



# ROCKJUMPER

Worldwide Birding Adventures

## *The Birds & Wildlife of* **Guyana**

**Trip Report: 1<sup>st</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> November 2010**



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**Tour Leader:** David Shackelford

**Top birds as voted by participants:**

1. Sun Parakeet
2. Guianan Cock-of-the-rock
3. Harpy Eagle
4. Capuchinbird
5. Red-and-black Grosbeak
6. Crimson Topaz
7. Spotted Antpitta
8. Hoary-throated Spinetail
9. Grey-winged Trumpeter
10. Red-fan Parrot

### **Tour Summary**

Flying across a seemingly endless stretch of unbroken pristine wilderness, the landscape suddenly gave way, exposing a massive ravine where the thunderous cascade of Kaieteur Falls poured through the gorge in front of us. A visually dramatic welcome to the relatively small South American country of Guyana, our small chartered aircraft landed on the plateau and soon we were hiking towards a viewpoint while being dwarfed by Giant Tank Bromeliads unique to this specialized habitat. With the sun shining over the falls, the world's largest freefalling waterfall with an unbroken vertical drop of 741 feet, we watched clouds of White-tipped, White-collared, and White-chinned Swifts whirling above us, while closer observations searching along the moss-laden branches and inside the water-filled terrestrial bromeliads revealed the bright and endangered Golden Rocket Frog. A flashy male Pompadour Cotinga was a welcomed sight, but the star bird of the day was undoubtedly the gaudy male Guianan Cock-of-the-rock that cooperatively perched feeding on berries while showing off his outrageous eye-searing orange plumage and ostentatious disk-shaped helmet. We concluded our visit standing literally at the edge of the mighty Kaieteur Falls where the roaring cascade plummeted below us in one of the most powerful spectacles of nature on earth!

Near our lodge in the capital city of Georgetown our explorations of the nearby botanical gardens were extremely productive. Here we warmed up to a host of more common Neotropical birds such as Yellow Oriole building pendulous hanging nests, Yellow-chinned Spinetail, Snail Kite patrolling for aquatic apple snails, Pied Water-Tyrant and noisy flocks of Red-shouldered Macaw, joined by specialties such as the scarce White-bellied Piculet and outrageous scope views of Festive Parrot, the latter a species that continues to decline due to demand from the illegal pet-trade.

We departed early the next morning to the Abary River, and although it rained intermittently we still enjoyed a brilliant morning birding along the dirt track through mangroves and secondary scrub. Almost immediately after stepping out of the vehicle we coaxed into view the near-endemic Blood-colored Woodpecker, followed by a pair of Black-crested Antshrikes, Strait-billed Woodcreeper and a confiding Golden-spangled Piculet. Spotted Tody-Flycatchers were in constant attendance plus several Crimson-crested Woodpeckers, Bicolored Conebill, a responsive Striped Cuckoo, migrant Prothonotary Warbler and Northern Waterthrush, and a nice sighting of the endearing Red-rumped Agouti feeding along the trail. The morning concluded looking out over the Atlantic Ocean surf



where we scoped the localized Rufous Crab Hawk spreading its wings to dry out in the sunshine. We accessed the nearby mangrove mudflats that afternoon with the help of a local fisherman, which yielded several startlingly bright Scarlet Ibis's among others coastal birds.

Leaving behind the Atlantic coastline, we flew the following morning into the depths of the Guyana wilderness allowing access into a great variety of pristine habitats. Met on the dirt runway with our open-topped jeep we traversed a flooded dirt track to reach the Karanambu Ranch, where we were greeted by Diane McTurk, legendary for her work with abandoned otters and her gracious hospitality. After settling into traditional clay brick and thatched cabins we were able to watch her two Giant River Otters at play, before loading into boats for an afternoon cruise along the Rupununi River. An assortment of colorful kingfishers complimented sightings of Black-collared Hawk, Wattled Jacanas strutting across the water-top vegetation with tiny puffball chicks following close behind, Bare-necked Fruitcrow and marvelous views of the scarce Orange-breasted Falcon. We concluded the evening with sundowner drinks in a blackwater oxbow lagoon surrounded by hundreds of massive Victoria Water Lilies, the largest lily in the world that can span nearly nine feet across. As Band-tailed Nighthawks and Greater Bulldog Bats hunted around us we observed the huge white and pink blooms unfold before our eyes.

After meeting the local undisciplined Crab-eating Raccoon during breakfast, we continued our explorations of the surroundings. This included sighting an Aplomado Falcon cruising over the savannah, the tiny Least Nighthawk only ten feet away on its day roost, the range-restricted Finch's Euphonia, the chattering Bicolored Wren, and with some persistence we tracked down the tiny Bearded Tachuri, a highly localized species of tyrant. Although our jeep at one point was stuck in a waist-deep flooded waterway we managed to push it back to shore to access the riparian forest where Blue-backed Manakin, the vociferous Screaming Piha, and a particularly confiding pair of Spotted Puffbirds all made fine appearances. Likely the highlight for everyone was our thirty minutes watching the bizarrely proportioned Capuchinbird filling its body rigid with air before performing a whacky cow-like song while we marveled in awe.

After a fond farewell to the Karanambu Ranch, and despite some tricky boat engine problems, we managed our waterway transfer before loading onto a massive converted army truck we fondly nicknamed 'The Monster'. After arriving at our local Amerindian operated lodge, we enjoyed our first pristine forest birding of the trip with cracking views of Rufous-capped Antthrush singing on an exposed fallen log, Guianan Warbling Antbird, the raucous Cayenne Jay, walk-away views of Paradise Jacamar in the scope, Brown-bellied Antwren, and we concluded the evening with the northern subspecies of Tawny-bellied Screech-Owl perched at eye-level only ten feet away! Hiking through immaculate forest to the active nest of a Harpy Eagle the following morning, we encountered numerous antbird flocks along the trail plus views of Waved Woodpecker, the tough White-throated Manakin, several bright Red-necked Woodpeckers, the localized Rufous-bellied Antwrens, and unbelievable scope views from only twenty feet away of an unobstructed Spotted Antpitta. The gigantic nest of the Harpy Eagle was wedged in the crook of an equally impressive hardwood tree that towered above the surrounding forest. We spent several hours watching a five-month old juvenile that rambunctiously moved from one side of the nest to the other glaring down at us and occasionally spreading its enormous wings in flight preparation. Already developing its diagnostic black breast-band and sporting a full wispy double crest, we were all thrilled to have the rare opportunity to observe this rare gem of the Neotropics.

Walking through another forest trail the following morning to a rocky outcrop that supports a nesting population of Guianan Cock-of-the-rock, we settled down and remained motionless hoping



that a bird might come into view. While waiting we could hear the haunting calls of Rufous-winged Ground-Cuckoo below us before a gorgeous male Guianan Cock-of-the-rock flew in and perched within view. We watched this cotinga through the scope for more than twenty minutes while it showed off its glowing orange plumage and regurgitated berries. Along the return forest hike we located the blond-crested subspecies of Chestnut Woodpecker and an army antswarm containing both the outrageous White-plumed Antbird and Guianan shield endemic Rufous-throated Antbird. We found the main Iwokrama roadway to also be alive with activity, including views of Green and Black-necked Aracaris, four species of trogons all visible standing in one spot, Cream-colored Woodpecker, Spix's Guan, and amazing scope studies of the gaudy Red-fan Parrot flaring its feathered facial disk. Black Curassow made its first appearance as we approached the Atta Lodge, but the best surprise came when a Jaguar sauntered casually across the road! We quickly stopped the vehicle and were rewarded with two further outrageous views as the big cat walked back and forth across the track, leaving us all with elated smiles across our faces!

Located in the heart of the Iwokrama wilderness, a tract of nearly one million acres protecting a unique ecosystem in the heart of the Guianan shield, Atta Lodge is best known for its unique access to the canopy by use of a sturdy walkway through the treetops. Even from the forest surrounding the lodge we found Great Jacamar, King Vulture cruising by overhead, Blue-cheeked Parrot, Guianan Toucanet, the tiny Pygmy Antwren, a responsive pair of strikingly patterned Ferruginous-backed Antbirds, and the scarce Black-throated Antshrike. Of course the brilliantly colored cotingas are a special feature of Guyana and in the treetops here we found Spangled and Purple-breasted Cotingas, the tiny Dusky Purple-tuft, and scope studies of an iridescent male Crimson Fruitcrow. An afternoon and morning session from the canopy walkway yielded an entirely different set of interesting sightings such as arboreal Todd's and Spot-tailed Antwrens, Black Spider Monkeys crashing through the branches, Black-spotted Barbet, and a pair of Marail Guans that cooperated nicely. Although the fresh-baked cookies we were given here were pleasantly distracting, we managed to tear ourselves away long enough to walk along the main road where Black-chinned Antbird and the delicately patterned Guianan Streaked Antwren showed well, followed by two unbelievable male Crimson Topaz Hummingbirds with long black tail extensions perched over a woody stream.

Throughout our time in the Iwokrama Reserve we were constantly in the presence of an astonishingly constant procession of colorful butterflies, presumably on migration, but easily numbering in the millions! One participant likened the sensation while we rode past dizzying waves of butterflies to driving through a snowflake flurry! Along the road near our accommodation at the Iwokrama Field Station we managed to coax into scope view an adorable Amazonian Pygmy-Owl, Moriche Oriole, Coraya Wren, Painted Parakeets that finally showed very well through the scope, Black-headed Parrot and all three big macaws, including Red-and-green, Blue-and-yellow, and Scarlet Macaws. From the private wooden balconies of our cabins we could overlook the scenic Essequibo River where we found a variety of wildlife such as Brown-bearded Saki Monkey, smartly patterned Pied Lapwing, Yellow-billed and Large-billed Terns, and the localized Black-collared Swallow. One afternoon we navigated the rapids to find the ancient petroglyphs carved into river boulders, followed by a spotlighting night excursion where Ladder-tailed Nightjar attending a tiny grey chick, the venomous Fer-de-lance, Spectacled Caiman, and Slender Tree Boa all showed nicely. A profusion of foliage-gleaners, antwrens, woodcreepers, antshrikes, and spadebills made up mixed-flocks encountered along the trail ascending Turtle Mountain the next morning, but perhaps most memorable were the excellent scope studies of Ringed Woodpecker, Fasciated Antshrike in full song, and an awesome sighting of the rare and furtive Red-and-black Grosbeak.





Before leaving behind the forest of Iwokrama on a long drive westward we hiked into the stunted sandy forest known as Mori Scrub which provided outstanding views of the localized Black Manakin, Rufous-crowned Elaenia, a responsive Cinnamon Attila, more than ten minutes watching a relaxed group of Grey-winged Trumpeters feeding around us, and fantastic views of the secretive Guianan Red Cotinga. From the dusty town of Lethem on the border of Brazil we departed aboard small boats to access the Southern Ireng River where several Sungrebes skulked at the edge of vegetation overhanging the water and Black Skimmers fed near the shallow sand banks. Climbing into the specialized riverine scrub habitat, we found a surprise Bronzy Jacamar, Slaty-headed Tody-Flycatcher, a vocal Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl, White-fringed Antwren, and a pair of the scarce Guianan Gnatcatcher. It didn't take too long until we had located the two remote specialties that few other birders have ever encountered, the inexplicably localized Rio Branco Antbird and endangered Hoary-throated Spinetail, which we watched hopping almost at our feet!

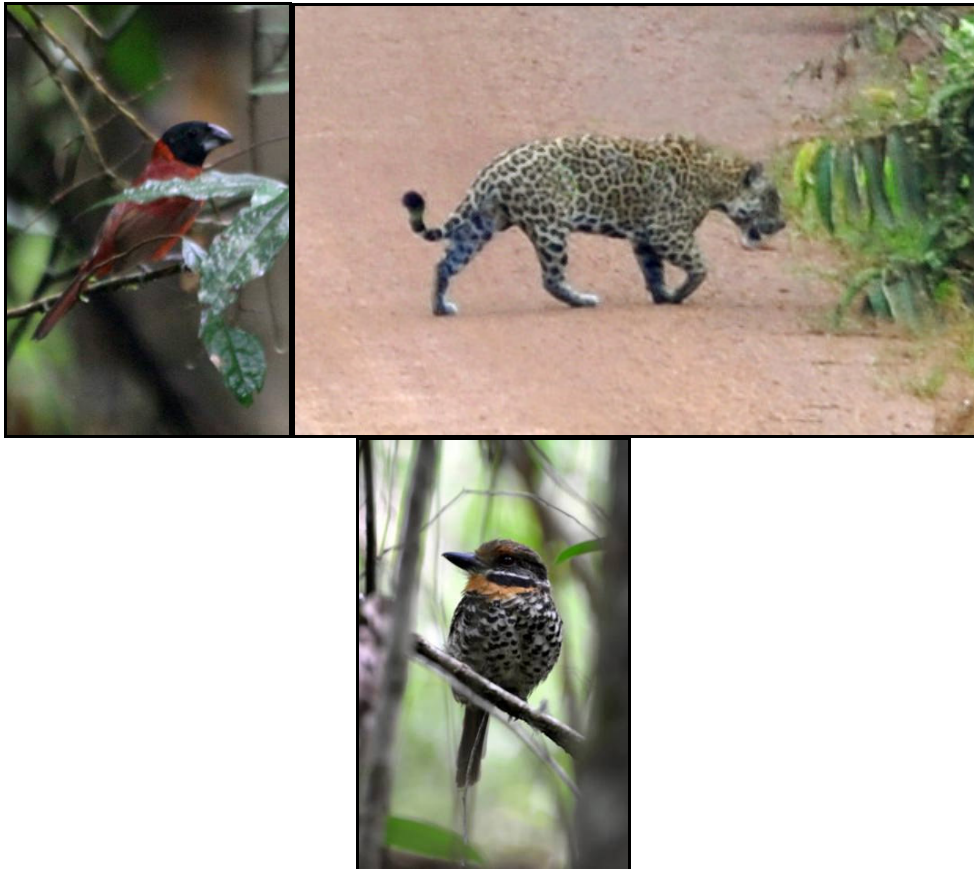
We departed the next morning on our final journey to the remote village of Karasabi, crossing the great Rupununi Savannah that stretches across the central ranges of Guyana where stately Magari Stork and Jabiru, Limpkin, the scarce Crested Doradito, Yellow-hooded Blackbird, and a surprise Pinnated Bittern were all found in the seasonally flooded grasslands. Drier areas along our bumpy route produced nice views of Crested Bobwhite, including an adult with ten chick following close behind, White-tailed and Savannah Hawks, Grassland Yellow-finch, flocks of Red-bellied Macaws, Double-striped Thick-knees standing motionlessly on the open plain, and a wonderful encounter with a Neotropical Rattlesnake. One of the highlights of traversing the open Rupununi expanses dotted with columns of termite mounds and Sandpaper Trees is the chance to encounter the amazing Giant Anteater. With careful scanning along our route we were thrilled to have three separate sightings of this charismatic creature, all quite close to our vehicle, including a boldly-patterned female with a tiny baby clinging tightly to her back!

The road continued deteriorating into an eroded disaster as we crossed through the Pakaraima Mountains and trundled our way into Karasabi, where we were welcomed warmly by the friendly locals. Our primary target was the critically endangered Sun Parakeet, a vividly-colored species that once ranged widely across Suriname into northern Brazil, but after years of feverish illegal trapping including rumors of entire planes jammed full of thousands of ill-fated birds, the world population now hangs in the balance with less than two hundred individuals thought to be remaining in the wild. The first afternoon we trekked to a farm at the edge of the mountains and although we found some handsome birds such as a cooperative Laughing Falcon, Collared Forest-Falcon, and the oversized Toco Toucan, we did not connect with the Sun Parakeet. Our final morning we awoke in high spirits setting out by boat scanning the forested mountainsides for flashes of golden-yellow but again without success. There are certain situations that make for an unforgettable experience – and this was one of them – as we set up vigil in a valley in final hopes that the Sun Parakeets might pass through on their way to feeding grounds before we had to depart. As the late morning wore on into the midday heat our doubt began to take over and sadly we decided it was time for the return journey to Lethem. Literally as we climbed disheartened onto the truck the shriek calls of the Sun Parakeet resounded from the valley and two gorgeous individuals whizzed by flashing brilliant color. We hurried to the area and enjoyed more than twenty minutes scoping these remarkable birds in full sunlit color directly under the tree where they perched – a phenomenal example of saving the best for last!

It was a pleasure traveling through Guyana's pristine wilderness where sightings of large birds such as guans, parrots, curassows and macaws are still common place and local Amerindians still live in harmony with their surroundings. I would like to extend a special thanks to the local guides that



joined us during the trip including Luke, Gary, Gabriel, Archer, and Wally. We also have a debt of gratitude to the numerous boatmen and drivers that made our trip possible, especially Reimford who skillfully drove the monster truck and put up with us constantly stopping for the next wildlife sighting! Thank you all again for being such a wonderfully cohesive and enthusiastic group; we enjoyed so many incredible bird and wildlife sightings that will live in our memories – not least the extraordinary Jaguar and Giant Anteaters. It was my pleasure sharing this adventure together and I look forward to birding together again soon!



### **Birds encountered:**

*Nomenclature and taxonomy follows the IOC (International Ornithological Committee) including all recent updates.*

#### **Tinamous *Tinamidae***

##### **Great Tinamou**

*Tinamus major*

We heard this widespread species almost daily in the forest of Iwokrama.

##### **Little Tinamou**

*Crypturellus soui*

This is another familiar sound of the Neotropics that we heard many days of the tour in the forest reserve of Iwokrama.

##### **Undulated Tinamou**

*Crypturellus undulatus*

We only heard this species in the seasonally flooded forest along the river system near Karanambu.

##### **Red-legged Tinamou**

*Crypturellus erythropus*

While driving through sandier-soiled forest we had excellent views of two birds on the track in front of us.



**Variegated Tinamou***Crypturellus variegatus*

Although less common than Great Tinamou, we still heard this species regularly throughout the tour especially in the Iwokrama forest.

**Chachalacas, Curassows & Guans Cracidae****Little Chachalaca***Ortalis motmot*

We first found a small group of at the Karanambu Ranch followed by excellent views at the roadside in Iwokrama.

**Marail Guan***Penelope marail*

We had amazing views from the Atta canopy walkway of two birds.

**Spix's Guan***Penelope jacquacu*

Surprisingly common, especially in the Cecropias on a daily basis in Iwokrama.

**Black Curassow***Crax alector*

Fairly common in Iwokrama and easy to see and hear while driving the road as well as several birds that made a strong appearance in the clearing at Atta Camp.

**New World Quails Odontophoridae****Crested Bobwhite***Colinus cristatus*

We flushed numerous coveys totaling more than one hundred birds en route to Karasabi and were able to see several individuals very well.

**Ducks, Geese & Swans Anatidae****Black-bellied Whistling Duck***Dendrocygna autumnalis*

One bird was seen on the bank of the river by the Iwokrama Lodge.

**Muscovy Duck***Cairina moschata*

We had several sightings of this widespread duck throughout the tour.

**Storks Ciconiidae****Wood Stork***Mycteria americana*

We had several sightings of this widespread stork throughout the tour

**Maguari Stork***Ciconia maguari*

Several birds were seen at scattered sights during the tour with nice views in the Rupununi Savannah.

**Jabiru***Jabiru mycteria*

This is such an amazing bird and we had many incredible views of close birds throughout the Rupununi especially near areas inundated with stands of water.

**Ibises, Spoonbills Threskiornithidae****Buff-necked Ibis***Theristicus caudatus*

This colorful ibis species was seen regularly in inundated areas of the Rupununi Savannah.

**Green Ibis***Mesembrinibis cayennensis*

We encountered this species in small numbers throughout the tour near waterways with especially nice sightings in the north of Iwokrama and in the vicinity of Karanambu.

**Scarlet Ibis***Eudocimus ruber*

Several of these beautiful ibis were enjoyed at a mangrove mudflat near the coast of Georgetown.

**Roseate Spoonbill***Platalea ajaja*

Three birds were seen flying over the southern Ireng River near Lethem.



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### Herons, Bitterns Ardeidae

**Rufescent Tiger Heron***Tigrisoma lineatum*

One bird was seen, an intricately patterned immature, on a narrow waterway followed by an adult.

**Zigzag Heron***Zebrilus undulatus*

A responsive bird responded aggressively to playback and came in quite close in the flooded undergrowth near Surama and later one bird was seen briefly near a bridge crossing in Iwokrama.

**Pinnated Bittern***Botaurus pinnatus*

We were fortunate to find a single bird on the edge of a flooded waterway in the Rupununi for nice views.

**Black-crowned Night-Heron***Nycticorax nycticorax*

The botanical gardens in Georgetown held large roosting numbers of this cosmopolitan species and we had regular encounters in small numbers thereafter during the tour.

**Yellow-crowned Night-Heron***Nyctanassa violacea*

This species was seen in the mangrove mudflats near Georgetown.

**Striated Heron***Butorides striata*

Regularly sighted along waterways throughout the tour.

**Western Cattle Egret***Bubulcus ibis*

Numerous and widespread.

**Cocoi Heron***Ardea cocoi*

This large attractive heron was seen throughout the tour with large numbers of up to twenty birds daily near Karanambu.

**Western Great Egret***Ardea alba*

This is a very widespread species that was seen throughout the tour in small numbers.

**Tricoloured Heron***Egretta tricolor*

Seen in suitable habitat especially in the vicinity of Georgetown.

**Little Blue Heron***Egretta caerulea*

Blue phases were encountered throughout the tour with our first sightings at rookeries near Georgetown.

**Snowy Egret***Egretta thula*

Another heron that we found in suitable habitat throughout the tour.

### Frigatebirds Fregatidae

**Magnificent Frigatebird***Fregata magnificens*

Several birds were seen flying effortlessly in the vicinity of the coast.

### Pelicans Pelecanidae

**Brown Pelican***Pelecanus occidentalis*

Found in small numbers along the Atlantic coastline.

### Anhingas Anhingidae

**Anhinga***Anhinga anhinga*

Another widespread species seen throughout the tour in suitable habitat.

### New World Vultures Cathartidae

**Turkey Vulture***Cathartes aura*

Fairly common and seen in scattered numbers throughout the tour.

**Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture***Cathartes burrovianus*

An attractive vulture species that often flies low over open habitat, we found a few birds in the





Rupununi Savannah.

**Greater Yellow-headed Vulture**

*Cathartes melambrotus*

Fairly common during the tour over forested areas such as the Iwokrama forest.

**Black Vulture**

*Coragyps atratus*

Common and widespread throughout the tour.

**King Vulture**

*Sarcoramphus papa*

This normally scarce species was encountered on several occasions during this tour in the Iwokrama forest.

**Ospreys Pandionidae**

**[Western] Osprey**

*Pandion haliaetus*

This is another widespread raptor that we found to be numerous in suitable coastal and riverine habitat especially common near Karanambu.

**Kites, Hawks & Eagles Accipitridae**

**Pearl Kite**

*Gampsonyx swainsonii*

This tiny but attractive raptor was seen very well near the Karanambu Ranch.

**Snail Kite**

*Rostrhamus sociabilis*

This aquatic-mollusk specialist was seen near Georgetown and scattered sightings thereafter over wetland areas.

**Tiny Hawk**

*Accipiter superciliosus*

One surprise bird was seen perched in the Iwokrama forest – a scarce species throughout its range.

**White Hawk**

*Leucopternis albicollis*

A perched individual was seen very well in the Iwokrama forest.

**Rufous Crab Hawk**

*Buteogallus aequinoctialis*

A wonderful specialty of the coastal areas, we scoped several birds along the Abary area with excellent close perched birds.

**Great Black Hawk**

*Buteogallus urubitinga*

This raptor was seen in small numbers throughout the tour including several perched views.

**Savanna Hawk**

*Buteogallus meridionalis*

We enjoyed remarkable views of this bold hawk often perched on the top of Sandpaper Trees in the open savannah of the Rupununi.

**Black-collared Hawk**

*Busarellus nigricollis*

We enjoyed several sightings of this species most often found watching for prey at the edge of water with our first sightings in the Botanical Gardens of Georgetown.

**Grey Hawk**

*Buteo nitidus*

This widespread species was seen several times throughout the tour mostly in degraded habitats.

**Roadside Hawk**

*Buteo magnirostris*

Another very widespread raptor like Gray Hawk, which we found regularly in degraded habitats throughout the tour.

**Short-tailed Hawk**

*Buteo brachyurus*

Three birds were seen soaring over during our time in the Rupununi.

**White-tailed Hawk**

*Buteo albicaudatus*

One we reached the Rupununi Savannah this species was almost as common as the Savannah Hawk often perched conspicuously in the open.

**Zone-tailed Hawk**

*Buteo albonotatus*

A couple of scattered sightings were a welcome change during the tour from the normal vultures overhead.



**Harpy Eagle***Harpia harpyja*

We were fortunate to have access to an active nest where we spent several hours enjoying the five-month bird already showing the diagnostic features of an adult bird.

**Caracaras, Falcons Falconidae****Black Caracara***Daptrius ater*

We enjoyed great views in Karanambu followed by another sighting in the Iwokrama forest.

**Red-throated Caracara***Ibycter americanus*

A noisy but attractive raptor that we found in small groups on numerous occasions in forested areas along our tour.

**[Southern] Crested Caracara***Caracara plancus*

We found this open-country scavenger throughout the tour in small numbers becoming increasingly common in the Rupununi.

**Yellow-headed Caracara***Milvago chimachima*

This is another widespread raptor of South America that we found in good numbers in open habitats.

**Laughing Falcon***Herpetotheres cachinnans*

A very attractive species with excellent scope studies near Karasabi.

**Barred Forest Falcon***Micrastur ruficollis*

This retiring species was only heard calling in the forest of Surama one morning.

**Slaty-backed Forest Falcon***Micrastur mirandollei*

We heard this scarce forest-falcon calling in the Iwokrama forest.

**Collared Forest Falcon***Micrastur semitorquatus*

This is the most widespread forest falcon and was seen briefly on the river forest at Karasabi.

**American Kestrel***Falco sparverius*

A few scattered birds seen in the open grasslands of the Rupununi.

**Aplomado Falcon***Falco femoralis*

We enjoyed great views first at Karanambu with other sightings in the Rupununi.

**Bat Falcon***Falco rufigularis*

This crepuscular raptor was amazingly common in Iwokrama where we had twelve sightings!

**Orange-breasted Falcon***Falco deiroleucus*

This tough falcon was seen phenomenally well on the river at Karanambu Ranch.

**Peregrine Falcon***Falco peregrinus*

We had three sightings of this cosmopolitan falcon, first seen feeding on a tern in the vicinity of Georgetown.

**Finfoots Heliornithidae****Sungrebe***Heliornis fulica*

A few of these finfoots were seen swimming back in small streams with several birds while boating along the southern Ireng River.

**Rails, Crakes & Coots Rallidae****Purple Gallinule***Porphyrio martinica*

Several birds were found in the tall grasses at a wetland en route to Karasabi.

**Trumpeters Psophiidae****Grey-winged Trumpeter***Psophia crepitans*

Remarkably regular in Iwokrama and we encountered small groups on several occasions including



magnificent views of a group of fifteen birds that fed relaxed near us in the forest while we gawked!

### Limpkin Aramididae

#### **Limpkin**

*Aramus guarauna*

This aquatic mollusk specialist was found along wetlands throughout the tour especially in the flooded areas of the Rupununi.

### Stone-curlews, Thick-knees Burhinidae

#### **Double-striped Thick-knee**

*Burhinus bistriatus*

A nocturnal bird that stands boldly upright in open areas during the daytimes, we found several birds during our journey to Karasabi.

### Plovers Charadriidae

#### **Southern Lapwing**

*Vanellus chilensis*

We found this widely distributed lapwing in the open savannah on two occasions.

#### **Grey (Black-bellied) Plover**

*Pluvialis squatarola*

One bird was seen attending a small waterhole in the Iwokrama forest.

#### **Collared Plover**

*Charadrius collaris*

We had scattered sightings of this attractive plover near Georgetown and along the Ireng River.

#### **Pied Plover (Lapwing)**

*Hoploxypterus cayanus*

This complexly patterned species was seen along sandy embankments on most waterways trips throughout the tour with especially memorable views of a dozen birds along the river near the Iwokrama Field Station.

### Jacanas Jacanidae

#### **Wattled Jacana**

*Jacana jacana*

Regularly sighted in overgrown wetland areas and especially memorable when walking picturesquely over the Victoria Water Lilies, the largest lily in the world.

### Sandpipers, Snipes Scolopacidae

#### **Whimbrel**

*Numenius phaeopus*

Several birds along the mudflat near the coast on Abary Road.

#### **Greater Yellowlegs**

*Tringa melanoleuca*

A few birds were seen in a roadside pond near Lethem.

#### **Solitary Sandpiper**

*Tringa solitaria*

Two sightings of this migrant at roadside waterholes.

#### **Spotted Sandpiper**

*Actitis macularius*

This is another migrant that was fairly common during our tour while traveling along waterways.

#### **Baird's Sandpiper**

*Calidris bairdii*

Several migrant birds were seen near the mangroves of Georgetown.

#### **Pectoral Sandpiper**

*Calidris melanotos*

One bird was seen on the Georgetown airstrip while we waited for our plane.

### Gulls, Terns & Skimmers Laridae

#### **Black Skimmer**

*Rynchops niger*

Very nice views at the river in Iwokrama and again on the South Ireng River.

#### **Laughing Gull**

*Leucophaeus atricilla*



A large flock along the coast in Georgetown.

**Gull-billed Tern** *Gelochelidon nilotica*

One bird seen well along the coast in Georgetown.

**Royal Tern** *Thalasseus maximus*

One bird perched on a coastal piling.

**Yellow-billed Tern** *Sternula superciliaris*

We had several birds seen at the river in Iwokrama and again on the South Ireng River.

**Large-billed Tern** *Phaetusa simplex*

This is a striking species that we enjoyed in small numbers along waterways throughout the tour with great views of perched at the river in Iwokrama.

### Pigeons, Doves Columbidae

**Common (Rock) Pigeon** *Columba livia*

Available in urban areas.

**Scaled Pigeon** *Patagioenas speciosa*

We heard this attractive species of pigeon on several occasions during the trip in forested areas and enjoyed great scope views of one bird.

**Pale-vented Pigeon** *Patagioenas cayennensis*

Especially common in secondary growth areas and forest edge, we encountered numerous birds throughout the tour in suitable habitat.

**Plumbeous Pigeon** *Patagioenas plumbea*

Especially numerous in forested areas where we saw several and heard everywhere.

**Ruddy Pigeon** *Patagioenas subvinacea*

This is another forest pigeon that we heard on many occasions and saw a couple times during the tour.

**Eared Dove** *Zenaida auriculata*

We found this widespread species, a nuisance further south on the continent, to be common in the open areas of the Rupununi Savannah especially on the journey to Karasabi.

**Common Ground-Dove** *Columbina passerina*

This species was abundant in the open forest growth of the Rupununi Savannah.

**Plain-breasted Ground Dove** *Columbina minuta*

Numerous birds were encountered in the Rupununi Savannah and around Karanambu Ranch.

**Ruddy Ground Dove** *Columbina talpacoti*

This species was common throughout our trip in variable numbers beginning with sightings our first day in Georgetown.

**White-tipped Dove** *Leptotila verreauxi*

We saw many of these ground dwelling pigeons throughout the tour often venturing onto the roadway.

**Grey-fronted Dove** *Leptotila rufaxilla*

Two birds were seen in the Iwokrama forest along a trail and many others were heard.

### Parrots Psittacidae

**Blue-and-yellow Macaw** *Ara ararauna*

Several birds were seen of this huge macaw in the Iwokrama Forest.

**Scarlet Macaw** *Ara macao*

Although not as common as the proceeding species we still enjoyed several sightings of this gorgeous bird in the Iwokrama forest.

**Red-and-green Macaw** *Ara chloropterus*





What a wonderful sight to find this species so common in the Iwokrama Forest and in Karasabi where we encountered numerous birds daily.

**Red-bellied Macaw***Orthopsittaca manilata*

First seen on the Southern Ireng River and later excellent scope views of a palm of more than fifty perched birds near Lethem.

**Red-shouldered Macaw***Diopsittaca nobilis*

This noisy species was especially common in the Georgetown Botanical Gardens and we found many others throughout our tour.

**Sun Parakeet (NE, T)***Aratinga solstitialis*

Certainly one of the finest experiences of the trip, we endured the mission to Karasabi and were rewarded with a couple fine birds that flew over us and landed in a tree that we scoped at length.

**Brown-throated Parakeet***Aratinga pertinax*

Numerous and conspicuous in open secondary areas and especially common in the Rupununi Savannah.

**Painted Parakeet***Pyrrhura picta*

Fairly common in the Iwokrama Forest where we encountered numerous flocks and several great views of perched birds feeding on fruits.

**Green-rumped Parrotlet***Forpus passerinus*

Just a few distant flight views along the Southern Ireng River.

**Golden-winged Parakeet***Brotogeris chrysoptera*

This species was often heard before it was seen and often we saw flocks flying over the forested areas and had perched birds along the Abary Road.

**Black-headed Parrot***Pionites melanocephalus*

This attractive parrot is also an incredible songster that we observed several times during our time in the Iwokrama Reserve including views of perched birds.

**Caica Parrot***Pyrrhura caica*

Although not as numerous as the preceding species, we still found it almost daily flying through the Iwokrama area.

**Blue-headed Parrot***Pionus menstruus*

The distinctive calls of this common parrot were heard throughout the forested areas of the tour with several daily sightings in proper habitat.

**Dusky Parrot***Pionus fuscus*

We only encountered this parrot species a few times during the tour in the Iwokrama Forest including a scope view for everyone.

**Blue-cheeked Amazon (Parrot) (T)***Amazona dufresniana*

This scarce bird was seen flying at Atta in the Iwokrama Reserve

**Festive Amazon***Amazona festiva*

We had nice close perched views of two birds in the Georgetown Botanical Gardens.

**Yellow-crowned Amazon***Amazona ochrocephala*

We enjoyed scattered sightings of this widespread parrot with especially large numbers near Karanambu including raucous birds even perched above our cabins.

**Orange-winged Amazon***Amazona amazonica*

This was the most common parrot species of the tour with almost daily totals sometimes numbering more than forty birds.

**Mealy Amazon***Amazona farinosa*

Smaller numbers of this distinctive species were found throughout the tour especially in the Iwokrama Forest.

**Red-fan Parrot***Deroptryus accipitrinus*

What a great bird! We had several flight views, a few perched views, and a few outrageous scope views of adults in the sunlight flaring the incredible head decorations!

### Cuckoos Cuculidae

#### **Greater Ani**

*Crotophaga major*

This large cuckoo was seen on numerous occasions throughout the tour near waterways.

#### **Smooth-billed Ani**

*Crotophaga ani*

Common and conspicuous in open areas and scrub throughout the tour.

#### **Striped Cuckoo**

*Tapera naevia*

We enjoyed amazing views along the Abary Road of this attractive cuckoo and heard it again at the Karanambu Ranch.

#### **Pavonine Cuckoo**

*Dromococcyx pavoninus*

Only heard once in the dense undergrowth along the Abary Road before the rain washed away our efforts to see it.

#### **Rufous-winged Ground Cuckoo**

*Neomorphus rufipennis*

We heard an individual calling near an antswarm in the Iwokrama forest but were unable to coax it into view.

#### **Little Cuckoo**

*Coccyua minuta*

We heard this skulky species in the dense undergrowth along the Abary Road.

#### **Squirrel Cuckoo**

*Piaya cayana*

We either heard or saw this widespread Neotropical species on every day in appropriate forest habitat. **Dark-billed Cuckoo**

*Coccyzus melacoryphus*

One bird was seen in the Iwokrama forest.

#### **Pearly-breasted Cuckoo**

*Coccyzus euleri*

This can be a very tricky species to catch up with due to its quiet demeanor and poorly understood movements; one bird was seen very well along the Abary Road near Georgetown.

### Barn Owls Tytonidae

#### **[Western] Barn Owl**

*Tyto alba*

One bird was seen only briefly flying in front of the vehicle near Lethem.

### Owls Strigidae

#### **Tropical Screech Owl**

*Megascops choliba*

We heard this small owl calling near our cabins at Surama and again at the Karanambu Ranch.

#### **[Northern] Tawny-bellied Screech Owl**

*Megascops watsonii*

We had amazing spotlight views of one bird perched only ten feet away near Surama.

#### **Great Horned Owl**

*Bubo virginianus*

We heard this widespread species calling in the Georgetown Botanical Gardens.

#### **Spectacled Owl**

*Pulsatrix perspicillata*

We heard this large owl in the Iwokrama Reserve.

#### **Amazonian Pygmy Owl**

*Glaucidium hardyi*

We whistled in one of these tiny owls that perched above us for several minutes near the Iwokrama Field Station.

#### **Ferruginous Pygmy Owl**

*Glaucidium brasilianum*

We saw this little owls calling along the Southern Ireng River and heard it at other sites in the scrubby forest of the Rupununi Savannah.

### Potoos Nyctibiidae



**Great Potoo***Nyctibius grandis*

We would hear this species calling near Surama.

**Common Potoo***Nyctibius griseus*

One bird was seen responding to playback at the Karanambu Ranch with others heard in the vicinity.

**Nightjars Caprimulgidae****Short-tailed Nighthawk***Lurocalis semitorquatus*

Several birds were seen flying over the forest at dawn in the Iwokrama Forest.

**Least Nighthawk***Chordeiles pusillus*

Early in the mornings and evenings we had great views of birds in the Rupununi including daytime views of a perched bird near the Karanambu Ranch.

**Lesser Nighthawk***Chordeiles acutipennis*

Early in the mornings and evenings we had great views of birds in the Rupununi.

**Band-tailed Nighthawk***Nyctiprogne leucopyga*

While watching the Victoria's Water Lilies opening up in an oxbow lagoon near the Karanambu Ranch we found up to eight birds hawking insects around us.

**Pauraque***Nyctidromus albicollis*

We saw this widespread species near Karanambu where several other birds were heard calling.

**White-tailed Nightjar***Caprimulgus cayennensis*

We had brief views of this species on the entry road into Surama.

**Blackish Nightjar***Caprimulgus nigrescens*

Several birds were seen first on a night drive near Surama followed by a magical experience with a cooperative bird at dusk along the road near Atta.

**Ladder-tailed Nightjar***Hydropsalis climacocerca*

We found several birds near a river island by the Iwokrama Field Station including one bird attending a tiny grey chick!

**Swifts Apodidae****White-chinned Swift***Cypseloides cryptus*

We saw this species flying over the Kaieteur Falls.

**White-tipped Swift***Aeronautes montivagus*

This species was abundant flying and chattering over the Kaieteur Falls.

**White-collared Swift***Streptoprocne zonaris*

Thousands of individuals were seen whirling around the falls and through the cascade at Kaieteur Falls.

**Band-rumped Swift***Chaetura spinicaudus*

Often flying lower than the preceding species, we found numerous birds in forested habitat sometimes even flying at our eye level.

**Short-tailed Swift***Chaetura brachyura*

This species was fairly common throughout the trip especially over forested areas where we observed numerous birds daily.

**Neotropical Palm Swift***Tachornis squamata*

This distinctive swift was found in near palms around Lethem.

**Hummingbirds Trochilidae****Long-tailed Hermit***Phaethornis superciliosus*

Scattered sightings of this forest-based species through Iwokrama.



**Reddish Hermit***Phaethornis ruber*

A small distinctive hummingbird, we had many nice views in the Iwokrama Forest.

**Grey-breasted Sabrewing***Campylopterus largipennis*

One bird was scoped while perched near the forest at Atta.

**White-necked Jacobin***Florisuga mellivora*

Several birds were seen well at scattered sights throughout Iwokrama.

**Green-throated Mango***Anthracothorax viridigula*

A single bird made a brief appearance near the Abary River.

**Black-throated Mango***Anthracothorax nigricollis*

This bird was seen in the Georgetown Botanical Gardens.

**Crimson Topaz***Topaza pella*

This is just an amazing bird that defies explanation other than to say you have to see a male to believe it! We encountered two males and female pair feeding on insects along a small stream in Iwokrama that we watched for about twenty minutes!

**Blue-tailed Emerald***Chlorostilbon mellisugus*

We found a few scattered birds during the tour mostly at the edge of forest including very nice views of a perched adult male in a patch of forest in the Rupununi Savannah.

**Fork-tailed Woodnymph***Thalurania furcata*

Both glittering male and more somber female birds were observed on separate occasions in forested habitat during the tour including a chick being fed at Atta.

**Rufous-throated Sapphire***Hylocharis sapphirina*

One very gaudy male perched in the sunlight for us while we birded from the canopy walkway.

**White-tailed Goldenthrout***Polytmus guainumbi*

We first encountered this species near the Karanambu Ranch followed by further sightings at the edge of the Rupununi Savannah.

**Plain-bellied Emerald***Amazilia leucogaster*

Several birds were seen in the Georgetown Botanical Gardens and in the Iwokrama forest at the roadside.

**White-chested Emerald***Amazilia brevirostris*

We saw this species well along the Abary Road.

**Glittering-throated Emerald***Amazilia fimbriata*

Probably the most numerous hummingbird of the tour, we found many birds along the forest edge and especially in the Rupununi Savannah where there were small patches of shrubs.

**Black-eared Fairy***Heliophryx auritus*

Several birds were seen in the canopy of the Iwokrama Reserve with especially nice views near a small puddle at Surama.

**Trogon Trogonidae****Black-tailed Trogon***Trogon melanurus*

We enjoyed several sightings of this large trogon species often perched in the canopy of the Iwokrama Forest.

**Green-backed (White-tail) Trogon***Trogon viridis*

This species was either heard or seen daily while in forested habitat during the tour with especially nice views at the Karanambu Ranch.

**Violaceous Trogon***Trogon violaceus*

Although not as common as the preceding species we still heard or saw this attractive trogon almost daily while in forested habitat.

**Black-throated Trogon***Trogon rufus*



We found a nice male bird showing its distinctive patterning at Atta.

**Collared Trogon** *Trogon collaris*

A single male was seen well at the roadside in Iwokrama.

### Kingfishers Alcedinidae

**Green-and-rufous Kingfisher** *Chloroceryle inda*

Often a tricky species, we saw two birds in flight in the Iwokrama forest near streams.

**Green Kingfisher** *Chloroceryle americana*

We enjoyed numerous sightings of this kingfisher throughout the tour.

**Amazon Kingfisher** *Chloroceryle amazona*

A slightly smaller kingfisher but still quite widespread, we found this species on most days of the tour near water.

**Ringed Kingfisher** *Megaceryle torquata*

This massive kingfisher was numerous during the tour with our first sightings in the Georgetown Botanical Gardens.

### Motmots Momotidae

**Amazonian (Blue-cr) Motmot** *Momotus momota*

We heard this species calling on several occasions during the tour but only some people managed a glimpse.

### Jacamars Galbulidae

**Rufous-tailed Jacamar** *Galbula ruficauda*

A single bird was seen well along the forested Southern Ireng River.

**Green-tailed Jacamar** *Galbula galbula*

An attractive species that we saw several times during the tour with nice scope views first at the Karanambu Ranch.

**Bronzy Jacamar** *Galbula leucogastra*

It was a pleasant surprise to see this scarce species in Guyana very well along the Southern Ireng River which posed nicely for several minutes.

**Paradise Jacamar** *Galbula dea*

We enjoyed amazing scope views of a responsive pair near Surama followed by scattered sightings in the Iwokrama forest.

**Great Jacamar** *Jacamerops aurea*

We commonly heard this species in the Iwokrama Forest and had especially outrageous views of one bird while birding near the Field Station.

### Puffbirds Bucconidae

**Guianan (White-necked) Puffbird** *Notharchus macrorhynchos*

This canopy dweller was sighted once in the Iwokrama Forest – a pair that we watched at length.

**Pied Puffbird** *Notharchus tectus*

This species was only heard calling near the Atta canopy walkway.

**Spotted Puffbird** *Bucco tamatia*

A pair of this great looking puffbird was seen within ten feet as they sat motionlessly for us to study at length.

**Black Nunbird** *Monasa atra*

This vocal species was fairly common and confiding throughout our time birding in forested areas during the tour.



**Swallow-winged Puffbird***Chelidoptera tenebrosa*

A canopy dwelling puffbird that often sits conspicuously on open perches, we found numerous birds throughout the tour with up to thirty birds on a single day.

**New World Barbets, Toucans Ramphastidae****Black-spotted Barbet***Capito niger*

We enjoyed brilliant scope views of this attractive species from the Atta canopy walkway.

**Green Aracari***Pteroglossus viridis*

A Guianan Shield endemic, we found this small toucan perched in the Iwokrama forest.

**Black-necked Aracari***Pteroglossus aracari*

This toucan was fairly numerous in the Iwokrama reserve and we found several birds daily feeding mostly in the roadside Cecropia trees.

**Guianan Toucanet***Selenidera culik*

An uncommon but very attractive toucan of our tour that we observed very closely on two occasions in the Iwokrama forest near Atta.

**Channel-billed Toucan***Ramphastos vitellinus*

A common, attractive, and noisy toucan that was seen many times daily during our time in the Iwokrama Forest.

**Toco Toucan***Ramphastos toco*

We were fortunate to have great views of a four birds, a scarce species in Guyana, moving through the mountainside trees in Karasabi.

**White-throated Toucan***Ramphastos tucanus*

The high pitched yelp of this large toucan was omnipresent while we explored the forest of Iwokrama and surroundings with up to ten sightings in a single day.

**Woodpeckers Picidae****Golden-spangled Piculet***Picumnus exilis*

We enjoyed great views of two tiny birds in the dense scrub along the Abary Road.

**White-bellied Piculet***Picumnus spilogaster*

This is a localized species that we found first in the Botanical Gardens in Georgetown, again along the Abary Road.

**Yellow-tufted Woodpecker***Melanerpes cruentatus*

Only one bird was seen in the Iwokrama Reserve.

**Blood-coloured Woodpecker (NE)***Veniliornis sanguineus*

We enjoyed awesome scope views of three individuals along the Abary Road – this can often be a tricky species.

**Golden-collared Woodpecker***Veniliornis cassini*

We heard this species calling in a large mixed flock in the Iwokrama forest.

**Yellow-throated Woodpecker***Piculus flavigula*

This widespread species was only heard calling in the Iwokrama forest.

**Golden-green Woodpecker***Piculus chrysochloros*

One bird showed in an active flock in the Iwokrama forest.

**Waved Woodpecker***Celeus undatus*

This is a localized species that we found on three separate occasions while birding in the Iwokrama Forest with amazing views of a pair from the canopy walkway.

**Chestnut Woodpecker***Celeus elegans*

The blonde-crested subspecies of this attractive woodpecker was seen well on two occasions in the Iwokrama forest.



**Cream-coloured Woodpecker***Celeus flavus*

A pair showed very nicely along the Iwokrama forest road.

**Ringed Woodpecker***Celeus torquatus*

We enjoyed awesome scope views of a close individual while hiking towards Turtle Mountain.

**Lineated Woodpecker***Dryocopus lineatus*

This large woodpecker was common throughout much of the tour and we found individuals in most forest habitats.

**Red-necked Woodpecker***Campephilus rubricollis*

We sighted this large attractive woodpecker on three days and heard it almost daily in the Iwokrama Forest.

**Crimson-crested Woodpecker***Campephilus melanoleucos*

This widespread South American species was seen in multiple habitats throughout the tour with our first sightings along the Abary Road near Georgetown.

**Ovenbirds Furnariidae****Pale-legged Hornero***Furnarius leucopus*

We encountered this noisy species along the southern Ireng River.

**Hoary-throated Spinetail (NE, T)***Synallaxis kollari*

After traveling by boat up the southern Ireng River we located suitable habitat and within a few minutes had located a responsive bird that approached within only a few feet of where we stood in the dense tangled undergrowth. This is an endangered species with an exceptionally localized range.

**Yellow-chinned Spinetail***Certhiaxis cinnamomea*

This was the most common spinetail and we had numerous sightings beginning in the Georgetown Botanical Gardens to the wetlands of the Karanambu Ranch.

**Rufous-tailed Foliage-gleaner***Philydor ruficaudatum*

One bird moved through a vine tangle in the Iwokrama Forest with a mixed species flock.

**Olive-backed Foliage-gleaner***Automolus infuscatus*

We heard a bird calling in a mixed flock on our hike towards Turtle Mountain.

**Plain Xenops***Xenops minutus*

A couple birds were seen in the Iwokrama Forest with mixed flocks.

**Plain-brown Woodcreeper***Dendrocincla fuliginosa*

We had several sightings of this simple-looking woodcreeper showing a diagnostic malar-line in the forests of Iwokrama.

**White-chinned Woodcreeper***Dendrocincla merula*

One dark individual was seen while birding near the Iwokrama Field Station associated with a mixed feeding flock.

**Long-tailed Woodcreeper***Deconychura longicauda*

We only heard this species calling on one occasion in the Iwokrama Forest.

**Wedge-billed Woodcreeper***Glyphorynchus spirurus*

This was the most common woodcreeper in the forest and we either saw or heard it every day in proper habitat.

**[Amazonian] Barred Woodcreeper***Dendrocolaptes certhia*

We had a nice sighting of this woodcreeper along a forested trail in Iwokrama, followed by hearing its call several times thereafter.

**Straight-billed Woodcreeper***Dendroplex picus*

We only saw this species near Georgetown both in the Botanical Garden and again along the Abary Road.



**Striped Woodcreeper***Xiphorhynchus obsoletus*

A few birds were first seen near Karanambu followed by another individual that showed amazingly well along the southern Ireng River.

**Chestnut-rumped Woodcreeper***Xiphorhynchus pardalotus*

This woodcreeper was never especially common but we still managed a couple sightings in the forest of Iwokrama.

**Buff-throated Woodcreeper***Xiphorhynchus guttatus*

We heard this species throughout the time birding in forest with several great sightings throughout the tour in suitable habitat.

**Lineated Woodcreeper***Lepidocolaptes albolineatus*

A canopy dwelling specialty, we had good sighting of one birds associated with a mixed flock.

### Antbirds Thamnophilidae

**Fasciated Antshrike***Cymbilaimus lineatus*

We enjoyed fine scope views of a male near Turtle Mountain and heard several others in the Iwokrama forest.

**Black-throated Antshrike (NE)***Frederickena viridis*

An uncommon and localized species, we called out a responsive bird near the canopy walkway that responded aggressively for everyone to see.

**Black-crested Antshrike***Sakesphorus canadensis*

This is a charismatic species that sometimes lifts its crest and we enjoyed numerous views beginning along the Abary Road and later throughout the tour.

**Barred Antshrike***Thamnophilus doliatus*

A pair was found in the dense undergrowth along the southern Ireng River.

**Mouse-coloured Antshrike***Thamnophilus murinus*

We heard this species throughout the Iwokrama Forest and enjoyed several nice views on various occasions including at the Karanambu Ranch and from the canopy walkway.

**Northern (Guianan) Slaty Antshrike***Thamnophilus punctatus*

A couple birds were seen near the Karanambu Ranch in a small antbird flock followed by another view in Iwokrama.

**Dusky-throated Antshrike***Thamnomanes ardesiacus*

We saw several pairs in forested area during the tour, especially vocal within small mixed antbird flocks.

**Cinereous Antshrike***Thamnomanes caesius*

Often accompanying other antbirds, we found several cooperative pairs in the Iwokrama Forest.

**Brown-bellied Antwren***Epinecrophylla gutturalis*

A fairly localized species, we were able to get nice looks at two different pairs gleaning from dead leaves in the Iwokrama Forest both times mixed in with other antbirds.

**Pygmy Antwren***Myrmotherula brachyura*

One of these tiny but complexly patterned birds showed well in forest near Atta through the scope while moving through a vine tangle.

**[Guianan] Streaked Antwren***Myrmotherula surinamensis*

Also a tiny species, we had nice looks at several birds during our birding in Iwokrama often in the dense undergrowth at the forest edge. Sometimes authorities promote this subspecies to full species status.

**Rufous-bellied Antwren***Myrmotherula guttata*

This is a neat looking antwren of the forest undergrowth and we found only one pair couple in the Iwokrama Reserve associating with an antbird flock.





**White-flanked Antwren***Myrmotherula axillaris*

This was one of the most common antwrens in the forested areas and seen in small numbers most days.

**Long-winged Antwren***Myrmotherula longipennis*

Many of the forest undergrowth antbird flocks contained a pair of this species often gleaning insects from leaves.

**Grey Antwren***Myrmotherula menetriesii*

This small understory antwren was found on several consecutive days in Iwokrama.

**Spot-tailed Antwren***Herpsilochmus sticturus*

A fairly common canopy sound of the Iwokrama Forest that we saw especially well from the canopy walkway.

**Todd's Antwren***Herpsilochmus stictocephalus*

This species was heard almost everywhere we found the preceding species with amazing views from the canopy walkway.

**Dot-winged Antwren***Microrhopias quixensis*

A male was seen foraging near Surama.

**[Southern] White-fringed Antwren***Formicivora grisea*

First we found this attractive species in the drier forest near Karanambu followed by further views along the southern Ireng River.

**Grey Antbird***Cercomacra cinerascens*

The harsh call of this mostly arboreal species was often heard and we managed several nice views of birds usually near vine tangles.

**Dusky Antbird***Cercomacra tyrannina*

We found several birds at scattered sites in the Iwokrama Forest often associated with antbird flocks.

**Rio Branco Antbird (NE)***Cercomacra carbonaria*

This very localized species was not too difficult to find once we were in proper habitat along the southern Ireng River, where we found a responsive pair.

**White-browed Antbird***Myrmoborus leucophrys*

This attractive antbird was only heard calling in the forest at Karanambu from the boat.

**[Guianan] Warbling Antbird***Hypocnemis cantator*

Sometimes split off by some authorities as a separate species, we found the attractive Guianan subspecies first near Surama in tangled secondary growth followed by a few subsequent sightings near Atta.

**Black-chinned Antbird***Hypocnemoides melanopogon*

This is a species that prefers vegetation near watercourses and we found a couple in the Iwokrama Reserve.

**Silvered Antbird***Sclateria naevia*

A noisy antbird of water edge vegetation, we heard it calling once along riverside forest.

**Spot-winged Antbird***Schistocichla leucostigma*

Several birds were seen along the Harpy Eagle nest trail.

**White-bellied Antbird***Myrmeciza longipes*

We enjoyed excellent looks at a responsive male in the Karanambu forest.

**Ferruginous-backed Antbird***Myrmeciza ferruginea*

One of the most attractive antbirds, we had outrageous views of a responsive bird that slowly approached to within only ten feet of where we crouched in the Iwokrama Forest near Atta.

**White-plumed Antbird***Pithys albifrons*

This is one of the greatest antbirds of the world and many of us were rewarded with exceptional views of four incredible individuals attending an army ant swarm along the cock-of-the-rock trail.



**Rufous-throated Antbird (NE)***Gymnopithys rufigula*

We enjoyed great views of this responsive antbird on a couple occasions while birding in the Iwokrama Forest with out most memorable views of several birds attending an army ant swarm along the cock-of-the-rock trail.

**Scale-backed Antbird***Willisornis poecilinotus*

We had good views of a pair in the Iwokrama forest.

**Antthrushes Formicariidae****Rufous-capped Antthrush***Formicarius colma*

We enjoyed outrageous views of one of these attractive skulkers that walked along the ground to within only twenty feet of where we watched near Surama and then posed on a fallen tree trunk.

**Black-faced Antthrush***Formicarius analis*

Surprisingly we only heard one of this widespread and normally common forest understory bird in the Iwokrama Forest.

**Antpittas Grallariidae****Spotted Antpitta***Hylopezus macularius*

After nearly thirty minutes of intensive hunting we finally located the singing bird that had responded to our playback and we enjoyed scope views for everyone of this forest floor skulker.

**Thrush-like Antpitta***Myrmothera campanisona*

With some teamwork one bird showed in our binoculars while hopping along the forest ground near the Atta Camp although we heard numerous birds in proper forested habitats throughout our tour.

**Tyrant Flycatchers Tyrannidae****Sooty-headed Tyrannulet***Phyllomyias griseiceps*

One bird was seen well in a mixed flock in the Iwokrama Forest.

**Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet***Tyrannulus elatus*

The calls of this small flycatcher were common in the forested areas during the tour and we had a couple views of different birds.

**Forest Elaenia***Myiopagis gaimardii*

One bird showed along the forested trail near the Karanambu Ranch.

**Yellow-bellied Elaenia***Elaenia flavogaster*

We heard and saw many of these birds in the open scrub surrounding the Rupununi Savannah as well as earlier in the Georgetown Botanical Gardens.

**Small-billed Elaenia***Elaenia parvirostris*

We had nice views of a calling individual in the riparian habitat near Lethem.

**Plain-crested Elaenia***Elaenia cristata*

This species was first heard and later seen in the open scrub near Annai.

**Lesser Elaenia***Elaenia chiriquensis*

A couple birds were found in the Rupununi Savannah.

**Rufous-crowned Elaenia***Elaenia ruficeps*

One of the most distinctive elaenias, we enjoyed great scope views of several birds in the white sand forest in Iwokrama.

**White-lored Tyrannulet***Ornithion inermis*

A couple birds were found in the Iwokrama forest with nice scope views from the Atta Lodge.

**Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet***Camptostoma obsoletum*

We only heard this species calling en route to Karasabi.

**Mouse-coloured Tyrannulet***Phaeomyias murina*

A pair was seen very well responding to a Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl imitation along the Southern Ireng River.

**Yellow Tyrannulet** *Capsiempis flaveola*

One bird showed nicely while birding along the Southern Ireng River

**Bearded Tachuri (NE)** *Polystictus pectoralis*

This localized species was located along the edge of wetlands near the Karanambu Ranch and we enjoyed great scope views of a female.

**Crested Doradito** *Pseudocolopteryx sclateri*

We found a single bird in the rank grass along the route to Lethem.

**Slender-footed Tyrannulet** *Zimmerius gracilipes*

The call of this tiny flycatcher was heard several times in the Iwokrama Forest and we had nice views especially from the canopy walkway.

**Olive-green Tyrannulet (NE)** *Phylloscartes virescens*

We were fortunate to find this scarce species in the clearing of the Atta Camp that allowed most of us to obtain scope views.

**McConnell's Flycatcher** *Mionectes macconnelli*

A single distinctive individual showed while birding along the Harpy Eagle nest trail.

**Pale-tipped Inezia (Tyrannulet)** *Inezia cuadata*

Two birds were found along the riverine habitat near Karanambu.

**White-eyed Tody-Tyrant** *Hemitriccus zosterops*

One bird was heard calling while we searched for the Sun Parakeet.

**Short-tailed Pygmy Tyrant** *Myiornis ecaudatus*

We managed little more than quick glimpses of a calling bird while walking along the trail near the Iwokrama Field Station.

**Helmeted Pygmy Tyrant** *Lophotriccus galeatus*

This was a very common sound in the forests throughout the tour and we eventually had nice views of a bird calling above head height in vine tangles.

**Slaty-headed Tody-Flycatcher** *Poecilatriccus sylvia*

One cooperative bird was seen very well while birding along the Southern Ireng River.

**Spotted Tody-Flycatcher** *Todirostrum maculatum*

We saw this highly decorated species in the undergrowth surrounding Georgetown and along the Abary Road.

**Common Tody-Flycatcher** *Todirostrum cinereum*

There were a few scattered sightings of this widespread species throughout the tour with great views in the Georgetown Botanical Gardens.

**Painted Tody-Flycatcher** *Todirostrum pictum*

This arboreal flycatcher was seen very well through the scope attending a nest directly above the Harpy Eagle's head!

**Olivaceous Flatbill** *Rhynchocyclus olivaceus*

We only heard this species calling in the Mori scrub.

**Zimmer's Flatbill (Y-margined Flycatcher)** *Tolmomyias assimilis*

We had a few scattered sightings of this species while birding in the Iwokrama Forest.

**Grey-crowned Flycatcher** *Tolmomyias poliocephalus*

We located two individuals in a mixed flock near Surama.

**Ochre-lored Flatbill (Y-breasted Flycatcher)** *Tolmomyias flaviventris*

A brightly colored bird showed well in the riverine forest near Turtle Mountain.

**White-crested Spadebill** *Platyrinchus platyrhynchos*

We enjoyed good views of a motionless bird near Turtle Mountain in the Iwokrama forest.



<b>Vermilion Flycatcher</b>	<i>Pyrocephalus rubinus</i>
Several birds including gaudy males were found in the Rupununi Savannah en route to Karasabi.	
<b>Pied Water Tyrant</b>	<i>Fluvicola pica</i>
A few birds were seen well near wetlands surrounding Georgetown.	
<b>White-headed Marsh Tyrant</b>	<i>Arundinicola leucocephala</i>
This sharp-looking species was found near wetlands throughout the tour in small numbers.	
<b>Rusty-margined Flycatcher</b>	<i>Myiozetetes cayanensis</i>
Numerous birds were observed throughout the tour especially near water.	
<b>Social Flycatcher</b>	<i>Myiozetetes similes</i>
A strangely absent species from most of the country, we had only one sighting near Georgetown.	
<b>Great Kiskadee</b>	<i>Pitangus sulphuratus</i>
Common, conspicuous, and noisy throughout the tour.	
<b>Lesser Kiskadee</b>	<i>Philohydor lictor</i>
Several birds were seen well often near water with our first views near the Karanambu Ranch.	
<b>Yellow-throated Flycatcher</b>	<i>Conopias parvus</i>
One vocal bird was scoped in the Iwokrama forest.	
<b>Streaked Flycatcher</b>	<i>Myiodynastes maculatus</i>
This species was only heard calling on one occasion along the Southern Ireng River.	
<b>Boat-billed Flycatcher</b>	<i>Megarynchus pitangua</i>
We regularly encountered this widespread species, usually by voice, throughout the tour in small numbers.	
<b>White-throated Kingbird</b>	<i>Tyrannus albogularis</i>
An easily overlooked species with the high number of tropical kingbirds, we found our first birds near Georgetown with another nice sighting near Lethem.	
<b>Tropical Kingbird</b>	<i>Tyrannus melancholicus</i>
Common and conspicuous throughout the tour.	
<b>Fork-tailed Flycatcher</b>	<i>Tyrannus savana</i>
Once we reached the Rupununi Savannah this attractive bird was abundant.	
<b>Eastern Kingbird</b>	<i>Tyrannus tyrannus</i>
One migrant bird was seen along the Abary Road.	
<b>Grey Kingbird</b>	<i>Tyrannus dominicensis</i>
We found this hefty flycatcher daily in the Georgetown surroundings.	
<b>Greyish Mourner</b>	<i>Rhytipterna simplex</i>
Only two birds were seen in the southern section of the Iwokrama Forest.	
<b>Dusky-capped Flycatcher</b>	<i>Myiarchus tuberculifer</i>
A couple birds were seen well and heard in the Iwokrama Forest.	
<b>Short-crested Flycatcher</b>	<i>Myiarchus ferox</i>
One bird was found in the open forest along the Southern Ireng River.	
<b>Brown-crested Flycatcher</b>	<i>Myiarchus tyrannulus</i>
This flycatcher was fairly common in the forest of Abary Road as well as scrubby areas near Karasabi.	
<b>Cinnamon Attila</b>	<i>Attila cinnamomeus</i>
A cooperative bird showed well in response to playback in the Iwokrama forest near the Mori scrub.	
<b>Bright-rumped Attila</b>	<i>Attila spadiceus</i>
The mournful song of this species was heard several times near Atta and Surama.	

### Cotingas Cotingidae



**Guianan Cock-of-the-Rock (NE)***Rupicola rupicola*

Few birds can compare with the male of this species in sheer gaudiness. We first found a gorgeous male and two dark females at the Kaieteur Falls followed by an amazing prolonged experience with the fantastic brilliant orange male on the lek in the Iwokrama Reserve.

**Guianan Red Cotinga (NE)***Phoenicircus carnifex*

One bird showed brilliantly in the sandy soiled forest in Iwokrama; the fact that this species wasn't a contender for the top ten list is a tribute to the number of incredible birds we found in Guyana.

**Purple-breasted Cotinga***Cotinga cotinga*

We scoped a single bird from the Atta Lodge.

**Spangled Cotinga***Cotinga cayana*

This brilliant species proved to be fairly common in the Atta Camp clearing and we enjoyed numerous scope views of glittering males here and also along the main roadway.

**White Bellbird***Procnias albus*

We only heard this species calling on one occasion while watching the Harpy Eagle.

**Screaming Piha***Lipaugus vociferans*

A ubiquitous sound of the Guianan forests and we had numerous sightings throughout the tour in proper habitat including watching a bird sing through the scope.

**Pompadour Cotinga***Xipholena punicea*

A beautiful male was seen during our visit to the Kaieteur Falls followed by scope studies of a female in the Iwokrama forest.

**Bare-necked Fruitcrow***Gymnoderus foetidus*

We found a several birds along the forested waterways near the Karanambu Ranch.

**Purple-throated Fruitcrow***Querula purpurata*

Several noisy groups were seen during our explorations of the Iwokrama Forest including some nice sunlit views showing off the bright throat patch.

**Crimson Fruitcrow***Haematoderus militaris*

This is another one of those amazing cotingas that is simply outrageous and we were very lucky to have extended scope views of a single male near Atta.

**Capuchinbird***Perissocephalus tricolor*

The bizarre cow-like calls of this unique cotinga were enjoyed before we scoped several birds that showed nicely while we marveled at its bare blue crown and disproportionate body.

**Manakins Pipridae****Pale-bellied Tyrant-Manakin***Neopelma pallescens*

We only heard this species call on one occasion in the forest near Karanambu.

**White-throated Manakin (NE)***Corapipo gutturalis*

While returning from the Harpy Eagle nest we enjoyed great views of this scarce and localized species in Guyana.

**Blue-backed Manakin***Chiroxiphia pareola*

We enjoyed several very nice views of colorful adults in the scrubby forest surrounding the Karanambu Ranch.

**Black Manakin***Xenopipo atronitens*

This localized species of manakin prefers the stunted sandy forest in the Iwokrama Reserve where we found five individuals.

**White-crowned Manakin***Dixiphia pipra*

The noises from this tiny forest dweller gave away its presence on three occasions throughout our birding through the central forests of Guyana.

**Golden-headed Manakin***Dixiphia erythrocephala*



Only a few females were seen well on this trip with a few brief male flight views in the Iwokrama forest.

### Tityras, Becards Tityridae

#### **Sharpbill**

*Oxyruncus cristatus*

We heard the descending call of this widespread species on one occasion in the Iwokrama forest.

#### **Whiskered Myiobius (Flycatcher)**

*Myiobius barbatus*

One cooperative bird showed well in a large mixed flock in the Iwokrama forest.

#### **Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher**

*Terenotriccus erythrurus*

After hearing several birds one individual finally showed in a large mixed flock in the Iwokrama forest.

#### **Black-crowned Tityra**

*Tityra inquisitor*

A few birds were seen moving through the forest canopy of Iwokrama on two separate occasions.

#### **Black-tailed Tityra**

*Tityra cayana*

We found this species to be the more common of the two tityra species in the Iwokrama forest.

#### **Thrush-like Schiffornis (Mourner)**

*Schiffornis turdina*

We heard this species' distinctive song on once occasion in the Mori Scrub but were focusing on the Guianan Red Cotinga.

#### **Dusky Purpletuft**

*Iodopleura fusca*

We were very lucky to enjoy excellent scope studies of this difficult specialty near the Atta Lodge.

#### **Cinereous Becard**

*Pachyramphus rufus*

A pair was first seen well in the Georgetown Botanical Gardens.

#### **White-winged Becard**

*Pachyramphus polychopterus*

One bird was seen well along the Abary Road.

### Vireos, Greenlets Vireonidae

#### **Rufous-browed Peppershrike**

*Cyclarhis gujanensis*

Two birds were heard singing near Karasabi.

#### **Red-eyed Vireo**

*Vireo olivaceus*

In the riverine scrub near Karanambu we found a single bird followed by another in Iwokrama.

#### **Lemon-chested Greenlet**

*Hylophilus thoracicus*

This was one of the most common sounds in the forests throughout Guyana and we heard numerous birds.

#### **Ashy-headed Greenlet**

*Hylophilus pectoralis*

Nice scope views were enjoyed of this species in full song along the Abary Road.

#### **Buff-cheeked Greenlet**

*Hylophilus muscicapinus*

We heard this bird throughout the Iwokrama Forest but saw only one individual high in the canopy near Atta.

### Crows, Jays Corvidae

#### **Cayenne Jay (NE)**

*Cyanocorax cayanus*

A neat looking jay, we found several small family groups during the tour with our best sighting through the scope near Surama.

### Swallows, martins Hirundinidae

#### **White-winged Swallow**

*Tachycineta albiventer*

This was the most common swallow along waterways where we found numerous birds throughout the tour.



**Sand Martin (Bank Swallow)***Riparia riparia*

A couple birds were seen flying near the Iwokrama Field Station.

**Grey-breasted Martin***Progne chalybea*

This was the first *hirundid* of the trip as we left the airport and was seen regularly throughout the tour thereafter.

**Brown-chested Martin***Progne tapera*

Once we reached the Rupununi Savannah we found this species at a couple scattered locations often in small groups.

**Black-collared Swallow***Atticora melanoleuca*

An impressive and localized swallow, we enjoyed several great views of sleek individuals flying over the river and perched in the surrounding areas of the Iwokrama Field Station.

**Southern Rough-winged Swallow***Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*

We had scattered sightings of this species throughout the tour with the greatest numbers near the Karanambu Ranch.

**Barn Swallow***Hirundo rustica*

This migrant was seen on several occasions throughout the tour often flying in groups over pastureland.

**Black-capped Donacobius Donacobiidae****Black-capped Donacobius***Donacobius atricapilla*

We first found this aberrant wren along a waterway in the Georgetown Botanical Gardens.

**Wrens Troglodytidae****Bicoloured Wren***Campylorhynchus griseus*

An open country wren, once we reached the Rupununi Savannah we found numerous noisy birds with especially nice views through the scope at Karanambu.

**Coraya Wren***Pheugopedius coraya*

We found a responsive bird that responded aggressively to the imitation of its explosive song given from dense tangles of vines in the Iwokrama Forest.

**Buff-breasted Wren***Cantorchilus leucotis*

We first heard this species at the Karanambu Ranch and then had outrageous views along the southern Ireng River of a confiding pair.

**House Wren***Troglodytes aedon*

This is a widespread species that we heard and saw throughout the tour especially in degraded habitats.

**Gnatcatchers Poliptilidae****Long-billed Gnatwren***Ramphocaenus melanurus*

We managed a very nice view with a cooperative pair along a trail in the Iwokrama forest.

**Tropical Gnatcatcher***Poliptila plumbea*

A couple of birds we seen at the Karanambu Ranch and again along the southern Ireng River

**Guianan Gnatcatcher (NE)***Poliptila guianensis*

We were lucky to find a pair of this scarce species being chased by a pair of Tropical Gnatcatchers along the southern Ireng River.

**Mockingbirds, Thrashers Mimidae****Tropical Mockingbird***Mimus gilvus*

Common and conspicuous, we found this songster in most degraded habitats throughout the tour.



### Thrushes Turdidae

#### **Pale-breasted Thrush**

*Turdus leucomelas*

This was the most common thrush of the tour and regularly seen especially in more open habitats beginning with the Georgetown Botanical Garden.

#### **White-necked Thrush**

*Turdus albicollis*

One bird was seen in the Surama forest near a small puddle that showed well through the scope for everyone.

### Finches Fringillidae

#### **Finsch's Euphonia (NE)**

*Euphonia finschi*

In the Rupununi Savannah this species was relatively numerous by voice and located several birds by their distinctive call.

#### **Violaceous Euphonia**

*Euphonia violacea*

We saw our first bird the first day of the tour and heard a few others at scattered locations thereafter.

#### **White-lored Euphonia**

*Euphonia chrysopasta*

Several individuals were seen often associated with mixed flocks around the Atta Camp.

#### **Golden-sided Euphonia (NE)**

*Euphonia cayennensis*

A single bird was seen near the Atta Camp in the canopy.

#### **Hooded Siskin**

*Carduelis magellanica*

Several birds were seen near Karasabi.

### New World Warblers Parulidae

#### **[American] Yellow Warbler**

*Dendroica aestiva*

This widespread species was fairly common in suitable waterside scrub throughout the tour.

#### **Blackpoll Warbler**

*Dendroica striata*

A few birds in basic plumage were found in various habitats throughout the tour.

#### **Northern Waterthrush**

*Seiurus noveboracensis*

We found a single bird at the edge of the coast along the Abary Road.

#### **Prothonotary Warbler**

*Protonotaria citrea*

One brightly-colored migrant was seen while birding along the Abary Road.

### Oropendolas, Orioles & Blackbirds Icteridae

#### **Crested Oropendola**

*Psarocolius decumanus*

Colonies of nesting birds were seen in several places in Iwokrama plus further sightings at the Karanambu Ranch.

#### **Green Oropendola**

*Psarocolius viridis*

This species, like most oropendolas, has an incredible liquid song that we enjoyed throughout much of our time in Iwokrama.

#### **Yellow-rumped Cacique**

*Cacicus cela*

One of the finest mimics in the Neotropics, we found this vocal and attractive species in good numbers daily during our forest birding during the tour.

#### **Red-rumped Cacique**

*Cacicus haemorrhous*

Not as numerous as the preceding species with just a couple sightings in the Iwokrama Forest.

#### **Campo Troupial**

*Icterus jamacaii*

In scrubby secondary areas often near wetlands we found several pairs with our highest number of sightings near Karasabi.



**Moriche Oriole***Icterus chryscephalus*

One pair was seen working in the trees near the Iwokrama Field Station.

**Yellow Oriole***Icterus nigrogularis*

Common and conspicuous, we enjoyed numerous sightings of this pretty oriole throughout the tour in open country including our first nesting individuals in the Georgetown Botanical Garden.

**Yellow-hooded Blackbird***Chrysomus icterocephalus*

First seen along the riverway near Karanambu, we later found a male in the long grasses of a roadside wetland en route to Karasabi.

**Giant Cowbird***Molothrus oryzivorus*

We enjoyed numerous sightings of this species throughout the tour with some nice views of birds feeding around our cabins at the Iwokrama Field Station.

**Shiny Cowbird***Molothrus bonariensis*

This is a widespread species that was fairly numerous in open pastures throughout the tour especially near cattle.

**Carib Grackle***Quiscalus lugubris*

We only found this grackle near Georgetown along coastal secondary areas.

**Red-breasted Blackbird***Sturnella militaris*

This colorful species was fairly common in the grasslands of the Rupununi Savannah.

**Eastern Meadowlark***Sturnella magna*

A familiar North American species for many, we found numerous birds in the open grasslands of the Rupununi Savannah.

**Bananaquit Coerebidae****Bananaquit***Coereba flaveola*

The buzzing song of this tiny bird gave it away every time while birding in secondary habitat throughout the tour.

**Buntings, New World Sparrows & Allies Emberizidae****Grassland Sparrow***Ammodramus humeralis*

Common in the open grasslands, we had several nice views of perched birds.

**Red-capped Cardinal***Paroaria gularis*

The male of this species is really dazzling and we found numerous birds in scrubby habitats often near water throughout the tour.

**Tanagers and Allies Thraupidae****Hooded Tanager***Nemosia pileata*

This unique looking tanager was found in the riparian habitat at the Karanambu Ranch.

**White-lined Tanager***Tachyphonus rufus*

A few scattered birds were seen in the Iwokrama Reserve.

**Silver-beaked Tanager***Ramphocelus carbo*

In secondary scrub near water this is the predominant tanager and in such habitat on several occasions during the tour we found numerous birds.

**Blue-grey Tanager***Thraupis episcopus*

This was the most commonly encountered tanager throughout the trip and we had numerous birds on most days during the tour.

**Palm Tanager***Thraupis palmarum*

Although not quite as common as the preceding species, this widespread tanager was still seen almost daily and often quite confiding.



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- Blue-backed Tanager (NE)** *Cyanicterus cyanicterus*  
We heard this noisy but scarce tanager calling from the canopy above us near Atta but could only see its distant movement through the treetops.
- Turquoise Tanager** *Tangara mexicana*  
We first found this pretty tanager on only one occasion from the canopy walkway.
- Paradise Tanager** *Tangara chilensis*  
This species was seen only once, through the scope by many, while watching the Painted Parakeets in Iwokrama.
- Spotted Tanager** *Tangara punctata*  
During our time birding in Iwokrama we enjoyed several nice sightings of this attractive tanager including a pair building a nest from the canopy walkway.
- Burnished-buff Tanager** *Tangara cayana*  
We found several birds during the tour once we reached more scrubby habitats in the Rupununi Savannah.
- Blue Dacnis** *Dacnis cayana*  
A widespread but attractive bird, we found this species in forest habitats almost daily during the tour often perched conspicuously at the tops of dead branches.
- Purple Honeycreeper** *Cyanerpes caeruleus*  
The bright yellow legs of this attractive species were an easy way to identify it compared to the next species, and we found several pairs throughout our tour in forest habitats.
- Green Honeycreeper** *Chlorophanes spiza*  
This species was seen on most days in forest habitats throughout the tour including several very nice views of brilliant males.
- Yellow-backed Tanager** *Hemithraupis flavicollis*  
One bird was scoped from the canopy walkway.
- Chestnut-vented Conebill** *Conirostrum speciosum*  
We could only hear this species singing in scrub along the southern Ireng River.
- Bicolored Conebill** *Conirostrum bicolor*  
We found this species in the low mangrove scrub along the Abary Road.
- Grassland Yellow Finch** *Sicalis luteola*  
Several birds were scoped in the Rupununi Savannah en route to Karasabi.
- Wedge-tailed Grass Finch** *Emberizoides herbicola*  
One bird was seen in the rank roadside grassland near Lethem but we spent little time with it since there was a Pinnated Bittern sitting nearby!
- Blue-black Grassquit** *Volatinia jacarina*  
A single male was seen along the Abary Road.
- Plumbeous Seedeater** *Sporophila plumbea*  
We had good views of a few birds in the Rupununi Savannah.
- Wing-barred Seedeater** *Sporophila americana*  
A pair was seen in the Georgetown Botanical Gardens.
- Lined Seedeater** *Sporophila lineola*  
A lovely adult perched up for us to scope at length in the Mori scrub.
- Ruddy-breasted Seedeater** *Sporophila minuta*  
This species was fairly common in small numbers in suitable grassland throughout the tour.
- Chestnut-bellied Seed Finch** *Oryzoborus angolensis*  
We heard this species singing near a wetland by Karanambu Ranch.
- Red (Hepatic) Tanager** *Piranga flava*  
We encountered this brightly colored species near the river in Karasabi.
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### Grosbeaks, Saltators & Allies Cardinalidae

#### **Rose-breasted Chat**

*Granatellus pelzelni*

A single vocal bird was called in along the Iwokrama road edge but it never showed well.

#### **Yellow-green Grosbeak**

*Caryothraustes canadensis*

We could hear this species calling from the canopy but not everyone saw it near the Atta Lodge.

#### **Red-and-black Grosbeak (NE)**

*Periporphyrus erythromelas*

An awesome sighting, we were fortunate after only hearing this species near the canopy walkway to have point-blank perched views of a responsive male while hiking along the trail ascending Turtle Mountain.

#### **Slate-coloured Grosbeak**

*Saltator grossus*

One bird was seen by some participants and another heard singing near Atta Lodge.

#### **Greyish Saltator**

*Saltator coerulescens*

Often a denizen of secondary growth, we first located a couple birds in the Georgetown Botanical Gardens followed by further sightings thereafter.

#### **Blue-black Grosbeak**

*Cyanocompsa cyanooides*

A vocal pair was seen along the side of the road in Iwokrama.

## **Mammals**

### New World Monkeys Cebidae

#### **Red Howler Monkey**

*Alouatta seniculus*

The outrageous noises made by this attractive species were heard regularly with a male showing along the river trip from Karanambu.

#### **Black Spider Monkey**

*Ateles paniscus*

We found a couple different troops of this long-armed primate during the tour with others heard.

#### **Brown-bearded Saki**

*Chiropotes satanas*

What a crazy-looking monkey! We found this unique species feeding on the east side of the Essequibo River

#### **Brown Capuchin**

*Cebus apella*

A small troop moved through the trees near the Iwokrama Field Station.

#### **Weeping Capuchin**

*Cebus olivaceus*

A group of this distinctive primate was seen crossing the Iwokrama Road one by one.

### Bats Chiroptera

#### **Greater Bulldog Bat**

*Noctilio leporinus*

We enjoyed the antics of several of these large bats as they flew above the surface of the water near Karanambu in attempt to catch small fish.

#### **Black Bonneted Bat**

*Eumops auripendulus*

This interesting bat was fairly common around Surama but it was only identified because we obtained a photo showing the diagnostic features including the long tail.

### Agoutis Dasyproctidae

#### **Red-rumped Agouti**

*Dasyprocta leporina*

Numerous individuals were seen scurrying along the roadway in the Iwokrama Reserve.

### Racoons and allies Procyonidae

#### **Crab-eating Raccoon**

*Procyon cancrivorus*



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One individual was nothing but a nuisance at the Karanambu Ranch!

### **Peccaries, Javelinas Tayassuidae**

#### **Collared Peccary**

*Pecari tajacu*

Several animals were watched crossing the Iwokrama roadway.

### **Cats Felidae**

#### **Jaguar**

*Panthera onca*

One of these majestic cats was seen as it sauntered across the dirt roadway three times in Iwokrama and disappeared back into the forest leaving us all marveling!

### **Otters and allies Mustelidae**

#### **Giant River Otter**

*Pteronura brasiliensis*

The two individuals being rehabilitated at the Karanambu Ranch were a pleasure.

#### **Tayra**

*Eira barbara*

We enjoyed amazing views of one dark animal that walked through an antswarm for all of us to see very well.

**All photos by David Shackelford and participant Nicholas Branson:** Kaieteur Falls with Giant Tank Bromeliad, Harpy Eagle on the nest in Iwokrama, Sun Parakeet, Giant Anteater with baby in the Rupununi, Group photo with the 'Monster truck', Red-and-black Grosbeak, Jaguar, and Spotted Puffbird.

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