

# Brazil

The Atlantic Rainforest

Fri 11th – Sun 20th October 2019



*Tour pictures (clockwise from top left): Brassy-breasted Tanager, Toco Toucan, Swallow-tailed Cotinga, Giant Snipe, Burrowing Owl, Anhinga. Photos © tour participants Ade Collinge, Connell & Jo Latham*

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The REGUA experience has become firmly established in birding lore, and justifiably so, a truly magical place and an inspiring forest restoration project that goes from strength to strength. The lodge which was our base for the week from which to explore the richness of the Atlantic rainforest biome, must surely be one of the most stunning locations in the world, looking out to the forested razorback ridge of the Serra dos Orgaos Mountains.

Below is a summary narrative account of our stay at REGUA, written in daily diary format, featuring the key birds we saw, how we saw them, when and where, during a mix of onsite and offsite days. I hope that you enjoy reading what follows and in so doing I hope it helps conjure up in your mind's eye our time together at REGUA and that you re-live the experience. Included too, is an annotated species checklist of the birds we recorded. We recorded 303 species of birds, with so many highlights. *Bird of the Trip* probably changed for each of you on a daily basis, as new wonderful birds were seen and you will each have your own final favourites and memories, but some of these will surely be amongst them.

- The bird with three names – Elegant Mourner/Shrike-like Cotinga/Brazilian Laniisoma
- That whale shark-patterned Large-tailed Antshrike
- Those jitterbugging displaying Blue Manakins
- The magical Giant Snipe-ing experience and those owls after dark
- The hummingbirds of course, especially the gorgeous and aptly named Green-crowned Plovercrest.
- The ethereal far-carrying tuning fork-like notes of singing Black-and-gold Cotinga
- The array of colourful tanagers; Brazilian, Brassy-breasted, Green-headed and Blue Dacnis top amongst them
- That cryptic Long-tailed Potoo on its nest
- The unexpected Maguari Stork and Long-winged Harrier at Saquerema
- The resident lodge garden tapir
- That incandescent day-glow orange Campo Troupial
- And the exquisite Swallow-tailed Cotingas, which surely come out on top?
- .....so many highlights.

### Day 1. Friday October 11th

Our flight was 40 minutes late departing from London Heathrow but arrived in Rio de Janeiro, the proud captain announced, a full 10 seconds earlier than scheduled! The ever-smiling Alcení our driver for the week ahead was there to meet us and within an hour and a half, had deftly bobbed & weaved us through the Rio traffic and onwards to REGUA. On our approach our first bird of the tour was a Tropical Screech Owl on a roadside fencepost, right next to the vehicle. A nice start and welcome. Alcení then delivered us to the lodge, our base for the week ahead. As we stepped out of the minibus the lodge garden, resident, recently introduced, tapir was there to greet us, deftly slurping the sugar solution from the hummingbird feeders. There was time for a quick cup of tea, sandwiches and a brief familiarisation of the lodge lay-out, thence to bed. It had been a long day. Night sounds that first evening included the mournful wailing of Common Potoo, Pauraque, Ferruginous Pygmy Owl and Rufous-capped Motmot.

### Day 2. Saturday October 12th

The day dawned early, well it always does, and Grey-necked Wood Rail, House Wren and Great Kiskadee provided the reveille. It was thick with mist, too thick to see anything from the nearby tower so we contented ourselves sitting drinking tea as we watched the lodge garden come alive. The wheatear-like Masked Water Tyrant scurried about on the lawn, Black Jacobin and Swallow-tailed Hummingbirds squabbled for the chance to drink at the feeders and Picazuro Pigeon, White-eyed Parakeet, Blue Dacnis, Red-legged Honeycreeper, Saffron Finch and Sayaca, Yellow-backed and Green-headed Tanagers were found in nearby trees. The mist did eventually clear or at least thin and from the tower we spied Capped Heron, Ringed Kingfisher and Rufous-tailed Jacamar. After breakfast resident guide Adulei met us, to walk down to the reserve centre and out and around the wetland. Just as we were about to leave, two Toco Toucans flew in and perched nicely for us. Down by the REGUA office we saw Rufous-breasted Hermit, White-chinned Sapphire, a Savanna Hawk sailed over, so too

Yellow-headed Caracara, Southern Rough-winged Swallows and White-collared Swifts zipped past and a Ferruginous Pygmy Owl appeared in response to Adulei's mimicry.

Progress along the path to the wetland was slow, as there was much to see. From just one spot we saw Boat-billed Flycatcher, Smooth-billed Ani, Slaty-breasted Wood rail, Yellow-chinned Spinetail, Band-tailed Hornero, Brazilian Tanager, Common Waxbill, fleeting views of a Blond-crested Woodpecker, a White-bellied Seedeater plus, what at first was thought to be a Double-collared Seedeater, Adulei later determined was actually a White-throated Seedeater, an endemic and a REGUA first! Further along the path we saw Anhinga, Roadside Hawk, Social Flycatcher, Silvery-flanked Antwren, White-tipped Dove, noisy Red-rumped Caciques and Turkey Vultures waffing about on the developing thermals. Adulei had recently seen Masked Duck, a bird which has been absent from REGUA for some time but had since returned. We went to look for it but to no avail, but in so doing saw Brazilian Teal, Chestnut-capped Blackbird, Greater Ani and Purple Gallinule. Moving around the wetland a little further, Adulei found us a Brown-throated Three-toed Sloth, eventually seen by everyone, with no panic, as it wasn't going anywhere fast! Meanwhile motionless, floating log lookalike Broad-snouted Caiman watched us menacingly from the lake. Also seen here were both Amazon and Ringed Kingfishers, Black-bellied Whistling Duck, Lemon-chested Greenlet, Squirrel Cuckoo, White-barred Piculet and a female White-bearded Manakin.

We returned to the lodge for lunch after which, with the thermometer showing mid-thirties, we took some downtime in the hope that it would cool later in the afternoon, but it didn't. Some opted to rest, others to sit and watch the birds in the garden or from the tower. Eventually we headed back out, a short drive offsite to Boasorte, to an area of open country and pastureland. One very magical bird was our ultimate quest later, towards dusk, but in the meantime we checked fields and scattered trees and came up with a pair of very vocal Streamer-tailed Tyrants displaying on a telephone wire, Guira Cuckoo, Rufous Hornero, Southern Lapwing, a somewhat out of context Rufescent Tiger Heron, Savanna Hawk, Ruddy Ground Dove, a fly-by flock of 18 White-eyed Parakeets, Green-headed, Burnished-buff and Hooded Tanagers, Piratic Flycatcher, Pale-bellied Thrush and Chestnut-vented Conebill. At another spot we found both Boat-billed and Streaked Flycatchers, Brown-chested Martin, Rufous-fronted Thornbird, Chalk-browed Mockingbird, Yellow-bellied Elaenia, Limpkin, American Kestrel and Wedge-tailed Grassfinch. Adulei managed to coax into view a Blackish Rail but Ash-throated Crake, whilst heard, remained hidden. A Striped Cuckoo taunted us too, heard out there somewhere but we couldn't pin it down. Two Burrowing Owls watched us curiously from a field terrace above.

As the grey-dark descended, it was time for the main event, a chance to see Giant Snipe, which as the name implies is the largest snipe in the world, an absolute whopper. I've experienced this with Adulei many times and it never fails to impress me, let alone you folk for the first time, I'm sure, as he deftly pinpoints in the half-light, a bird eerily calling from cover, holds it, mesmerised in the beam of his torch and then beckons us quietly in behind him to look over his shoulder. And there it was, a full-bird view. So often it can be just head and neck poking up above the grass and sedges but this time it was from top to tail, legs an' all, fabulous views. How wonderful was that, eh? And not wavering for a moment from his focus on showing us the snipe Adulei casually announced an American Barn Owl as it wafted passed us, so too Parakee. We started to head back to the lodge, ready for a celebratory pre-dinner caipirinha sundowner, but the evening was not over just yet. Speculatively, we stopped to listen for any owls that might care to hoot for us. No sooner had we stopped, stood in silence and listened when Tawny-browed Owl piped up. Not one but two, counter-calling to each other and eventually they flew back and forth over our heads deftly tracked by Adulei in his torch beam. Not content with that, he then prompted a Striped Owl to call to us, it too then picked up with the lamp. So, Ferruginous Pygmy, Burrowing, American Barn, Tawny-browed and Striped – five owl species in a day was pretty amazing and with yesterday's Tropical Screech Owl, six owls on a tour all the more so.

### **Day 3. Sunday October 13th**

With no mist today we began by walking across to the tower to marvel at the simply awesome vista before us, looking across the wetland, up the forest-clad slopes to the sheer, bare rock faces of the Serra dos Orgaos mountain ridge that forms the stunning backdrop to REGUA. After breakfast we set off across pastureland in the truck, heading for the forested Green Trail. In fields we saw Fork-tailed Flycatcher, Guira Cuckoo, Burrowing Owl and Southern Crested Caracara. At the trailhead we disembarked and began a slow walk through the forest, rich in birds. First up were Grey-hooded Attila, Flame-crested Tanager, Whiskered Myiobius and White-bearded Manakin. We then lucked upon a busy mixed flock in the canopy above us and we were able to pick out a female Blue Manakin, Blue Dacnis, Streaked Xenops, Red-eyed Vireo, White-bellied, Yellow-backed, Burnished-buff and Green-headed Tanagers, Black-capped Becard, Eye-ringed Tody-Tyrant, Lesser, Olivaceous and Plain-winged Woodcreepers, Greyish Mourner, Chestnut-bellied Euphonia, Red-crowned Ant Tanager, Spot-billed Toucanet, Black-capped and Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaners and Yellow-throated Woodpecker. Just so many birds. Aligning the telescope on a Reddish Hermit perched several layers in of thick forest understory proved tricky, but we got there.



Eventually the mixed flock moved through and away, which was actually a relief from all the neck-craning, so we proceeded a little further along the trail and at more comfortable eye or ground level we found White-necked Thrush, Surucua Trogon, White-throated Spadebill, Grey-hooded Flycatcher, that superb Black-cheeked Gnateater and eventually that tricky Southern Antpipit, walking on the forest floor leaf litter. It was very hot and humid by now, so some started to retrace our steps back to the truck, others went a little further with Adulei and were rewarded with seeing the bird with three names – Elegant Mourner, Shrike-like Cotinga or Brazilian Laniisoma. We had lunch back at the lodge and then later in the afternoon we ventured down to the wetland, stopping first for those two ridiculously close, perched, Violet-capped Woodnymph and Rufous-tailed Jacamar. We went to the hide first, but being made of concrete to thwart termites, in the heat it made for something of a tandoori oven so we didn't stay long. In the wetland we found Great, Western Cattle and Snowy Egrets, ("egrets, we had a few, but then again....."), Rufescent Tiger Heron, Striated, Capped and Cocoi Herons, Purple Gallinule, Brazilian Teal, Anhinga, Green Kingfisher, Short-crested Flycatcher and Yellow-chinned Spinetail.

#### Day 4. Monday October 14th

We ventured offsite today, with guide Igor, to the relic dry forest areas of Sumidouro near the town of Carmo. It's quite a drive to get there so we made an early start and stopped for breakfast on the road at a service station café. Whilst it is quite a way to go it gives the chance to see some dry forest species that we would not see elsewhere on the tour. *En route*, we made a few stops. During a quick loo stop at Guapimirim we picked out Sick's Swift and White-rumped and Blue-and-white Swallows. Later, a road toll stop proved to be very productive. In little more than half an hour we found Rufous-bellied Thrush, Burnished-buff and Ruby-crowned Tanagers, Giant Cowbird, Yellow-browed Tyrant, Campo Flicker, Green-barred Woodpecker, Green-backed Becard, Bran-coloured Flycatcher, Orange-eyed Thornbird, Black-crowned Night Heron and the humble House Sparrow. Later still, nearer to Carmo we paused briefly in a lay-by to look at Crested Black Tyrant, a male Swallow Tanager and White-tailed Hawk. Just outside Carmo itself we stopped to enjoy six Plumbeous Kites wheeling around overhead along with Sharp-shinned Hawk.

Eventually we arrived at the gated track above Carmo town and started to slowly walk, looking for birds. It was already very hot and being a more open forest type and so quite exposed, driver Alceni edged along behind us at a discreet distance so we had ready access to the shade of the vehicle and water top-ups should we need it. One of the key birds to see on this excursion is the very rare, localised and endemic Three-toed Jacamar. Though rare, it must be one of the most easily seen of very rare birds. It is usually the first bird seen on arrival here, as soon as we get out of the vehicle, but we had to wait, for all of ten minutes. It was pipped as first bird by the endemic Serra Antwren. We saw a pair, the handsome male particularly well. Next, we found Hangnest Tody-Tyrant, Short-crested Flycatcher, Chestnut-vented Conebill and Grey-eyed Greenlet. Eventually though, the jacamar was found, the first of at least seven we would see in total this day. Though it's outwardly somewhat drab appearance I feel only adds to the sadness of seeing this very rare and range-limited bird, when seen well in good light and through a telescope it's drab brown plumage actually has a wash of subtle emerald green iridescence, plus those fine yellow feathers around its face make it a gem of a bird.

On walking further we found Sapphire-spangled Emerald, Curl-crested Jay, Swainson's and Boat-billed Flycatchers, Hooded and Swallow Tanagers, White-barred Piculet and a pair of Surucua Trogons. We found a shady spot and stopped for our picnic lunch during which we saw Scaled Woodcreeper, Ferruginous Antbird, Red-eyed Vireo, Grey-hooded and Sepia-capped Flycatchers, Yellow-bellied Elaenia and a fleeting glimpse of Crescent-chested Puffbird.

After lunch, we back-peddled to Carmo town and took another road through more open country, through farmland and did some stop-start birding. At one very productive spot we found both Streaked and Swainson's Flycatchers, Bananaquit, Sapphire-spangled Emerald, Burnished-buff Tanager, Blue Dacnis, House Wren, Sepia-capped Flycatcher, White-eyed Parakeet and Guira Cuckoo whilst Striped Cuckoo was only heard. A key bird we hoped to see here was the incandescent, day-glow orange, Campo Troupial. It was a likely spot as they parasitize Rufous-fronted Thornbirds of which there were several nests here. We looked hard, to no avail at first but then driver Alceni, for whom finding this bird, if no other for people, is almost a badge of honour, delivered. How chuffed was he to find it for us, with his big beaming smile. We made one more stop a little further along the road and here found two lovely White Woodpeckers, Cattle Tyrant, Blackish Rail, Yellow-chinned Spinetail and finally, another key target species - White-eared Puffbird, a pair that perched obligingly close on a roadside wire, our last bird of the day as it was time now to head for home.

#### Day 5. Tuesday October 15th

At very first light today, two Rusty-margined Guans visited the bird table for bananas which was a nice start. After breakfast we set off with Igor to the Waldenoor Trail, part of the REGUA property but about a 20-minute drive in the truck, out through nearby Matumbo village, then back into the forest again. At the trailhead we spent the first half an hour just stood around as various birds hove into view. They included Streak-capped Antwren,

Yellow-olive Flycatcher, Rufous-bellied Thrush, Burnished-buff, Palm and Sayaca Tanagers, Black-capped Becard and Planalto Tyrannulet, while lots of White-collared Swifts belted passed.

Setting off, we walked slowly up the track but progress was slow as we continuously encountered birds along the way. We saw Silvery-flanked Antwren, White-bellied Tanager, Sepia-capped Flycatcher, Red-eyed Vireo, White-barred Piculet and Yellow-eared Woodpecker. A Double-toothed Kite flew over us and in the distance a Black-and-white Hawk-Eagle was seen. Further along we were surprised to find a pair of Crested Becards nesting right next to a huge and active wasp nest. Here too we saw Maroon-bellied Parakeet, Yellow-rumped Tanager, Yellow-green Grosbeak, two lovely male Blue Manakins, an Orange-bellied Euphonia was fleetingly glimpsed and a Blond-crested Woodpecker darted back and forth above our heads eventually landing to give good views. What a *stotter!* We had bumped into Adulei as we drove through Matumbo village and he'd given us a tip-off about a nesting Long-tailed Potoo, near the pile of sticks, he'd said. Well, we checked any and every pile of sticks that we passed along the trail to no avail at first, but then Igor found it. An adult brooding a chick atop its precarious tree stump nest, looking like it could barely hang on. In the 'scope we could marvel at the intricately cryptic plumage details and see the wee eyelid slit that enables the potoo to see us as it pretends to be a lump of dead wood. What a superb bird!

Walking a little further we saw Boat-billed Flycatcher, Pale-breasted Thrush, Lesser, Olivaceous and White-throated Woodcreepers, Uniform Antwren, Spot-billed Toucanet, Ochre-bellied Flycatcher, Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner, Spot-breasted Antvireo, White-winged Becard, Red-crowned Ant Tanager and watched a Rufous-capped Motmot eating a mouse!!!! On that note, we headed back to the lodge for lunch. Later in the afternoon we ventured down to the wetland, to try again to see Masked Duck, and this time we did, three fine males along with Brazilian Teal, Muscovy Duck, Capped Heron, Rufescent Tiger Heron and Black-crowned Night Heron. Plus we picked out Snowy Egret amongst the nesting colony of Western Cattle Egrets. And then a fine end to the day was provided by lekking male White-bearded Manakins. We had only seen females up to now.

#### **Day 6. Wednesday October 16th**

We were to be offsite again today with Igor, heading to the coast at Saquerema, his home patch. Raquel joined us too. We left early and had breakfast at Saquerema in a café across from a lagoon. Here we sifted out a few waders including Ruddy Turnstone, Semipalmated Plover, Semipalmated Sandpiper, Sanderling and American Oystercatcher. There were gulls and terns here too, including Royal, Cabot's and Yellow-billed Terns plus a lone Common Tern and Kelp Gulls. Also here were Cocoi Heron, Blue-and-white Swallows and Greater Kiskadees wading up to their *oxters* in the sea, which was weird.

We drove to an area of mangrove where we found, Bicoloured Conebill, Spotted Sandpiper, Mouse-coloured Tyrannulet, Great Egret and Chalk-browed Mockingbird. On a little further and at a roadside pool we found, Brazilian Teal, White-faced Whistling Ducks and a family of Least Grebes – an adult pair and five grebelets. Igor knew his patch and took us next to an area of wet pastureland where we saw lots of birds. Best amongst them were our only Whistling Herons of the tour, three of them, in full breeding plumage, wearing their colourful, full face make-up, Yellowish Pipit, Campo Flicker, Cattle Tyrant, those wonderful White-browed Blackbirds sporting their crimson tunics and the totally unexpected Maguari Stork and a dark morph Long-winged Harrier, obligingly flushed from its perch by a Savanna Hawk giving us chance to see it in flight and watch it give chase to the hawk. Next we moved on to Lagoa Vermelha, an area of coastal restinga scrub, where our hoped-for bird was Restinga Antwren. After a short walk along a soft, quiet, sandy track we found the antwren, a fine pair, possibly a second female too. Here too was Tropical Mockingbird, also unexpected.

Our last stop of the day was a saltpan complex at Praia Seca. Crikey, it was hot here and hazy too but nevertheless we managed to pick out Hudsonian Godwit, White-backed Stilt, Little Blue Heron and Roseate Spoonbill. Our last bird of the day was White-cheeked Pintail. Time now to head for home, in time for caipirinhas, then dinner and bed. It had been a long day.

#### **Day 7. Thursday October 17th**

Early doors, the Rusty-margined Guans were on the bird table and just before we set off today there was an Orange-winged Amazon in the lodge garden. Today we headed offsite, to Macae de Cima, for the chance to seek some species of higher elevation forest, conveniently accessed by a hill track using the truck. Alceni drove us in the minibus and the truck followed, to be used for the drive to the top, to what's known as David Miller's house, a remote cottage in such a lovely spot, surrounded by forest. However before that, we made several stops on the way up the road. At one such, we heard the loud, strident, anvil-striking metallic "*bonk*" call of Bare-throated Bellbird and soon picked out one of these dazzling whiter-than-white, beautiful cotingas. What a bird, or what? Crested Oropendolas flew passed us as Adulei sifted out birds from dense cover using his incredible ears to pick up on numerous species simultaneously. Among those seen here were; White-throated Hummingbird, Golden-chevroned and Black-goggled Tanagers, Spix's, Rufous-capped and Pallid Spinetails, Ochre-faced

Tody-Flycatcher, Rufous-browed Peppershrike, White-shouldered Fire-eye, Golden-crowned Warbler and Grey-capped, Mottle-cheeked and Planalto Tyrannulets. Birds came thick & fast. The next flurry included Rufous Gnatcatcher, Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner, Yellow-olive Flycatcher, Chestnut-bellied Euphonia, Brassy-breasted Tanager, Rufous-crowned Greenlet, White-rimmed Warbler, a female Pin-tailed Manakin, Chestnut-headed Tanager and that superb Green-crowned Plovercrest.

We rode the truck to the top, spread ourselves around the garden and soaked up the atmosphere of the place in lovely warm sunshine. We charged the feeders with sugar solution and before too long hummingbirds began to arrive including Brazilian Ruby, White-throated Hummingbird and Plovercrest. We could hear the ringing, tuning fork-like notes of Black-and-gold Cotinga and eventually tracked down the songster, quite a ways away up the forested slope but a decent enough view in the 'scope. Birds came and went, to and from garden trees including Shear-tailed Grey Tyrant, Azure-shouldered and Brassy-breasted Tanagers, Plumbeous Pigeon, Yellow-legged Thrush, Sharpbill, Thick-billed Saltator, Yellow-browed Woodpecker, Hooded Berryeater, Blue-billed Black Tyrant, Surucua Trogon, Scaled Woodcreeper, both Sharp-billed and Pale-browed Treehunters, Rough-legged Tyrannulet and the humble Rufous-collared Sparrow. Just so, so many birds.

We had lunch, leisurely in such a wonderful spot but eventually, reluctant to leave we began to walk slowly back down the track followed by Luan and the truck, seeing many birds along the way. These included White-collared Foliage-gleaner, Bertoni's Antbird, Star-throated Antwren, Sepia-capped Flycatcher, Drab-breasted Bamboo Tyrant, Hooded Siskin, a White-tailed Hawk sailed over and Rufous-tailed Antthrush was heard calling from the forest depths. We opted to ride in the truck a little way down with the minibus following behind and made one last stop. The best bird seen here was that wonderful Large-tailed Antshrike with its dark blue-black plumage peppered with white spots, looking like a starry night sky or the patterning of a whale shark. But here too were Highland Elaenia, Glittering-bellied Emerald, Streaked, Variegated and Bran-coloured Flycatchers, Creamy-bellied, Rufous-bellied and Pale-breasted Thrushes, Double-collared Seedeater, and Planalto Tyrannulet.

#### **Day 8. Friday October 18th**

We breakfasted early and then headed out, off-site again today this time heading to Pico da Caledonia, another area of higher elevation forest. We passed through the bizarre town of Nova Friburgo aka *Knickerville* for reasons that were very clear to see. On arrival at Pico da Caledonia we transferred to the truck that with Luan driving had followed us and we headed part-way up the mountain along the Sao Bernardo trail. Our first stop was for what must surely be one of, if not **the** Bird of the Trip, the exquisite Swallow-tailed Cotinga, arguably the most beautiful bird in the world. It took a wee while to fine one but we then eventually found three. Far, far too good to rush we then lingered for a good while to enjoy these wonderful birds and saw much more besides in so doing, including Olivaceous Elaenia, Golden-chevroned and Ruby-crowned Tanagers plus a fleeting glimpse by some of Fawn-breasted Tanager, Southern Beardless Tyrannulet and Variegated Flycatcher.

After a while we eventually set off to walk a section of the trail with Adulei whilst Luan followed us with the truck. Along here we found more birds, amongst them Planalto Woodcreeper, Dusky-tailed Antbird, Rufous-browed Peppershrike, Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner, Green-crowned Plovercrest, Planalto Tyrannulet, Rufous-fronted Thornbird, Variable Antshrike, Yellow-legged Thrush, White-rimmed Warbler and Squirrel Cuckoo. In an open area with views we had our lunch during which and shortly after we saw Rufous-capped Antshrike, Hooded Siskin, Cinnamon Tanager, Surucua Trogon, Sharp-billed Treehunter and Creamy-bellied Thrush. Rufous-tailed Antthrush could be heard calling from afar whilst Black-and-gold Cotinga sang nearby and a Diademed Tanager was heard going over but not seen, bah! Walking further along the trail we then found Blue Dacnis and Blue Manakin, Buff-browed Foliage-gleaner, White-crested Tyrannulet and Velvety Black Tyrant. Eventually it was time to retrace our steps and on the return leg we saw Burnished-buff Tanager, Rusty-margined Flycatcher, Serra do Mar Tyrant-Manakin and enjoyed the Swallow-tailed Cotingas again - can't get enough of those beauties. When we got back to meet with Alceni there were two Dusky-legged Guans right by the vehicle and then at one final stop before heading back to REGUA we saw the endemic Half-collared Sparrow. A nice bird to finish on.

#### **Day 9. Saturday October 19th**

Our last day at REGUA. After breakfast we set off in the truck to drive up the Casa Anibal trail and walk back down with Adulei while Luan followed us down in the truck. Birds came thick and fast. First up were Eye-ringed Tody-Tyrant, Spot-billed Toucanet, Scaly-headed Parrot flew over calling and four of the endemic White-necked Hawks circled above us. We then came across a very busy mixed flock of canopy birds which included Ochre-bellied Flycatcher, Rufous-winged, Silvery-flanked and Streak-capped Antwrens both Plain-winged and Lesser Woodcreepers, White-barred Piculet, White-chinned Sapphire, Red-legged Honeycreeper, Squirrel Cuckoo, Blue Manakin, Plain Xenops and Saw-billed Hummingbird. Phew!

Walking further on Adulei mimicked Ferruginous Pygmy Owl and lo, one came in in response along with a host

of other birds to mock & mob it. Amongst this lot were Sepia-capped Flycatcher, Eye-ringed Tody-Tyrant, Yellow-backed, Flame-crested and Palm Tanagers, Blue Dacnis, Olivaceous Woodcreeper, Southern Beardless Tyrannulet, Chestnut-vented Conebill and three hummingbirds - Reddish Hermit, White-chinned sapphire **and** Frilled Coquet, two fine males which once they had calmed down, perched and gave us a chance to 'scope them. Lovely. A little further on we stopped when we heard lekking Blue Manakins and eventually located them and were even able to 'scope them deep into the understory and watch them hopping about, jumping over each other in a courtship frenzy to impress any a female onlooker.

Almost back at the bottom of the trail we saw a pair of Crescent-chested Puffbirds, White-winged Becard, Whiskered Myiobius, both Green-headed and Brassy-breasted Tanagers and a pair of Blue Ground Doves, our last new bird of the tour. It had been a busy, bird-packed morning. It was now time though to head back to the lodge for lunch, to then pack, relax and enjoy our last few hours at the lodge before preparing for our later afternoon departure. At 4pm we said our fond farewells to Adulei, Luan and the lodge staff. The ever-smiling Alcení then arrived to whisk us off back to Rio and we were there in good time, saw lots of Magnificent Frigatebirds along the way and could see Sugar Loaf Mountain and the statue of *Christ the Redeemer* way off in the distance.

### Day 10. Sunday October 20th

We arrived back in Blighty just after lunch, collected our bags, said our fond farewells and went our separate ways. I'd like to thank you all for coming along and sharing the REGUA experience and the fantastic birding that is the Atlantic Rainforest.

Richard W. Thaxton, October 2019.

### ANNOTATED LIST OF BIRDS RECORDED

(Total of 303 species recorded by the group. **En** = Brazilian endemic)

#### Key to places

RL - REGUA Lodge	Sum. - Sumidouro/Carmo
RW - REGUA Wetlands	PdC - Pica do Caledonia
Boa. - Boasorte (Giant Snipe site)	WT - Waldenoor Trail
MdC - Macae de Cima	CAT - Casa Anibal Trail
GT - Green Trail	Saq. - Saquerema (coast)

#### White-faced Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna viduata*

10+ seen at REGUA wetland (RW) on 8/10 and then a total of 30+ during our day at the coast at Saquerema (Saq.), various sites, 16/10.

#### Black-bellied Whistling-duck *Dendrocygna autumnalis*

Between 6-10 seen on our visits to RW during the week.

#### Muscovy Duck *Cairina moschata*

Seen on four dates, as fly-bys down at RW or from the lodge tower.

#### Brazilian Teal *Amazonetta brasiliensis*

A pair seen on 12-13/10 at RW and then 10+ in total on our day at the coast, Saq. at various sites, 16/10.

#### White-cheeked Pintail *Anas bahamensis*

Two, at the saltpans at Saq. on 16/10.

#### Masked Duck *Nomonyx dominicus*

Absent from RW in recent years, now back. Three males on 15/10. A female, Saq. on 16/10.

#### Rusty-margined Guan *Penelope superciliaris*

Two seen twice most days in the early morning and again in the evening, REGUA lodge gardens.

#### Dusky-legged Guan *Penelope obscura*

Three at Pica do Caledonia (PdC) on 18/10.

#### Least Grebe *Tachybaptus dominicus*

Two adults and five young on a small roadside pond, Saq. 16/10.

#### Maguari Stork *Ciconia maguari*

Unexpected. One in a wet pasture, Saq. 16/10.

#### Roseate Spoonbill *Platalea ajaja*

One at the saltpans visited, Saq. 16/10.

#### Rufescent Tiger Heron *Tigrisoma lineatum*

One seen on each visit to RW.

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

Two, at the road toll *en route* to Sumidouro (Sum.) on 14/10, two RW on 15/10 and two Saq. on 16/10.

**Striated Heron *Butorides striata***

Two on 13/10 and one on 15/10, RW.

**Western Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis***

Common, seen daily at RW and as drive-by birds in fields everywhere we went.

**Cocoi Heron *Ardea cocoi***

Just one seen at RW on 13/10 and one Saq. on 16/10.

**Great Egret *Ardea alba***

1-2 seen RW on 12-13/10 and then 1-2 as drive-by birds seen during the week *en route* to other sites.

**Capped Heron *Pilherodius pileatus***

1-2 seen on three dates at RW.

**Whistling Heron *Syrigma sibilatrix***

Three, in wet pasture, Saq. 16/10.

**Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerulea***

One at the saltpans, Saq. on 16/10 and one drive-by bird as approached Rio on 19/10.

**Snowy Egret *Egretta thula***

1-2 with Western Cattle Egrets at RW on three dates. One at Saq. 16/10.

**Magnificent Frigatebird *Fregata magnificens***

Many seen at Saq. on 16/10.. Many more seen as we approached in Rio, 19/10.

**Neotropic Cormorant *Phalacrocorax brasilianus***

Seen on five dates, RW with a max. 10+

**Anhinga *Anhinga anhinga***

1-2 seen on three dates at RW / from R lodge tower.

**Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura***

Low numbers seen daily at RL and wherever we went off-site.

**Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus***

Ubiquitous, seen daily.

**Black Hawk-Eagle *Spizaetus tyrannus***

One heard and glimpsed briefly, Casa Anibal trail (CAT) on 19/10.

**Black-and-white Hawk-Eagle *Spizastur melanoleucus***

One, Waldenoor Trail (WT), 15/10.

**Double-toothed Kite *Harpagus bidentatus***

One, WT on 15/10.

**Rufous-thighed Kite *Harpagus dioden***

One, RW on 12/10.

**Sharp-shinned Hawk *Accipiter striatus***

One, Sum. 14/10.

**Rufous-thighed Hawk *Accipiter erythronemius***

One, PdC on 18/10.

**Long-winged Harrier *Circus buffoni***

A dark morph bird, in wet pasture at Saq. 16/10, seen chasing a Savanna Hawk.

**Plumbeous Kite *Ictinia plumbea***

Six, at Sum. on 16/10.

**Savanna Hawk *Buteogallus meridionalis***

Seen on four dates, at REGUA on 12/10 and 15/10, at Sum. on 14/10 and Saq. on 16/10.

**White-necked Hawk *Buteogallus lacernulatus* En.**

Three circling above us on CAT, 19/10.

**Roadside Hawk *Buteo magnirostris***

Seen on three dates; at REGUA on 12/10 and 13/10 and Sum. on 14/10.

**White-tailed Hawk *Geranoaetus albicaudatus***

Two, *en route* to Sum. on 14/10 and one MdC on 17/10.

**Short-tailed Hawk *Buteo brachyurus***

One, PdC on 18/10.

**Grey-necked Wood Rail *Aramides cajaneus***

Heard every morning at RL.

**Slaty-breasted Wood Rail *Aramides saracura***

One, RW on 12/10.

**Ash-throated Crane *Porzana albicollis***

Heard only at Boasorte (Boa.) when Giant Sniping on 12/10.

**Blackish Rail *Pardirallus nigricans***

One showed well, Boa. 12/10 and one glimpsed at Sum. on 14/10.



- Purple Gallinule** *Porphyrio martinica*  
1-2 seen at RW each time we visited.
- Common Gallinule** *Gallinula galeata*  
Many, RW all week.
- Limpkin** *Aramus guarauna*  
Just one, seen briefly, RW on 12/10.
- American Oystercatcher** *Haematopus palliatus*  
Two, Saq. on 16/10.
- White-backed Stilt** *Himantopus melanurus*  
10+ at the salt pans, Saq. on 16/10.
- Southern Lapwing** *Vanellus chilensis*  
Seen daily, REGUA and in any open fields / roadsides when offsite.
- Semipalmated Plover** *Charadrius semipalmatus*  
One, among sanderling, Saq. on 16/10.
- Wattled Jacana** *Jacana jacana*  
Several, at RW all week, other roadside/ditch birds seen *en route* to other sites.
- Hudsonian Godwit** *Limosa haemastica*  
One, salt pans at Saq. on 16/10.
- Ruddy Turnstone** *Arenaria interpres*  
One, with sanderling, Saq. 16/10.
- Sanderling** *Calidris alba*  
10+, Saq. on 16/10.
- Semipalmated Sandpiper** *Calidris pusilla*  
One, with sanderling, Saq. 16/10.
- Giant Snipe** *Gallinago undulata*  
Cracking full-bird views (often it's just head & neck) of one, expertly found for us by Adulei, Boa. 12/10.
- Spotted Sandpiper** *Actitis macularius*  
6+ in total, at two sites at Saq. on 16/10.
- Kelp Gull** *Larus dominicanus*  
25+ at Saq. on 16/10.
- Royal Tern** *Thalasseus maximus*  
15+ at Saq. on 16/10.
- Cabot's Tern** *Thalasseus acuflavidus*  
20+ at Saq. on 16/10.
- Yellow-billed Tern** *Sternula superciliaris*  
3-4 at Saq. 16/10.
- Common Tern** *Sterna hirundo*  
One, Saq. 16/10.
- Feral Rock Dove** *Columba livia*  
A few seen *en route* through towns.
- Picazuro Pigeon** *Patagioenas picazuro*  
Common, fly-by birds throughout the week.
- Plumbeous Pigeon** *Patagioenas plumbea*  
6+ fly-by birds at MdC on 17/10.
- Ruddy Ground Dove** *Columbina talpacoti*  
Common and widespread, seen on each off-site day.
- Blue Ground Dove** *Claravis pretiosa*  
A pair, at the bottom of CAT, 19/10.
- White-tipped Dove** *Leptotila verreauxi*  
Heard all week, and a few fly-bys seen.
- Guira Cuckoo** *Guira guira*  
Seen on five dates, at/near R but as drive-by birds too on excursions.
- Greater Ani** *Crotophaga major*  
Small groups on all visits to RW.
- Smooth-billed Ani** *Crotophaga ani*  
Seen daily, at various places visited throughout the week.
- Striped Cuckoo** *Tapera naevia*  
One at Boa. on 12/10, one heard Green Trail (GT) on 13/10 and one heard at Sum. on 14/10.
- Squirrel Cuckoo** *Piaya cayana*  
One, RW on 12/10, one PdC on 18/10 and one CAT on 19/10.
- American Barn Owl** *Tyto furcata*  
One whilst Giant Snipe-ing, Boa. 12/10.

**Tropical Screech Owl *Megascops choliba***

First bird of the tour, on a fence post as we arrived at REGUA, 11/10.

**Tawny-browed Owl *Pulsatrix koeniswaldiana***

Two, at first just heard then seen in the spotlight and flying back and forth over our heads, Boa. 12/10.

**Ferruginous Pygmy Owl *Glaucidium brasilianum***

Heard every night/early morning from our rooms at the lodge. One seen by the REGUA office, 12/10 and two seen on CAT 19/10.

**Burrowing Owl *Athene cunicularia***

Two, Boa. 12/10, two as we crossed the pastureland *en route* to GT on 13/10 and one in the front garden of a house, Saq. 16/10.

**Striped Owl *Pseudoscops clamator***

One spotlighted at the same spot as Tawny-browed Owl, Boa. 12/10.

**Long-tailed Potoo *Nyctibius aethereus***

One with chick, atop its stump nest, WT on 15/10.

**Common Potoo *Nyctibius griseus***

Heard only, on our first night at RL, 11/10.

**Pauraque *Nyctidromus albicollis***

Heard on our first night at RL, 11/10 and one seen whilst Giant Snipe-ing, Boa. 12/10.

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

Seen on four dates at RL/RW.

**Grey-rumped Swift *Chaetura cinereiventris***

A few seen from RL, 13/10, others at WT on 15/10, others CAT on 19/10.

**Sick's Swift *Chaetura meridionalis***

Some at a garage stop at Guapimirim, *en route* to Sum. 14/10.

**Saw-billed Hermit *Ramphodon naevius* En.**

One, CAT on 19/10.

**Rufous-breasted Hermit *Glaucis hirsutus***

One down by REGUA office, 12/10 and one WT on 15/10.

**Reddish Hermit *Phaethornis ruber***

One, 'scoped perched on GT, 13/10 and one CAT on 19/10.

**Swallow-tailed Hummingbird *Eupetomena macroura***

Seen daily, at RL feeders, always spoiling for a fight with other hummers.

**Black Jacobin *Melanotrochilus fuscus***

Seen daily at the RL feeders, the Swallow-tailed's whipping boy.

**Green-crowned Plovercrest *Stephanoxis lalandi***

Two on the drive up to MdC and one at the top at David Miller's cottage, 17/10.

**Frilled Cocquet *Lophornis magnificus***

Two males, CAT on 19/10.

**Glittering-bellied Emerald *Chlorostilbon lucidus***

Two at MdC on 17/10 and two at PdC on 18/10.

**Violet-capped Woodnymph *Thalurania glaucopis***

1-2 seen on four dates; at RL on 13/10, WT on 15/10, MdC on 17/10 and at PdC on 18/10.

**White-chinned Sapphire *Hylocharis cyanus***

One at RL on 12/10 and one on CAT on 19/10.

**White-throated Hummingbird *Leucochloris albicollis***

2-3 seen at MdC on 17/10.

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

One, RL on 12/10.

**Sapphire-spangled Emerald *Amazilia lactea***

Three, Sum. on 14/10.

**Brazilian Ruby *Clytolaema rubricauda* En.**

Two, MdC on 17/10.

**Surucua Trogon *Trogon surrucura***

One on GT on 13/10, a pair at Sum. 14/10, a pair at MdC on 17/10 and a pair at PdC on 18/10.

**Green Kingfisher *Chloroceryle Americana***

Seen on four dates; RW on 13/10, at the road toll *en route* to Sum. on 14/10, RW again on 15/10 and at Saq. on 16/10.

**Amazon Kingfisher *Chloroceryle amazona***

Seen thrice, RW on 12/10 and again on 15/10 and on the coast at Saq. 16/10.

**Ringed Kingfisher *Ceryle torquatus***

Seen on four dates; RW on 12/10, 13/10 and 15/10 and on the coast at Saq. on 16/10.

**Rufous-capped Motmot *Baryphthengus ruficapillus***

Heard all week, at night / dawn from our lodge rooms. One seen eating a mouse, WT on 15/10, one at PdC on 18/10 and one on CAT, 19/10.

**Three-toed Jacamar** *Jacamaralcyon tridactyla* **En.**

At least seven of these rare, threatened and restricted-range birds, at Sum. on 14/10.

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

Two, RL / RW 12/10, 6+ on GT on 13/10, two on WT on 15/10.

**White-eared Puffbird** *Nystalus chacuru*

An obliging pair at Sum, 14/10.

**Crescent-chested Puffbird** *Malacoptila striata*

Two, along the trail at Sum. on 14/10 but not seen well. Better was the 'scoped one on CAT on 19/10.

**Spot-billed Toucanet** *Selenidera maculirostris*

Two on GT on 13/10, one on WT on 15/10 and one at MdC on 17/10.

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

Two, RW on 12/10 and one WT on 15/10.

**Toco Toucan** *Ramphastos toco*

Two at RL on 12/10 and again on 15/10, and three on 18/10.

**White-barred Piculet** *Picumnus cirratus*

Seen on four dates; at RW on 12/10, at Sum. on 14/10, WT on 15/10 and CAT on 19/10.

**White Woodpecker** *Melanerpes candidus*

Two at Sum. on 14/10.

**Yellow-eared Woodpecker** *Veniliornis maculifrons* **En.**

One, WT on 15/10, one Saq. on 16/10.

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

Two on GT on 13/10.

**Yellow-browed Woodpecker** *Piculus aurulentus*

One, MdC on 17/10.

**Green-barred Woodpecker** *Colaptes melanochloros*

One on the horse paddock railings at the road toll, *en route* to Sum. on 14/10.

**Campo Flicker** *Colaptes campestris*

One, as above for Green-barred, 14/10 then on at Saq. 16/10.

**Blond-crested Woodpecker** *Celeus flavescens*

One in RL garden, 12/10 then one, WT on 15/10.

**Lineated Woodpecker** *Dryocopus lineatus*

Heard only, CAT on 19/10.

**Southern Crested Caracara** *Caracara plancus*

Seen daily at REGUA and elsewhere as drive-by birds on offsite excursions.

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

As above for Southern Crested.

**American Kestrel** *Falco sparverius*

One, Boa. 12/10.

**Scaly-headed Parrot** *Pionus maximiliani*

1-2 seen fleetingly flying above the canopy on CAT, 19/10.

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

Two, RL 17/10.

**Maroon-bellied Parakeet** *Pyrrhura frontalis*

8+ on WT on 15/10. 6+ 4+ at MdC on 17/10.

**White-eyed Parakeet** *Aratinga leucophthalma*

15+ over RL on 12/10, 10+ Sum. on 14/10.

**Band-tailed Hornero** *Furnarius figulus*

Two seen at RW on 12/10.

**Rufous Hornero** *Furnarius rufus*

Seen at Boa. On 12/10 and as a drive-by bird when on offsite excursions.

**Rufous-capped Spinetail** *Synallaxis ruficapilla*

Two, on the drive up to MdC on 17/10 and two at PdC on 18/10.

**Spix's Spinetail** *Synallaxis spixi*

Two on the drive up to MdC on 17/10 and one at PdC on 18/10.

**Pallid Spinetail** *Cranioleuca pallida* **En.**

One seen at MdC on 17/10.

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

Several seen on each of our visits to RW. Also seen at Sum. on 14/10 and at Saq. on 16/10.

**Rufous-fronted Thornbird** *Phacellodomus rufifrons*

Two, Boa. On 12/10 and two along the track at Sum, 14/10.

**Orange-eyed Thornbird** *Phacellodomus erythrophthalmus*

Two, at the road toll stop *en route* to Sum, 14/10.

**Buff-browed Foliage-gleaner** *Syndactyla rufosuperciliata*

Just one, PdC on 18/10.

**Black-capped Foliage-gleaner** *Philydor atricapillus*

One, GT on 13/10.

**Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner** *Philydor rufum*

One, along GT on 13/10, one along WT on 15/10 and one at PdC on 18/10.

**White-collared Foliage-gleaner** *Anabenops fuscus*

One at MdC on 17/10.

**Pale-browed Treehunter** *Cichlocolaptes leucophrus* **En.**

One, MdC on 17/10 and one at PdC on 18/10.

**Sharp-billed Treehunter** *Heliobletus contaminatus*

One, MdC on 17/10 and one at PdC on 18/10.

**Plain Xenops** *Xenops minutus*

One, CAT on 19/10.

**Streaked Xenops** *Xenops rutilans*

One along GT on 13/10.

**Plain-winged Woodcreeper** *Dendrocincla turdina*

One, along GT, 13/10 and one, CAT on 19/10.

**Olivaceous Woodcreeper** *Sittasomus griseicapillus*

Four dates; GT on 13/10, WT on 15/10, MdC on 17/10 and CAT on 19/10.

**White-throated Woodcreeper** *Xiphocolaptes albicollis*

One along WT 15/10.

**Planalto Woodcreeper** *Dendrocolaptes platyrostris*

One at PdC on 18/10.

**Lesser Woodcreeper** *Xiphorhynchus fuscus*

Two at Sum. on 14/10, one along WT on 15/10 and one along CAT on 19/10.

**Scaled Woodcreeper** *Lepidocolaptes squamatus*

Four dates; one at Sum. on 14/10 and one MdC on 17/10, one at PdC on 18/10 and two along CAT on 19/10.

**Silvery-flanked Antwren** *Myrmotherula lactuosa*

Four dates; two, RW on 12/10, two on GT, 13/10, one on WT on 15/10 and two on CAT, 19/10.

**Unicoloured Antwren** *Myrmotherula unicolor* **En.**

One, GT on 13/10, one along WT on 15/10.

**Streak-capped Antwren** *Terenura maculate*

One, WT on 15/10.

**Serra Antwren** *Formicivora serrane* **En.**

A pair, along the track at Sum. 14/10.

**Star-throated Antwren** *Rhopias gularis*

A pair, MdC on 17/10.

**Restinga Antwren** *Formicivora littoralis* **En.**

A pair in the restinga scrub, Saq. on 14/10.

**Rufous-winged Antwren** *Herpsilochmus rufimarginatus*

One along CAT on 19/10.

**Spot-breasted Antwren** *Dysithamnus stictothorax*

One, WT on 15/10.

**Chestnut-backed Antshrike** *Thamnophilus palliatus*

One, RW on 12/10 and one, heard only, WT on 15/10.

**Variable Antshrike** *Thamnophilus caerulescens*

One, PdC on 18/10.

**Rufous-capped Antshrike** *Thamnophilus ruficapillus*

One, PdC on 18/10.

**Large-tailed Antshrike** *Mackenziaena leachii*

The bird with the plumage pattern of a whale shark, or a starry, starry night sky - one MdC on 17/10.

**Ferruginous Antbird** *Drymophila ferruginea*

One at Sum. 14/10.

**Bertoni's Antbird** *Drymophila rubricollis*

One on the drive up to MdC on 17/10.

**Dusky-tailed Antbird** *Drymophila malura*

Two, PdC on 18/10.

**White-shouldered Fire-eye** *Pyriglena leucoptera*

Great views, eventually, of this skulker on the drive up to, MdC on 17/10.



- Rufous-tailed Antthrush** *Chamaeza ruficauda*  
 Heard only, PdC, 18/10.
- Rufous Gnatcatcher** *Conopophaga lineata*  
 One, on the drive up to MdC on 17/10.
- Black-cheeked Gnatcatcher** *Conopophaga melanops*  
 Fab views of one, along GT on 13/10.
- Planalto Tyrannulet** *Phyllomyias fasciatus*  
 One along WT on 15/10, two on the drive up to MdC on 17/10 and one at PdC on 18/10.
- Rough-legged Tyrannulet** *Phyllomyias burmeisteri*  
 One, MdC on 17/10.
- Grey-capped Tyrannulet** *Phyllomyias griseocapilla*  
 Two, MdC on 17/10.
- Yellow-bellied Elaenia** *Elaenia flavogaster*  
 Seen or heard on six dates, various locations.
- Olivaceous Elaenia** *Elaenia mesoleuca*  
 One, PdC on 18/10.
- Highland Elaenia** *Elaenia obscura*  
 Two, MdC, 17/10.
- Southern Beardless Tyrannulet** *Camptostoma obsoletum*  
 Two, PdC on 18/10 and one CAT on 19/10.
- White-crested Tyrannulet** *Serpophaga subcristata*  
 One on the road up to PdC on 18/10.
- Mouse-coloured Tyrannulet** *Phaeomyias murina*  
 One, Saq. on 16/10.
- Southern Antpiper** *Corythopis delalandi*  
 It was a struggle, but eventually seen, GT on 13/10.
- Mottled-cheeked Tyrannulet** *Phylloscartes ventralis*  
 One, on the drive up to MdC on 17/10.
- Ochre-bellied Flycatcher** *Mionectes oleagineus*  
 One, WT on 15/10.
- Grey-hooded Flycatcher** *Mionectes rufiventris*  
 One, on GT on 13/10 and one, CAT on 19/10.
- Sepia-capped Flycatcher** *Leptopogon amaurocephalus*  
 One, Saq. on 14/10, one at MdC on 17/10.
- Bran-coloured Flycatcher** *Myiophobus fasciatus*  
 One, at the road toll stop *en route* to Sum, 14/10 and one at MdC on 17/10.
- Drab-breasted Bamboo Tyrant** *Hemitriccus diops*  
 One, MdC on 17/10.
- Eye-ringed Tody-Tyrant** *Hemitriccus orbitatus* **En.**  
 One along GT on 13/10 and one along CAT, 19/10.
- Hangnest Tody-Tyrant** *Hemitriccus nidipendulus*  
 One along the track at Sum. 14/10.
- Ochre-faced Tody-Flycatcher** *Poecilatriccus plumbeiceps*  
 One, MdC on 17/10.
- Yellow-lored Tody-Flycatcher** *Todirostrum poliocephalum* **En.**  
 One, RW on 12/10.
- Yellow-olive Flatbill/Flycatcher** *Tolmomyias sulphureus*  
 One, WT on 15/10 and one at MdC on 17/10.
- White-throated Spadebill** *Platyrinchus mystaceus*  
 One, GT on 13/10.
- Cliff Flycatcher** *Hirundinea ferruginea*  
 One, WT on 15/10, one at the road toll *en route* to MdC on 17/10 and again on 18/10 *en route* to PdC.
- Blue-billed Black Tyrant** *Knipolegus cyanirostris*  
 A pair, MdC on 17/10.
- Crested Black Tyrant** *Knipolegus lophotes*  
 Two, roadside birds seen *en route* to/from Sum. 14/10.
- Velvety Black Tyrant** *Knipolegus nigerrimus*  
 One, PdC on 18/10.
- Yellow-browed Tyrant** *Satrapa icterophrys*  
 One, at the road toll stop *en route* to Sum. on 14/10.
- White-rumped Monjita** *Xolmis velata*  
 Not great views, but two, Sum. 14/10.

**Streamer-tailed Tyrant** *Gubernetes yetapa*

Two, Boa. on 12/10.

**Shear-tailed Grey Tyrant** *Muscipipra vetula*

Two, MdC on 17/10 and two at PdC on 18/10.

**Masked Water Tyrant** *Fluvicola nengeta*

Common, seen daily; RW, in the lodge gardens and pool-side, and others in roadside fields, in passing.

**White-headed Marsh Tyrant** *Arundinicola leucocephala*

2-3 seen on each visit to RW.

**Cattle Tyrant** *Machetornis rixosus*

One, Sum. on 14/10 and one, Saq. on 16/10.

**Piratic Flycatcher** *Legatus leucocephalus*

Two, Boa. on 12/10 and one WT on 15/10.

**Rusty-margined Flycatcher** *Myiozetetes cayanensis*

One, PdC on 18/10, as we watched those gorgeous Swallow-tailed Cotingas.

**Social Flycatcher** *Myiozetetes similis*

Common and widespread.

**Great Kiskadee** *Pitangus sulphuratus*

Common and widespread.

**Streaked Flycatcher** *Myiodynastes maculatus*

Four dates; one, RW on 12/10, one at Sum. on 14/10, one at MdC on 17/10 and at PdC on 18/10.

**Boat-billed Flycatcher** *Megarhynchus pitangua*

Two, RW on 12/10, two, WT on 15/10 and heard at PdC on 18/10.

**Variiegated Flycatcher** *Empidonomus varius*

One, MdC on 17/10 and two at PdC on 18/10.

**Tropical Kingbird** *Tyrannus melancholicus*

Common and widespread.

**Fork-tailed Flycatcher** *Tyrannus savana*

Three as we drove through pastureland *en route* to GT on 13/10 and three, Saq. 16/10.

**Grayish Mourner** *Rhytiperna simplex*

One along GT on 13/10.

**Swainson's Flycatcher** *Myiarchus swainsoni*

Two, Sum. on 14/10 and one at PdC on 18/10.

**Short-crested Flycatcher** *Myiarchus ferox*

Seen on three dates; RW on 12/10, on GT on 13/10 and at Sum. on 14/10.

**Grey-hooded Attila** *Attila rufus* **En.**

One, GT on 13/10 and one heard at MdC on 17/10.

**Swallow-tailed Cotinga** *Phibalura flavirostris*

At least three, maybe as many as five, PdC on 18/10. The BOT-bird surely?

**Hooded Berryeater** *Carpornis cucullata* **En.**

Several heard, and expertly mimicked by Adulei, then eventually one seen, MdC on 17/10.

**Bare-throated Bellbird** *Procnias nudicollis*

At least one, maybe two fine *Daz*-white males, on the road up to MdC, 17/10.

**Black-and-gold Cotinga** *Tijuca atra* **En.**

Distant views of a male, but then a closer female, MdC on 17/10. Their tuning fork-like ringing song heard at PdC on 18/10.

**Serra do Mar Tyrant-Manakin** *Neopelma chrysolophum*

One, PdC on 18/10.

**Blue Manakin** *Chiroxiphia caudata*

A female on GT on 13/10, then two males on WT on 15/10, heard at MdC on 17/10 and then three lekking males branch-hopping, CAT on 19/10.

**Pin-tailed Manakin** *Ilicura militaris* **En.**

A female, at MdC on 17/10.

**White-bearded Manakin** *Manacus manacus*

Seen on four dates, at first females but then great views of wing-snapping displaying males, RW on 15/10.

**Sharpbill** *Oxyruncus cristatus*

One, seen fleetingly, MdC, 17/10.

**Whiskered Myiobius** *Myiobius barbatus*

Two separate individuals, GT on 13/10 and one, CAT on 19/10.

**Brazilian Laniisoma** *Laniisoma elegans*

One, GT on 13/10.

**Green-backed Becard** *Pachyramphus viridis*

One, Sum. on 14/10.

**Chestnut-crowned Becard** *Pachyramphus castaneus*

One, Sum. on 14/10, two on WT on 15/10.

**White-winged Becard** *Pachyramphus polychopterus*

Two, WT on 15/10 and one CAT on 19/10.

**Black-capped Becard** *Pachyramphus marginatus*

One, GT on 13/10.

**Crested Becard** *Pachyramphus validus*

A pair, WT on 15/10.

**Rufous-browed Peppershrike** *Cyclarhis gujanensis*

One, MdC, 17/10 and one, PdC on 18/10.

**Red-eyed Vireo** *Vireo olivaceus chivi*

Three dates; one on GT on 13/10, one at Sum. on 14/10 and one, WT on 15/10.

**Rufous-crowned Greenlet** *Hylophilus poicilotis*

One, MdC on 17/10 and one, PdC on 18/10.

**Grey-eyed Greenlet** *Hylophilus amaurocephalus* **En**

One seen at Sum, 14/10.

**Lemon-chested Greenlet** *Hylophilus thoracicus*

Two, RW on 12/10.

**Curl-crested Jay** *Cyanocorax cristatellus*

Several as we passed through the pastureland *en route* to GT on 13/10, a few at Sum. 14/10, other at the coast at Saq. 16/10.

**White-rumped Swallow** *Tachycineta leucorrhoa*

A few about, various spots.

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

A few about, various spots.

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

As above.

**Blue-and-white Swallow** *Notiochelidon cyanoleuca*

Also, as above.

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

Also, as above, seen daily.

**House Wren** *Troglodytes aedon*

Seen or heard daily around RL and gardens.

**Tropical Mockingbird** *Mimus gilvus*

Somewhat unexpected, two, in the restinga scrub, Saq. on 16/10.

**Chalk-browed Mockingbird** *Mimus saturninus*

Noted daily, all locations.

**Yellow-legged Thrush** *Turdus flavipes*

Three seen at MdC on 17/10 and 2-3 at PdC on 18/10.

**Rufous-bellied Thrush** *Turdus rufiventris*

Seen at the road toll stop *en route* to Sum. on 14/10, along the WT on 15/10, three at MdC on 17/10 and at PdC on 18/10.

**Pale-breasted Thrush** *Turdus leucomelas*

Noted on six dates, various locations.

**Creamy-bellied Thrush** *Turdus amaurochalinus*

One, RW on 12/10, two at MdC on 17/10 and two at PdC on 18/10.

**House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus*

A few seen at the road toll stop, *en route* to Sum. 14/10.

**Common Waxbill** *Estrilda astrild*

Three, RW on 12/10.

**Yellowish Pipit** *Anthus lutescens*

Two, Saq. on 16/10.

**Hooded Siskin** *Carduelis magellanica*

Two *en route* to Sum. on 14/10, then several at both MdC on 17/10 and PdC on 18/10.

**Purple-throated Euphonia** *Euphonia chlorotica*

One, RL garden, 12/10.

**Violaceous Euphonia** *Euphonia violacea*

Oddly scarce this year, just 1-2 in the RL garden.

**Orange-bellied Euphonia** *Euphonia xanthogaster*

One, WT on 15/10.

**Chestnut-bellied Euphonia** *Euphonia pectoralis*

Two on GT on 13/10 then two on the road up to MdC on 17/10.

**Rufous-collared Sparrow *Zonotrichia capensis***

Surprisingly, very few seen, 1-2 at MdC on 17/10 and a few at PdC on 18/10.

**Half-collared Sparrow *Arremon semitorquatus* En.**

One, PdC on 18/10.

**White-browed Blackbird *Leistes superciliaris***

At least six, roadside pasture at Saq. on 16/10 as we watched Whistling Herons and a Long-winged Harrier.

**Crested Oropendola *Psarocolius decumanus***

6+ at MdC, 17/10.

**Red-rumped Cacique *Cacicus haemorrhous***

Seen daily, around the RL gardens, from the tower and down in RW.

**Campo Troupial *Icterus jamacaii***

One fine, day-glow orange bird, Sum. 14/10 found by our driver Alcení. And how proud was he to find it for us, bless him.

**Giant Cowbird *Molothrus oryzivorus***

One, Boa. on 12/10, one at Sum. on 14/10 and one along WT on 15/10.

**Shiny Cowbird *Molothrus bonariensis***

Seen on six dates though never very well, just odd ones & twos, various locations.

**Chopi Blackbird *Gnorimopsar chopi***

Not seen well either, a few drive-by birds *en route* to Sum. on 14/10.

**Chestnut-capped Blackbird *Chrysomus ruficapillus***

These we did see well, RW on each visit.

**White-rimmed Warbler *Basileuterus leucoblepharus***

One on the road up to MdC, 17/10 and one at PdC on 18/10.

**Golden-crowned Warbler *Basileuterus culicivorus***

At MdC only, two on the road up, 17/10.

**Red-crowned Ant Tanager *Habia rubica***

Two, GT on 13/10.

**Yellow-green Grosbeak *Caryothraustes canadensis***

One, WT on 15/10.

**Cinnamon Tanager *Schistochlamys ruficapillus***

Just the one, on the way down from MdC on 17/10.

**Hooded Tanager *Nemosia pileata***

Two, RW on 12/10 and two at Sum. on 14/10.

**Chestnut-headed Tanager *Pyrrhocoma ruficeps***

One, MdC on 17/10.

**Black-goggled Tanager *Trichothraupis melanops***

One, seen fleetingly, at MdC on 17/10.

**Flame-crested Tanager *Tachyphonus cristatus***

Seen on GT on 13/10, WT on 15/10 and along CAT on 19/10.

**Ruby-crowned Tanager *Tachyphonus coronatus***

Seen on three dates; two at MdC on 17/10 and 2-3 at PdC on 18/10 and along CAT on 19/10.

**Brazilian Tanager *Ramphocelus bresilius***

Seen at RW/RL gardens/tower and at Sum. on 14/10.

**Sayaca Tanager *Thraupis sayaca***

Common & widespread, seen throughout the week at various localities.

**Azure-shouldered Tanager *Tangara cyanoptera* En.**

Several seen at MdC only, on 17/10.

**Golden-chevroned Tanager *Thraupis ornate***

2-3 seen at MdC on 17/10 and 2-3 at PdC on 18/10.

**Palm Tanager *Thraupis palmarum***

A few seen most days, various localities.

**Diademed Tanager *Stephanophorus diadematus***

Alas, only heard, flying over us at PdC on 18/10.

**Fawn-breasted tanager *Pipraeides melanonota***

Just the one, PdC on 18/10.

**White-bellied Tanager *Tangara gyrola* En.**

Two, GT on 13/10.

**Green-headed Tanager *Tangara seledon***

Seen on four dates; at RW on 12/10, along GT on 13/10, along WT on 15/10 and along CAT on 19/10.

**Brassy-breasted Tanager *Tangara desmaresti* En.**

Several of these absolute *stotters*, MdC on 17/10, PdC on 18/10 and CAT on 19/10.

**Burnished-buff Tanager *Tangara cayana***



Seen almost daily, RL garden at most sites visited.

**Swallow Tanager** *Tersina viridis*

First a male at a roadside stop *en route* to Sum. then a female at Sum. itself, 14/10.

**Blue Dacnis** *Dacnis cayana*

Seen on six dates, RL garden and most other sites visited.

**Red-legged Honeycreeper** *Cyanerpes cyaneus*

Two, down by the REGUA office, 12/10, one on GT on 13/10 and two along CAT on 19/10.

**Green Honeycreeper** *Chlorophanes spiza*

One, GT on 13/10.

**Yellow-backed Tanager** *Hemithraupis flavicollis*

Seen on four dates, RL garden and at Sum. on 14/10.

**Chestnut-vented Conebill** *Conirostrum speciosum*

As above.

**Bicoloured Conebill** *Conirostrum bicolor*

Two, in the mangroves on the coast at Saq. 16/10.

**Saffron Finch** *Sicalis flaveola*

Common & widespread, seen daily.

**Wedge-tailed Grass Finch** *Emberizoides herbicola*

One, Boa. 12/10.

**Green-winged Saltator** *Saltator similis*

One, PdC on 18/10.

**Thick-billed Saltator** *Saltator maxillosus*

One, MdC on 17/10.

**Blue-black Grassquit** *Volatinia jacarina*

Seen in passing, on the road, whenever we drove out of REGUA.

**Double-collared Seedeater** *Sporophila caerulescens*

One, MdC on 17/10.

**White-throated Seedeater** *Sporophila albogularis* **En.**

A new bird for REGUA, found by Adulei, RW on 12/10.

**White-bellied Seedeater** *Sporophila leucoptera*

One, RW on 12/10.

**Bananaquit** *Coereba flaveola*

1-2 at Sum. on 14/10 and 1-2 at MdC on 17/10.

## OTHER CRITTERS

### Mammals

Capybara *Hydrochaeris hydrochaeris*

White-tufted Marmoset *Callithrix jacchus*

Brown Four-eyed Opossum *Metachirus nudicaudatus*

South American Tapir *Tapirus terrestris*

### Reptiles

Broad-snouted Caiman *Caiman latirostris*

Tegu Lizard sp. *Tupinambis* sp.