

TROPICAL BIRDING

Guyana (custom tour)

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Guianan Cock-of-the-rock – one of the most fantastic birds of this region!

We had superb and very fun 15 day custom tour in the small South American nation of Guyana, visiting the coastal zone, the southwestern savannas, and the vast, primeval rainforest that covers most of the country. After some birding near the capital, Georgetown, we flew to the Southwest, where we made a special effort to see some extremely endangered and localized species, **Red Siskin**, **Sun Parakeet**, **Hoary-throated Spinetail**, and **Rio Branco Antbird**, eventually having great views of all of them. From there, we spent most of the rest of the trip in several different ecolodges in the forest where every day brought a different set of unforgettable birds, including **nice species of cotingas**, **26 antbirds**, **three different Harpy Eagles**, a **Spotted Antpitta**, the rare **White-winged Potoo**, and both **Black** and **Crestless Curassows**. While our tour was designed around seeing certain targets, we also enjoyed great views of many other more common and widespread birds along the way, seeing around 360 birds during the trip. Our upcoming Guyana tours will have a similar itinerary.

The tour started in Georgetown, the capital, and the only city regularly served by international flights. It's a vibrant, multicultural town with Asian, Caribbean, African, and Amerindian influences among others. We spent the first nights in a nice, Victorian-style hotel located near the center. The first day of birding saw us heading east from the city, with Luke, our local guide for the day, where we spent the morning along rivers, wetlands, gallery forest, and mangroves, looking especially for **Rufous Crab Hawk** and **Blood-colored Woodpecker**, both of which were located without too much difficulty. The comical **Hoatzin** (the national bird, known locally as "Canje Pheasant") also put in an appearance along with numerous other birds such as **Cocoi Heron**, **Long-winged Harrier**, **Limpkin**, **Greater Ani**, **Little Cuckoo**, **White-chested Emerald**, **Green-tailed Jacamar**, **Yellow-crowned Parrot**, **Black-crested Antshrike**, **Silvered Antbird**, **Spotted Tody-Flycatcher**, **Pied Water-Tyrant**, **Black-capped Donacobius**, **Wing-barred Seedeater**, **Yellow Oriole**, and **Red-breasted Meadowlark**. We headed back to Georgetown for a late lunch, where we managed to find a **Plain-bellied Emerald** in the hotel parking lot. In the late afternoon as well as the following morning, we went to Georgetown's Botanical Gardens, which has terrific and easy birding not far from the hotel. It had a few birds that we did not see anywhere else on the trip, including **Cinereous Becard**, **Festive Parrot**, **Cinnamon Attila**, and **Toco Toucan** along with many other species. After a short flight to Lethem on the Brazilian border, we checked into Manari Ranch, which would be our base for three nights. With a very early start looming, we just did some easy birding near the hotel where we saw some common birds like **Fork-tailed Flycatcher** (*photo below*), **Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl**, and **Lesser Elaenia**.



A 3:30am departure is never something to get excited about, but **Red Siskins** demand such sacrifices. We headed south of Lethem with our driver and local guide Jeremy, bouncing along on rough dirt roads for a couple of hours before stopping briefly to pick up the local siskin expert, Asaph. We continued on to a side road near the village of Sand Creek, and parked near a spring that the siskins normally use as a water source. We staked out the spring as we had our field breakfast, and waited. Asaph was a bit worried because his last group has failed to see the siskin, and he thought that maybe the nesting season had started early so that the birds had dispersed over the huge area that they inhabit. But we were patient, waiting and watching the other birds around like **White-tailed Hawk**, **Blue-tailed Emerald**, **White-barred Piculet**, **Red-shouldered Macaw**, **Finsch's Euphonia**, **Hepatic Tanager**, and **White-fringed Antwren**. A few hours passed and we did start to get worried. Asaph suggested we try a farm nearby where the siskins occasionally come to feed, but we had no luck there either, but at least saw some **Cayenne Jays** and a **Pale-eyed Pygmy-Tyrant**. There was still no activity back at the spring, and time was running short, so Asaph suggested we should drive about 30 minutes to a different spot that he used to see them in the past. We trusted his judgement and Jeremy navigated a series of faint tracks through the savanna to a beautiful valley. **Red Siskins** were calling as we got out and we soon saw two females perched up in the open. They were great, but we were also hoping for a few males, so we waited some more. Finally, several small flocks came in, perhaps 14 birds in total, and perched next to the spring for pronged superb views of these endangered birds. Success! The birds were shy and did not allow close approach, but I got a couple of distant shots:





Finally we could relax a bit! We drove to Dadanawa Ranch for a sumptuous lunch and spend some time birding the savanna for **Bearded Tachuri**, **Double-striped Thick-knee**, **Pinnated Bittern**, **Grassland Yellow-Finch**, **Wedge-tailed Grass-Finch**, and a few other birds before making the long drive back to Manari.

We did not have to get up quite so early the next morning, fortunately, as he headed north out of Manari towards the Ireng River. We stopped at a small pond where **Least Nighthawks** were hunting low over the water, and Jeremy successfully flushed up a **Nacunda Nighthawk**, a very handsome bird! Coveys of **Crested Bobwhites** periodically scampered across the road in front of us as we neared the gallery forest, and a screeching flock of **Red-bellied Macaws** greeted us as we arrived. We had barely started down the trail, and suddenly there was a the distinctive song of **Rio Branco Antbird**, and a male came in nice and close with no playback necessary. Soon after, our next main quarry, **Hoary-throated Spinetail**, started singing from a dense thicket. With some minor pruning and strategic use of a remote speaker, we soon were enjoying great views of this rare bird. Both of these species have very small ranges in northern Brazil, and only barely reach Guyana along the banks of this river. While they are still locally fairly common, they are considered Critically Endangered since most of their known range is predicted to be deforested in the near future. With our two main targets in the bag in record time, we wandered around the forest a bit to see what else was around, managing to see **Rufous-tailed Jacamar**, **Pale-legged Hornero**, **Pale-tipped Tyrannulet**, and a few others before driving back to Manari. We birded the savanna some more along the way, and tracked down the first **Giant Anteater** of the trip. With another early start coming, we had a very easy and relaxing afternoon.



Double-striped Thick-knee

By 3:45am, we had the 4x4 loaded up with all of our luggage, and we left Manari Lodge for the long, rough ride north to the village of Karasabai (accent is on the “ra”). We had a brief stop at a marsh where there was an interesting local form of **Yellow-hooded Blackbird**; they have less yellow on the head compared to birds I have seen elsewhere. After our field breakfast, we walked through some small farms, and it did not take long before we heard some distant screeching from a flock of **Sun Parakeets**. It’s amazing how far away you can spot a flock of these bright yellow birds on a distant hillside! But we wanted to do better than that. We continued to the base of the hill and managed to walk up through a cassava field to get pretty darned close, and set the scope up to enjoy these truly gorgeous parakeets for as long as we wanted.



Another interesting bird here was a **White-bellied Piculet**, which appeared to be the *orenocensis* race, with very plain underparts, and very different from the birds we saw near Georgetown. After leaving Karasabai, we drove another couple of hours through the savanna, much of it on unsigned two-tracks through completely uninhabited terrain. By this time it was the middle of the day and the birds were quiet, but small ponds had various waterbirds including our only **Maguari Stork** of the trip, and we saw a few grasslands species like **Gray Seedeater**. We arrived at Karanambu Lodge for lunch, bid farewell to Jeremy, and enjoyed an afternoon break before heading out onto the Rupununi River for a boat ride. The water level was exceptionally low, and the shallow water made it tough going in places, but it was worth it since it made it much easier to see curassows. **Crestless Curassow** is shy and hard to see well (I had completely missed it on my first visit here), but we hit the jackpot today with probably eight birds encountered, and one pair stayed on the edge of the river for probably 20 minutes allowing us to get surprisingly close, and even photographed them – amazing!



Some of the other birds we saw on the boat ride were **Green Ibis**, **Gray-cowled Wood-Rail**, **Pied Lapwing**, **Red-capped Cardinal**, and **Green-and-rufous Kingfisher**. As night fell, **Band-tailed Nighthawks** flew erratically overhead as a constant stream of impressive **Greater Bulldog Bats** came past us as we made our way back upriver to the lodge. It had been a long day, but with some truly unforgettable birds.

We started the next morning by driving out into the grassland to look for a last few savanna species. In particular, we hoped to find **White-tailed Goldenthrout**, which had become a bit of a nemesis bird for Howard. One of the local guides, Manuel, knew a good spot for it, and we found one pretty quickly that zipped back and forth in typical hyperactive hummingbird style for a while before it finally settled down for a nice look. Mammals, however, stole the show this morning as we had another great encounter with a **Giant Anteater**, then keen-eyed Manuel located a **Golden-faced Saki Monkey** followed by a **Jaguarundi** that silently padded through the understory, then bolted out of sight in an eyeblink.



Giant Anteater

As the day started to heat up, we returned to the lodge and then headed out onto the forest trails. We stopped at a display site for **Capuchinbird** (*below*), where there was one lone bird present that gave his bizarre mooing call a few times (it's local name is "cowbird").



The forest got very quiet after that, and we walked for quite a while without seeing much of anything. That all changed in a flash starting with a **Spotted Puffbird** perched quietly over the trail. Suddenly there were birds everywhere, and in a rather short amount of time we saw **Northern Slaty-Antshrike**, **White-flanked Antwren**, **Dusky Antbird**, **White-browed Antbird**, **Black-chinned Antbird**, **White-bellied Antbird**, **Helmeted Pygmy-Tyrant**, **Slate-headed Tody-Flycatcher**, and

Buff-breasted Wren, all of them well. Then it started to rain and all the birds vanished! Tropical forests are often like that. Nothing for ages, then everything comes at once and you don't know where to look... The rain put an end to the morning's birding, though it cleared up again by lunchtime. In the afternoon, we took the boat up river, which proved to be quite difficult due to the water level. We saw another pair of **Crestless Curassows**, then got off the boat and followed a **Sunbittern** down a trail to a lake full of Giant Water Lilies and a hoard of **Purple Gallinules**. A **Tiny Tyrant-Manakin** sang near the trail and we managed to track down this miniscule bird. On the way back, some distant eyeshine proved to be a **Common Potoo**, and we also saw a few **Common Pauraxes**.



Spotted Puffbird

Next morning we went out into the forest early hoping to see the **Capuchinbirds** displaying. This time there were two birds present, and they did display a couple of times, though their hearts didn't seem to be in it. We added a few more birds during the walk such as **Golden-spangled Piculet**, **Blue-backed Manakin**, and **Variable Chachalaca** before having a late breakfast and packing up. We left Karanambu by vehicle since the water level was too low to go by river, and transferred to Rock View Lodge in Annai. It was a nice place to stop before heading into the wetter rainforest to the north. We had a pretty relaxed afternoon with some easy birding, finding a few new trip birds like **Scaled Pigeon**, **Variegated Flycatcher**, and **Pale-breasted Spinetail**, and had close views of a **Pearl Kite**. Colin, the lodge owner, served up his house drink, a rum punch with bitters called "rum swank" and chatted with us for a while about the history of the region.



Blue-backed Manakin

A driver and local guide turned up just after breakfast, and we drove about 45 minutes to the start of a forest trail near the indigenous village of Surama. Our goal was a staked out **Harpy Eagle** nest about 2km into the forest. The young bird had fledged over a year and a half ago, but was still not yet independent of its parents, and we were hoping we could find it near the old nest. Nothing was around when we got there, and the local guide disappeared for a long time to search. While he was gone, he heard one calling not too far away, and with a few minutes of searching we found it!



It perched there, calling and calling, almost pathetically, as if hoping we would throw it a tempting morsel. The bird was old enough that the parents will probably soon stop feeding it, and then it will move on to look for a territory of its own. Hopefully the same pair will nest again in the same place. We returned to the car and then visited a nearby stakeout for **Guianan Cock-of-the-rock**, where we saw the perched male that headlines this report, as well as a female on a nest, and then headed to our next destination, Atta Rainforest Lodge, where we spent the next two nights.

Atta is great. It's located in a small clearing surrounded by tall forest and has the only canopy walkway in the region. It started as a simple hammock camp, but now they have proper guest rooms, and the food has always been good. The local guides onsite are superb, and our guide, Dalon, was exceptional. The **Black Curassows** (*below*) that regularly wander through the clearing are an added bonus too.



We devoted our first afternoon to the canopy walkway. You don't actually bird from the walkway, but use it to access different platforms where you can set up a scope. Afternoons on canopy platforms can often be really slow, but not this time! We quickly saw numerous regional specialties like **Waved** and **Golden-collared Woodpeckers**, **Spot-tailed** and **Todd's Antwrens**, **Guianan Puffbird**, **Dusky Purpletuft**, **Painted Parakeet**, a female **Purple-throated Cotinga**, and **Guianan Trogon** along with many other more widespread species. However, our day was not done, as we had a key nightbird to look for. So we descended, headed back to the lodge, and started walking along the entrance road. Sharp-eyed Dalon spotted a **Black-faced Hawk** perched in the gloom, and then I called in a pair of **Rufous-bellied Antwrens** – it was so dark I had to use my spotlight to see them, but I'm glad we did since they were the only ones of the tour. We waited a bit as night deepened, then called a few times for **White-winged Potoo**. Nothing... We tried a few more times

without luck and were getting worried when finally its haunting descending call rang out through the night. Dalon knew exactly where to look and we got the scope on it – truly one of the trip highlights and a lifer for me as well. It's the rarest of the world's seven potoos, and was a great way to finish the day's birding.



White-winged Potoo

Next morning we returned to the canopy walkway for a few hours, seeing a **Gray-winged Trumpeter** on the way there. Soon after we got there, Dalon spotted a large raptor perched in a distant tree. At first we thought it may have been a Crested Eagle, but when it turned it was clearly another immature **Harpy Eagle**. This was confirmed a moment later when an adult came in and landed next to it! Hard to beat, but the **Crimson Fruitcrow** that turned up next came close. The song of a **Red-and-black Grosbeak** had been teasing us that morning, but it's not a canopy bird and we could not see it from the platform. Fortunately, as headed back for breakfast another one started singing, and this time we tracked it down – another superb regional endemic. We hit the trails after breakfast for the rest of the morning. I have to say it was in many ways a slow morning. However, even though we saw few birds, pretty much every single one that we did see was one of our major targets. A **Spotted Antpitta** took a long time to come in, but then it did and we even got it in the scope. We crept off the trail a little bit to chase a **Ferruginous-backed Antbird**, one of the most beautiful of all antbirds. The scarce **Black-throated Antshrike** required even more effort, but it also gave itself up in the end. The prize for the gaudiest bird of the morning probably went to **Guianan Toucanet** (*right*). Back in the lodge clearing, a female **Racket-tailed Coquette** was feeding in a flowering bush. Dalon was keen to keep birding, but the spot he wanted to visit was a bit far. He borrowed a strange looking 3-wheeler that was like a combo of motorbike and a pickup truck, but when it died 300 yards down the road we decided to break for lunch and a siesta instead and try again later.



We started the afternoon in some stunted forest a couple of miles from the lodge, where our good luck continued with a colorful **Guianan Red-Cotinga** – while we had seen one briefly a couple of days ago, this time it stayed around long enough to admire it. We also had an **Olivaceous Schiffornis** and a **Bronzy Jacamar**, two species that prefer the stunted sandy-soil forest. We then birded the main road until dusk, finding **Guianan Streaked-Antwren**, **Crimson Topaz**, **Paradise Jacamar**, **Black-spotted Barbet**, and **Marail Guan** among others before trying for another staked-out nightbird. This time we did not wait very long before two terrific **Black-banded Owls** (*right*) flew in for great spotlight views. We were pretty tired after the long day, but very happy with the amazing birds we had seen.



We did some final birding near Atta before breakfast for a few new species like **Blue-cheeked Parrot** and **Spangled Cotinga**, then started driving north along the main road. We stopped in another patch of stunted forest, adding **Black Manakin** and **Rufous-crested Elaenia**, but the super-shy Red-legged Tinamous kept their distance and remained “heard only”. Dalon knew a trail where he had seen a day-roosting Rufous Potoo recently, and we decided to have a look, though it sadly was nowhere to be found. We were at least rewarded with a beautiful **Collared Puffbird** for our efforts (*below*).



We bade farewell to Dalon and headed on to the very nice Iwokrama River Lodge, located on the shores of the Essequibo River, the longest river in Guyana. The afternoon's birding was pretty quiet, though we had some nice repeat sightings of a number of colorful birds along with a few hadn't seen yet, like **Green Oropendola** and **Epaulet Oriole**.

Next morning we started with an early breakfast, and then went by boat up river to some rapids where we quickly saw a small flock of **Black-collared Swallows** circling overhead as well as our first **Capped Herons** of the trip. We continued upstream to the base of Turtle Mountain, where one of the local guides, Marcy, pointed out a small black bird that turned out to be an **Amazonian Black-Tyrant** (right).

Apparently they are quite rare around here, but strangely we saw another one later in the day. Turtle Mountain is more of a hill, and we made slow but steady progress up the trail, which has a few steep sections. The forest was a bit quiet, though we had few nice sightings along the way including **Black Nunbird**, **Common Scale-backed Antbird**, **Brown-bellied Antwren**, **Spix's Guan**, and **Yellow-green Grosbeak**. As we reached the summit, the rapid whistles of an Orange-breasted Falcon could be heard, and we hoped one would perch in view as we admired the superb vista. Rainforest stretched to the horizon, broken only by the Essequibo River a couple miles away. We spent a while trying and failing to see evidence of humanity, admiring the vast wilderness spectacle, when suddenly the **Orange-breasted Falcon** came rocketing straight at us! It pulled to one side at the last second and skirted us, circled a few times, seeming to glare scornfully as it did.



View from Turtle Mountain



Orange-breasted Falcon

There wasn't a whole lot to see on the walk back down, though we did get a nice view of a **Yellow-billed Jacamar**. We were back at the lodge for lunch, and a relaxing afternoon was nice after the hike this morning. We had a late afternoon boat trip for some easy birding, finishing off with some **Ladder-tailed Nightjars** at dusk.

We had some final birding at Iwokrama, having great luck with woodpeckers including **Ringed Woodpecker** and **Chestnut Woodpecker**, a nice view of the fancy **Red-fan Parrot**, a pair of amorous **Red-and-green Macaws**, several **Blue-and-yellow Macaws**, a hyperactive **Golden-crowned Spadebill**, and various antbirds. The weather started to look quite ominous, and we started to worry that the plane wouldn't be able to come. After a downpour, the weather cleared, and the plane was only an hour late. We managed to cram ourselves into the little Cessna, and took off over the rainforest towards Kaieteur Falls. While not as well-known as some of the world's great cascades, it does lay claim to being the largest single drop waterfall based on the volume of water flowing over it, and is over four times higher than Niagara Falls. The pilot circled over it a couple of times to give us all a nice aerial view, and then set us down on the small airstrip next to the national park HQ. After a quick picnic lunch, a park ranger took us on a walk to see the falls from three different viewpoints, and we also had a few birds along the way like **Red-shouldered Tanager** and **Gray-breasted Sabrewing**. The weather started looking iffy again, so we boarded our plane again and took off for Georgetown, where we spent the last two nights of the tour.

*Kaieteur Falls*

We had one last “clean-up” day around Georgetown; Luke once again was our local guide as he headed south from the city early in the morning. We had two targets in particular; the first one, Crimson-hooded Manakin was unfortunately a total no-show, though at least the swamp forest had a few other birds like **Striped Woodcreeper** and **Slender-billed Kite**. We did better with the second one, **Black-headed Antbird** (*right*), though it took quite a while to find a responsive bird. Finally, at our last stop at a local winery, a male perched and sang loudly while exposing its white back. The winery is well known in Georgetown for producing wines made from various fruits and vegetables. We tasted a few of them, and while I can’t say they were a big hit, the hot pepper wine was certainly intriguing... The antbird was pretty much our last bird of the trip, as we headed back to the hotel and had an early dinner, since many of us had ridiculous early flights the next morning. It was a really fun trip and I hope to bring another trip back to Guyana soon!



BIRD LIST

The list includes everything that was seen by at least one of the group, including the guide/tour leader. Taxonomy follows: Clements, J. F., T. S. Schulenberg, M. J. Iliff, D. Roberson, T. A. Fredericks, B. L. Sullivan, and C. L. Wood. 2017. The eBird/Clements checklist of birds of the world: v2017. Downloaded from <http://www.birds.cornell.edu/clementschecklist/download/>

363 bird species seen + 33 heard only

H=heard only

GO=guide only

TINAMIDAE (TINAMOUS)

- H Great Tinamou
- H Undulated Tinamou
- H Red-legged Tinamou
- H Variegated Tinamou

Tinamus major
Crypturellus undulatus
Crypturellus erythropus
Crypturellus variegatus

ANATIDAE (DUCKS, GEESE, AND WATERFOWL)

- White-faced Whistling-Duck
- Black-bellied Whistling-Duck
- Muscovy Duck

Dendrocygna viduata
Dendrocygna autumnalis autumnalis
Cairina moschata

CRACIDAE (GUANS, CHACHALACAS, AND CURASSOWS)

- Variable Chachalaca (Little)
- Marail Guan
- Spix's Guan (Grant's)
- Crestless Curassow
- Black Curassow

Ortalis motmot motmot
Penelope marail
Penelope jacquacu granti
Mitu tomentosum
Crax alector

ODONTOPHORIDAE (NEW WORLD QUAIL)

- Crested Bobwhite (Crested)

Colinus cristatus sonnini

PODICIPEDIDAE (GREBES)

- Least Grebe
- Pied-billed Grebe

Tachybaptus dominicus
Podilymbus podiceps

CICONIIDAE (STORKS)

- Maguari Stork
- Jabiru
- Wood Stork

Ciconia maguari
Jabiru mycteria
Mycteria americana

FREGATIDAE (FRIGATEBIRDS)

- Magnificent Frigatebird

Fregata magnificens

PHALACROCORACIDAE (CORMORANTS AND SHAGS)

- Neotropic Cormorant

Phalacrocorax brasilianus

ANHINGIDAE (ANHINGAS)

- Anhinga

Anhinga anhinga

PELECANIDAE (PELICANS)

- Brown Pelican

Pelecanus occidentalis

ARDEIDAE (HERONS, EGRETS, AND BITTERNS)

- Pinnated Bittern

Botaurus pinnatus

Least Bittern
Rufescent Tiger-Heron
Cocoi Heron
Great Egret
Snowy Egret
Little Blue Heron
Tricolored Heron
Cattle Egret
Striated Heron
Agami Heron
Capped Heron
Black-crowned Night-Heron
Boat-billed Heron (Southern)

THRESKIORNITHIDAE (IBISES AND SPOONBILLS)

Scarlet Ibis
Green Ibis
Buff-necked Ibis
Roseate Spoonbill

CATHARTIDAE (NEW WORLD VULTURES)

Black Vulture
Turkey Vulture
Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture
Greater Yellow-headed Vulture
King Vulture

PANDIONIDAE (OSPREY)

Osprey

ACCIPITRIDAE (HAWKS, EAGLES, AND KITES)

Pearl Kite
White-tailed Kite
Gray-headed Kite
Swallow-tailed Kite
Harpy Eagle
Ornate Hawk-Eagle
Black-collared Hawk
Snail Kite
Slender-billed Kite
Double-toothed Kite
Plumbeous Kite
Long-winged Harrier
Rufous Crab Hawk
Savanna Hawk
Great Black Hawk
Roadside Hawk
White-tailed Hawk
Black-faced Hawk
Gray-lined Hawk

Ixobrychus exilis
Tigrisoma lineatum
Ardea cocoi
Ardea alba egretta
Egretta thula
Egretta caerulea
Egretta tricolor
Bubulcus ibis ibis
Butorides striata striata
Agamia agami
Pilherodius pileatus
Nycticorax nycticorax hoactli
Cochlearius cochlearius cochlearius

Eudocimus ruber
Mesembrinibis cayennensis
Theristicus caudatus
Platalea ajaja

Coragyps atratus
Cathartes aura ruficollis
Cathartes burrovianus
Cathartes melambrotus
Sarcoramphus papa

Pandion haliaetus

Gampsonyx swainsonii
Elanus leucurus
Leptodon cayanensis
Elanoides forficatus
Harpia harpyja
Spizaetus ornatus
Busarellus nigricollis
Rostrhamus sociabilis
Helicolestes hamatus
Harpagus bidentatus
Ictinia plumbea
Circus buffoni
Buteogallus aequinoctialis
Buteogallus meridionalis
Buteogallus urubitinga
Rupornis magnirostris
Geranoaetus albicaudatus
Leucopternis melanops
Buteo nitidus

Zone-tailed Hawk

EURYPYGIDAE (SUNBITTERN)

Sunbittern

RALLIDAE (RAILS, GALLINULES, AND COOTS)

Gray-cowled Wood-Rail (Gray-cowled)

Purple Gallinule

ARAMIDAE (LIMPKIN)

Limpkin

PSOPHIIDAE (TRUMPETERS)

Gray-winged Trumpeter (Gray-winged)

BURHINIDAE (THICK-KNEES)

Double-striped Thick-knee

CHARADRIIDAE (PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS)

Pied Lapwing

Southern Lapwing

JACANIDAE (JACANAS)

Wattled Jacana (Chestnut-backed)

SCOLOPACIDAE (SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES)

Spotted Sandpiper

Solitary Sandpiper

LARIDAE (GULLS, TERNS, AND SKIMMERS)

Yellow-billed Tern

Large-billed Tern

COLUMBIDAE (PIGEONS AND DOVES)

Rock Pigeon

Pale-vented Pigeon

Scaled Pigeon

H Plumbeous Pigeon

Ruddy Pigeon

Common Ground-Dove

Ruddy Ground-Dove

White-tipped Dove

H Gray-fronted Dove

Eared Dove

OPISTHOCOMIDAE (HOATZIN)

Hoatzin

CUCULIDAE (CUCKOOS)

Greater Ani

Smooth-billed Ani

H Striped Cuckoo

Little Cuckoo

Squirrel Cuckoo

Black-bellied Cuckoo

STRIGIDAE (OWLS)

H Amazonian Pygmy-Owl

Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl

Buteo albonotatus

Eurypyga helias

Aramides cajaneus cajaneus

Porphyrio martinica

Aramus guarauna guarauna

Psophia crepitans crepitans

Burhinus bistriatus

Vanellus cayanus

Vanellus chilensis cayennensis

Jacana jacana jacana

Actitis macularius

Tringa solitaria

Sternula superciliaris

Phaetusa simplex

Columba livia

Patagioenas cayennensis

Patagioenas speciosa

Patagioenas plumbea

Patagioenas subvinacea purpureotincta

Columbina passerina

Columbina talpacoti

Leptotila verreauxi brasiliensis

Leptotila rufaxilla

Zenaida auriculata

Opisthocomus hoazin

Crotophaga major

Crotophaga ani

Tapera naevia

Coccyzua minuta

Piaya cayana cayana

Piaya melanogaster

Glaucidium hardyi

Glaucidium brasilianum phalaenoides

Burrowing Owl

Black-banded Owl

CAPRIMULGIDAE (NIGHTJARS AND ALLIES)

Nacunda Nighthawk

Least Nighthawk

Lesser Nighthawk

Short-tailed Nighthawk

Band-tailed Nighthawk

Blackish Nightjar

Common Pauraque

White-tailed Nightjar

Ladder-tailed Nightjar

NYCTIBIIDAE (POTOOS)

Common Potoo

White-winged Potoo

APODIDAE (SWIFTS)

White-collared Swift

Chapman's Swift

Short-tailed Swift

Band-rumped Swift

Gray-rumped Swift

Fork-tailed Palm-Swift

TROCHILIDAE (HUMMINGBIRDS)

Crimson Topaz

Long-tailed Hermit

Reddish Hermit

Black-eared Fairy

White-tailed Goldenthrout

Black-throated Mango

Racket-tailed Coquette

Long-billed Starthroat

Blue-tailed Emerald

Gray-breasted Sabrewing

Fork-tailed Woodnymph

White-chested Emerald

Plain-bellied Emerald

Glittering-throated Emerald

TROGONIDAE (TROGONS)

H Black-tailed Trogon

Green-backed Trogon

Guianan Trogon

H Black-throated Trogon

MOMOTIDAE (MOTMOTS)

H Amazonian Motmot

ALCEDINIDAE (KINGFISHERS)

Ringed Kingfisher

Athene cunicularia minor

Ciccaba huhula

Chordeiles nacunda

Chordeiles pusillus

Chordeiles acutipennis

Lurocalis semitorquatus semitorquatus

Nyctiprogne leucopyga leucopyga

Nyctipolus nigrescens

Nyctidromus albicollis

Hydropsalis cayennensis

Hydropsalis climacocerca

Nyctibius griseus

Nyctibius leucopterus

Streptoprocne zonaris

Chaetura chapmani

Chaetura brachyura brachyura

Chaetura spinicaudus spinicaudus

Chaetura cinereiventris guianensis

Tachornis squamata

Topaza pella

Phaethornis superciliosus

Phaethornis ruber

Heliophryx auritus

Polytmus guainumbi

Anthracothonax nigricollis

Discosura longicaudus

Helimaster longirostris

Chlorostilbon mellisugus

Campylopterus largipennis largipennis

Thalurania furcata

Amazilia brevirostris

Amazilia leucogaster

Amazilia fimbriata

Trogon melanurus melanurus

Trogon viridis viridis

Trogon violaceus

Trogon rufus

Momotus momota

Megaceryle torquata torquata

Amazon Kingfisher

Green Kingfisher

Green-and-rufous Kingfisher

BUCCONIDAE (PUFFBIRDS)

Guianan Puffbird

Spotted Puffbird

Collared Puffbird

Black Nunbird

Swallow-winged Puffbird

GALBULIDAE (JACAMARS)

Yellow-billed Jacamar (Yellow-billed)

Rufous-tailed Jacamar

Green-tailed Jacamar

Bronzy Jacamar

Paradise Jacamar

H Great Jacamar

CAPITONIDAE (NEW WORLD BARBETS)

Black-spotted Barbet

RAMPHASTIDAE (TOUCANS)

Green Aracari

Black-necked Aracari

Guianan Toucanet

Toco Toucan

White-throated Toucan (Red-billed)

Channel-billed Toucan (Channel-billed)

PICIDAE (WOODPECKERS)

Golden-spangled Piculet (Buffon's)

White-bellied Piculet

White-bellied Piculet

White-barred Piculet (Marajo)

GO Yellow-tufted Woodpecker

Golden-collared Woodpecker

Blood-colored Woodpecker

H Spot-breasted Woodpecker

Ringed Woodpecker

Waved Woodpecker

Chestnut Woodpecker

Lineated Woodpecker

Red-necked Woodpecker

Crimson-crested Woodpecker

FALCONIDAE (FALCONS AND CARACARAS)

GO Black Caracara

Red-throated Caracara

Crested Caracara

Yellow-headed Caracara

American Kestrel

Chloroceryle amazona

Chloroceryle americana

Chloroceryle inda

Notharchus macrorhynchos

Bucco tamatia

Bucco capensis

Monasa atra

Chelidoptera tenebrosa

Galbula albirostris albirostris

Galbula ruficauda ruficauda

Galbula galbula

Galbula leucogastra

Galbula dea

Jacamerops aureus

Capito niger

Pteroglossus viridis

Pteroglossus aracari

Selenidera piperivora

Ramphastos toco

Ramphastos tucanus tucanus

Ramphastos vitellinus vitellinus

Picumnus exilis buffonii

Picumnus spilogaster spilogaster

Picumnus spilogaster orenocensis

Picumnus cirratus confusus(?)

Melanerpes cruentatus

Veniliornis cassini

Veniliornis sanguineus

Colaptes punctigula

Celeus torquatus torquatus

Celeus undatus

Celeus elegans hellmayri

Dryocopus lineatus lineatus

Campephilus rubricollis

Campephilus melanoleucos

Daptrius ater

Ibycter americanus

Caracara cheriway

Milvago chimachima

Falco sparverius isabellinus

Aplomado Falcon

Bat Falcon

Orange-breasted Falcon

Peregrine Falcon

PSITTACIDAE (NEW WORLD AND AFRICAN PARROTS)

Golden-winged Parakeet

Caica Parrot

Dusky Parrot

Blue-headed Parrot

Festive Parrot (Northern)

Blue-cheeked Parrot

Yellow-crowned Parrot

Mealy Parrot (Southern)

Orange-winged Parrot

Green-rumped Parrotlet

Black-headed Parrot

Red-fan Parrot

Painted Parakeet (Painted)

Brown-throated Parakeet

Sun Parakeet

Red-bellied Macaw

Blue-and-yellow Macaw

Red-and-green Macaw

Red-shouldered Macaw (Northern)

THAMNOPHILIDAE (TYPICAL ANTIBIRDS)

Fasciated Antshrike

Black-throated Antshrike

H Great Antshrike

Black-crested Antshrike (Black-crested)

Barred Antshrike

Mouse-colored Antshrike

Northern Slaty-Antshrike (Northern)

Amazonian Antshrike

H Dusky-throated Antshrike

Cinereous Antshrike

Rufous-bellied Antwren

Brown-bellied Antwren

Pygmy Antwren

Guianan Streaked-Antwren

White-flanked Antwren

H Gray Antwren

Spot-tailed Antwren

Todd's Antwren

White-fringed Antwren (Southern)

Guianan Warbling-Antbird

H Gray Antbird

Falco femoralis

Falco rufigularis

Falco deiroleucus

Falco peregrinus

Brotogeris chrysoptera

Pyrilia caica

Pionus fuscus

Pionus menstruus menstruus

Amazona festiva bodini

Amazona dufresniana

Amazona ochrocephala

Amazona farinosa farinosa

Amazona amazonica

Forpus passerinus

Pionites melanocephalus

Derophtus accipitrinus

Pyrrhura picta picta

Eupsittula pertinax surinama

Aratinga solstitialis

Orthopsittaca manilatus

Ara ararauna

Ara chloropterus

Diopsittaca nobilis nobilis

Cymbilaimus lineatus

Frederickena viridis

Taraba major

Sakesphorus canadensis trinitatis

Thamnophilus doliatus doliatus

Thamnophilus murinus

Thamnophilus punctatus punctatus

Thamnophilus amazonicus

Thamnomanes ardesiacus

Thamnomanes caesius

Isleria guttata

Epinecrophylia gutturalis

Myrmotherula brachyura

Myrmotherula surinamensis

Myrmotherula axillaris axillaris

Myrmotherula menetriesii

Herpsilochmus sticturus

Herpsilochmus stictocephalus

Formicivora grisea grisea

Hypocnemis cantator

Cercomacra cinerascens

Rio Branco Antbird
 White-browed Antbird
 Black-chinned Antbird
 Silvered Antbird
 Black-headed Antbird (Hellmayr's)
 White-bellied Antbird
 Ferruginous-backed Antbird

H Black-throated Antbird

H White-plumed Antbird

Rufous-throated Antbird

Common Scale-backed Antbird

GRALLARIIDAE (ANTPITTAS)

Spotted Antpitta (Spotted)

FORMICARIIDAE (ANTTHRUSHES)

H Rufous-capped Antthrush

H Black-faced Antthrush

FURNARIIDAE (OVENBIRDS AND WOODCREEPERS)

Plain-brown Woodcreeper (Line-throated)

Wedge-billed Woodcreeper

Cinnamon-throated Woodcreeper

Amazonian Barred-Woodcreeper

Striped Woodcreeper

Chestnut-rumped Woodcreeper

Buff-throated Woodcreeper

Straight-billed Woodcreeper

Guianan Woodcreeper

Plain Xenops

Pale-legged Hornero (Pale-legged)

Yellow-chinned Spinetail

Plain-crowned Spinetail

Pale-breasted Spinetail

Hoary-throated Spinetail

TYRANNIDAE (TYRANT FLYCATCHERS)

White-lored Tyrannulet

Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet

Mouse-colored Tyrannulet

Bearded Tachuri

Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet

Forest Elaenia

Yellow-bellied Elaenia

Plain-crested Elaenia

Lesser Elaenia

Rufous-crowned Elaenia

H Ochre-bellied Flycatcher

Guianan Tyrannulet

Pale-tipped Tyrannulet

Cercomacra carbonaria

Myrmoborus leucophrys

Hypocnemoides melanopogon

Sclateria naevia

Percnostola rufifrons rufifrons

Myrmeciza longipes

Myrmoderus ferrugineus

Myrmophylax atrothorax

Pithys albifrons

Gymnopithys rufigula

Willisornis poecilinotus poecilinotus

Hylopezus macularius macularius

Formicarius colma

Formicarius analis crissalis

Dendrocincla fuliginosa fuliginosa

Glyphorhynchus spirurus spirurus

Dendrexetastes rufigula rufigula

Dendrocolaptes certhia certhia

Xiphorhynchus obsoletus

Xiphorhynchus pardalotus

Xiphorhynchus guttatus polystictus

Dendroplex picus

Lepidocolaptes albolineatus

Xenops minutus ruficaudus

Furnarius leucopus leucopus

Certhiaxis cinnamomeus

Synallaxis gujanensis

Synallaxis albescens

Synallaxis kollari

Ornithion inermis

Camptostoma obsoletum

Phaeomyias murina

Polystictus pectoralis

Tyrannulus elatus

Myiopagis gaimardii

Elaenia flavogaster

Elaenia cristata

Elaenia chiriquensis

Elaenia ruficeps

Mionectes oleagineus

Zimmerius acer

Inezia caudata

Short-tailed Pygmy-Tyrant
Pale-eyed Pygmy-Tyrant
Slate-headed Tody-Flycatcher
Spotted Tody-Flycatcher
Common Tody-Flycatcher
Olivaceous Flatbill (Eastern)
Yellow-olive Flycatcher (Guianan)
H Yellow-margined Flycatcher (Zimmer's)
Yellow-breasted Flycatcher (Ochre-lored)
Golden-crowned Spadebill
H White-crested Spadebill
Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher
Vermilion Flycatcher
Amazonian Black-Tyrant
Pied Water-Tyrant
White-headed Marsh Tyrant
Cinnamon Attila
H Bright-rumped Attila (Southern)
Grayish Mourner
Swainson's Flycatcher
Short-crested Flycatcher
Brown-crested Flycatcher
Lesser Kiskadee
Great Kiskadee
Boat-billed Flycatcher
Rusty-margined Flycatcher
Yellow-throated Flycatcher
Streaked Flycatcher
Piratic Flycatcher
Variegated Flycatcher
Sulphury Flycatcher
White-throated Kingbird
Tropical Kingbird
Gray Kingbird
Fork-tailed Flycatcher
COTINGIDAE (COTINGAS)
Guianan Red-Cotinga
Guianan Cock-of-the-rock
Crimson Fruitcrow
Purple-throated Fruitcrow
Capuchinbird
Purple-breasted Cotinga
Spangled Cotinga
Screaming Piha
Pompadour Cotinga

Myiornis ecaudatus
Atalotriccus pilaris
Poecilotriccus sylvia
Todirostrum maculatum
Todirostrum cinereum
Rhynchocyclus olivaceus guianensis
Tolmomyias sulphurescens cherriei
Tolmomyias assimilis examinatus
Tolmomyias flaviventris aurulentus
Platyrinchus coronatus
Platyrinchus platyrhynchos
Terenotriccus erythrurus
Pyrocephalus rubinus saturatus
Knipolegus poecilocercus
Fluvicola pica
Arundinicola leucocephala
Attila cinnamomeus
Attila spadiceus spadiceus
Rhytipterna simplex
Myiarchus swainsoni
Myiarchus ferox
Myiarchus tyrannulus tyrannulus
Pitangus lictor
Pitangus sulphuratus
Megarynchus pitangua pitangua
Myiozetetes cayanensis
Conopias parvus
Myiodynastes maculatus
Legatus leucophaeus
Empidonomus varius
Tyrannopsis sulphurea
Tyrannus albogularis
Tyrannus melancholicus
Tyrannus dominicensis
Tyrannus savana

Phoenicircus carnifex
Rupicola rupicola
Haematoderus militaris
Querula purpurata
Perissocephalus tricolor
Cotinga cotinga
Cotinga cayana
Lipaugus vociferans
Xipholena punicea

PIPRIDAE (MANAKINS)

Tiny Tyrant-Manakin
Blue-backed Manakin
Black Manakin
White-bearded Manakin
White-crowned Manakin

H Golden-headed Manakin

TITYRIDAE (TITYRAS AND ALLIES)

Black-tailed Tityra
Olivaceous Schiffornis
Dusky Purpletuft
Cinereous Becard

VIREONIDAE (VIREOS AND ALLIES)

Rufous-browed Peppershrike
Ashy-headed Greenlet
Lemon-chested Greenlet

GO Buff-cheeked Greenlet
Red-eyed Vireo

CORVIDAE (CROWS, JAYS, AND MAGPIES)

Cayenne Jay

HIRUNDINIDAE (SWALLOWS)

Black-collared Swallow
Southern Rough-winged Swallow
Gray-breasted Martin
Brown-chested Martin
White-winged Swallow
Barn Swallow

TROGLODYTIDAE (WRENS)

House Wren
Bicolored Wren
Coraya Wren
Buff-breasted Wren

POLIOPTILIDAE (GNATCATCHERS)

H Long-billed Gnatwren
Tropical Gnatcatcher

DONACOBIIDAE (DONACOBIOUS)

Black-capped Donacobius

TURDIDAE (THRUSHES AND ALLIES)

Pale-breasted Thrush

H Cocoa Thrush

GO Spectacled Thrush

MIMIDAE (MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS)

Tropical Mockingbird

MOTACILLIDAE (WAGTAILS AND PIPITS)

H Yellowish Pipit

Tyrannneutes virescens
Chiroxiphia pareola
Xenopipo atronitens
Manacus manacus
Dixiphia pipra pipra
Ceratopipra erythrocephala

Tityra cayana cayana
Schiffornis olivacea
Iodopleura fusca
Pachyramphus rufus

Cyclarhis gujanensis gujanensis
Hylophilus pectoralis
Hylophilus thoracicus griseiventris
Pachysylvia muscipapina
Vireo olivaceus vividior

Cyanocorax cayanus

Pygochelidon melanoleuca
Stelgidopteryx ruficollis
Progne chalybea
Progne tapera tapera
Tachycineta albiventer
Hirundo rustica erythrogaster

Troglodytes aedon clarus
Campylorhynchus griseus
Pheugopedius coraya
Cantorchilus leucotis

Ramphocaenus melanurus albiventris
Polioptila plumbea plumbea

Donacobius atricapilla

Turdus leucomelas
Turdus fumigatus fumigatus
Turdus nudigenis

Mimus gilvus melanopterus

Anthus lutescens lutescens

PARULIDAE (NEW WORLD WARBLERS)

Yellow Warbler

Flavescent Warbler

THRAUPIDAE (TANAGERS AND ALLIES)

Red-capped Cardinal

Flame-crested Tanager

H Fulvous-crested Tanager

Red-shouldered Tanager

H Fulvous Shrike-Tanager

Silver-beaked Tanager

Blue-gray Tanager

Palm Tanager

Burnished-buff Tanager (Rufous-crowned)

Turquoise Tanager

Bay-headed Tanager

Black-faced Dacnis

Blue Dacnis

Purple Honeycreeper

Red-legged Honeycreeper

Green Honeycreeper

Yellow-backed Tanager

Grassland Yellow-Finch

Wedge-tailed Grass-Finch

Blue-black Grassquit

Chestnut-bellied Seedeater

Ruddy-breasted Seedeater

Chestnut-bellied Seed-Finch

Gray Seedeater

Wing-barred Seedeater

Yellow-bellied Seedeater

Plumbeous Seedeater

Bananaquit

H Buff-throated Saltator

Grayish Saltator

H Slate-colored Grosbeak**PASSERELLIDAE (BUNTINGS AND SPARROWS)**

Grassland Sparrow

CARDINALIDAE (CARDINALS AND ALLIES)

Hepatic Tanager (Lowland)

Yellow-green Grosbeak

Red-and-black Grosbeak

Blue-black Grosbeak (Amazonian)

ICTERIDAE (TROUPIALS AND ALLIES)

Eastern Meadowlark

Red-breasted Meadowlark

Green Oropendola

*Setophaga petechia**Myiothlypis flaveola**Paroaria gularis gularis**Tachyphonus cristatus intercedens**Tachyphonus surinamus**Tachyphonus phoenicius**Lanio fulvus**Ramphocelus carbo**Thraupis episcopus episcopus**Thraupis palmarum**Tangara cayana cayana**Tangara mexicana mexicana**Tangara gyrola gyrola**Dacnis lineata lineata**Dacnis cayana**Cyanerpes caeruleus**Cyanerpes cyaneus**Chlorophanes spiza**Hemithraupis flavicollis**Sicalis luteola luteola**Emberizoides herbicola**Volatinia jacarina**Sporophila castaneiventris**Sporophila minuta**Sporophila angolensis**Sporophila intermedia**Sporophila americana**Sporophila nigricollis**Sporophila plumbea**Coereba flaveola guianensis**Saltator maximus**Saltator coerulescens olivascens**Saltator grossus**Ammodramus humeralis**Piranga flava macconnelli**Caryothraustes canadensis**Periporphyrus erythromelas**Cyanoloxia cyanoides rothschildii**Sturnella magna praticola**Sturnella militaris**Psarocolius viridis*

Crested Oropendola
Yellow-rumped Cacique (Amazonian)
Red-rumped Cacique
Epaulet Oriole
Orange-backed Troupial
Yellow Oriole
Shiny Cowbird
Giant Cowbird
Carib Grackle
Yellow-hooded Blackbird

FRINGILLIDAE (FINCHES, EUPHONIAS, AND ALLIES)

Finsch's Euphonia
Violetaceous Euphonia
Golden-bellied Euphonia
Golden-sided Euphonia
Red Siskin

MAMMALS

Giant Anteater
Brown Capuchin
Common Squirrel Monkey
Guianan Red Howler Monkey
Guiana (Black) Spider Monkey
Golden-faced (White-faced) Saki
Jaguarundi
Crab-eating Fox
Lowland (Brazilian) Tapir
White-tailed Deer
Proboscis Bat
Lesser Bulldog Bat
Greater Bulldog Bat
Large Fruit-eating Bat

Psarocolius decumanus
Cacicus cela cela
Cacicus haemorrhous
Icterus cayanensis cayanensis
Icterus croconotus
Icterus nigrogularis
Molothrus bonariensis
Molothrus oryzivorus
Quiscalus lugubris
Chrysomus icterocephalus

Euphonia finschi
Euphonia violacea
Euphonia chrysopasta
Euphonia cayennensis
Spinus cucullatus

Myrmecophaga tridactyla
Cebus apella
Saimiri sciureus
Alouatta macconnelli
Ateles paniscus
Pithecia pithecia
Herpailurus yagouaroundi
Cerdocyon thous
Tapirus terrestris
Odocoileus virginianus
Rhynchonycteris naso
Noctilio albiventris
Noctilio leporinus
Artibeus amplus