiventris</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Found roosting in a tree at Araras Ecolodge with Pallas' Mastiff Bat. The bat section in Walker's Mammals of the World notes that <i>Molossus</i> sp. often share tree or building roosts with <i>Noctilio albiventris</i>. Echolocations recorded suggest that Lesser Fishing Bat may also have been seen at Pixaim.
Black Myotis <i>Myotis nigricans</i>	A sizeable roost with several small clusters in the roof of the chapel at Caraca. At least 100 bats present.
Common Long-tongued Bat <i>Glossophaga sorcina</i>	10+ at a roost in an outhouse at Sitio Graciema
Seba's Short-tailed (Fruit) Bat <i>Carollia perspicillata</i>	Two roosting in a disused building at the IBAMA research station along Santa Isabel Road
Pallas' Mastiff Bat <i>Molossus molossus</i>	Roosting in the same tree at Araras Ecolodge as the Greater Fishing Bats
Black-tailed Marmoset <i>Callithrix melanura</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Although allegedly due to be split as a separate species we will treat the marmosets seen in the Pantanal as Black-tailed Marmoset in line with Groves Primate Taxonomy for the time-being. 5+ along the Transpantaneira south of Pousada Jaguar. One along a trail at Araras Ecolodge.
Buffy-headed Marmoset <i>Callithrix flaviceps</i>	8+ along the river near Caratinga, unusually easy this year, responded well to tape recordings.
Geoffroy's Marmoset <i>Callithrix geoffroyi</i>	c.15 Sitio Graciema
Black-tufted Marmoset <i>Callithrix penicillata</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-2 along the Tanque Grande trail at Caraca (MM/TA/BC) One along the main road at Caraca (RW/JM) Six in riverine forest on the edge of Sao Roque de Minas Two along the main road between Plumhi & Formiga on the return journey from Canastra to Belo (JDK).
Black-striped Capuchin <i>Cebus libidinosus</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15+ along the Transpantaneira just north of Porto Jofre 10+ along Santa Isabel Road
Black Capuchin <i>Cebus nigritus</i>	10+ Caratinga
Masked Titi (Monkey) <i>Callicebus personatus</i>	Excellent views along the Tanque Grande trail on all three days at Caraca, daily counts of 4, 4 and 2 with 3 other groups heard on the third day.
Northern Muriqui <i>Brachyteles hypoxanthus</i>	Two groups at Caratinga, two in the morning, and 10+ after lunch.
Black (and Gold) Howler Monkey <i>Alouatta caraya</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two roadside groups of three between the park entrance and Pixaim on our first morning in the Pantanal. Two from the boat at Porto Jofre. 3+ Santa Isabel Road. Daily counts of six and seven along the boardwalk at Araras.
Brown Howler Monkey <i>Alouatta guariba</i>	Three groups totalling nine individuals at Caratinga
Pampas Deer <i>Ozotoceros bezoarticus</i>	A male seen briefly in Canastra.
Red Brocket <i>Mazama americana</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three seen while spotlighting north of Pixaim. One seen just south of Pousada Jaguar on the drive south to Porto Jofre. One seen while spotlighting c.4 km north of Porto Jofre.

Gray Brocket <i>Mazama gouazoubira</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ One while spotlighting along Santa Isabel Road. ▪ Four along the track opposite Araras Ecolodge on the first Araras night drive. ▪ One on the track opposite Araras Ecolodge on the second day. ▪ Three along the track opposite Araras Ecolodge on the second Araras night drive.
Marsh Deer <i>Blastocerus dichotomous</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Seen along the Transpantaneira from Araras to Porto Jofre on all but one day. A total of 14 seen, 10 during the day and 4 at night. ▪ Daily counts of 5 and 3 from the Tower Hide at Araras.
Brazilian Tapir <i>Tapirus terrestris</i>	<p>An exceptional trip with the green filter coming into its own, the tapirs being totally unconcerned by the spotlight..</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Brief views of one 2 km north of Porto Jofre on the first Porto Jofre night drive. ▪ Great views of one crossing Santa Isabel Road on the Pousada Jaguar – Porto Jofre night drive which showed unusually prominent eyeshine. ▪ Prolonged views of one along the track opposite Araras Ecolodge and brief views of another at the entrance to Rio Clarinho on the first Araras night drive. ▪ Great views of two along the Transpantaneira, another probably the individual seen the night before on the track opposite the lodge and brief views of another two on the track opposite the lodge on the second Araras night drive.

Ferals

Cape Buffalo <i>Syncerus caffer</i>	Up to 20 seen daily in the Pantanal
Feral Pig <i>Sus domesticus</i>	Seen several times along the Transpantaneira but surprisingly no sign of feral Wild Boar this year.
Collared Peccary <i>Tayassu tajacu</i>	The usual tame individual at Araras.

Near misses / Unidentified species

Puma <i>Felis concolor</i>	Still eluding us but fresh tracks were found on our first morning at Araras 100m from the lodge overlaying the truck's tracks from the previous evening. We're getting closer.
Rodent spp?	<p>Unusually we saw several unidentified small rodents this year which are included here for completeness but are not included in the species totals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A murid sp found dead on the waterfall trail at Caraca. ▪ Two mice seen running across the main road near Canastra. ▪ A probable Marsh Rat sp along Santa Isabel Road. ▪ Another unidentified rodent along the track opposite Araras Ecolodge.
Bat spp?	<p>The presence of experienced bat workers on the tour resulted in more species than usual being detected and identified, and the species listed above had been identified at the time of writing. Further research is continuing into the identification of other species seen, heard and/or recorded and it is hoped that further species will be identified in due course.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Up to 6 species were heard at Caraca with 2-4 species being heard at Caratinga and Sao Roque. A number of species were heard in the Pantanal with at least two unidentified species being seen well. ▪ There was a roost of at least 30, as yet unidentified, bats in the roof above the restaurant at Araras Ecolodge.
Peccary sp <i>Tayassu sp</i>	A group of 15 seen from the Tower Hide at Araras at dusk were probably White-lipped based on their size and the size of the group but were too distant for a positive identification (RW only).