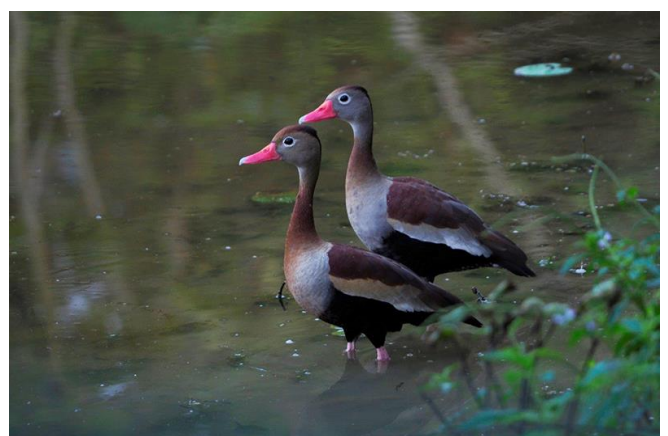
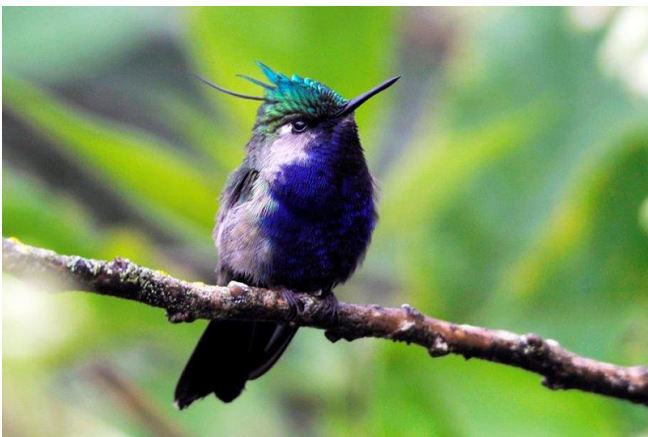


Brazil

The Atlantic Rainforest

Fri 5th – Sun 14th October 2018



Tour pictures (clockwise from top left): Ferruginous Pygmy Owl, Chestnut-backed Antshrike, Rufous-tailed Jacamar, Black-bellied Whistling-ducks, Yellow-lored Tody-flycatcher, Green-crowned Plovercrest. Photos © tour participant Jo Latham

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The REGUA experience has become firmly established in birding lore - and justifiably so, as 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. 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 on-site and off-site excursion days. I hope that you enjoy the read and that it helps conjure up in your mind's eye our time together at REGUA. Included too, is an annotated species checklist of the birds we recorded.

We recorded 300 species of birds, with so many highlights. *Bird of the Trip* changed on a daily basis, as new and wonderful birds were seen. One day Black-cheeked Gnatcatcher stole the show, only to be eclipsed and relegated the next day by Black-and-gold Cotinga, then Green-crowned Plovercrest took over, it too then trumped by the Swallow-tailed Cotinga, which surely comes out on top? You'll all have your own memories, favourite birds and highlights, but some of these will surely be amongst them.

- That stunning Black-cheeked Gnatcatcher
- That Whistling Heron stalking grassland
- The exquisite Swallow-tailed Cotingas
- That singing Black-and-gold Cotinga
- Those serene and placid-looking Boat-billed Herons
- All the hummingbirds but especially the exquisite Green-crowned Plovercrest
- The array of colourful tanagers; Brazilian, Brassy-breasted, Fawn-breasted and Green-headed top amongst them
- Hooded Berryeater - always makes the cut, surely?
- The ethereal Giant Snipe-ing experience
- The cryptic Common Potoo on its nest
- The unexpectedly great views of both Ash-throated Crake and Blackish Rail
- The fabulous views of Yellow-throated Woodpecker
- That stunning White-shouldered Fire-eye
- Scaled Antbird's got to be in here too, surely?
- The White Woodpeckers and Red-cowled Cardinals on our last morning
-so many highlights.

Day 1. Friday October 5th

Our flight from London Heathrow to Rio de Janeiro was on time and uneventful and before we knew it we were being met by the ever-smiling Alcenir, our driver for the week ahead, who deftly whisked us through the Rio traffic to REGUA within an hour and half. It had been a long day (plus the four-hour time difference) and we were tired, so after a wee chat and orientation we promptly hit the hay.

Day 2. Saturday October 6th

At first light we were woken by calling Ferruginous Pygmy Owl, House Wren and Rufous-capped Motmot and very vocal Slaty-breasted Wood Rails down in the wetland. A Blond-crested Woodpecker visited the garden briefly and was seen by some. Once assembled we walked across to the tower and began birding in earnest and on our first morning, not surprisingly, birds came thick and fast. There were fly-by Picazuro and Pale-vented Pigeons, both Yellow-headed and Southern Crested Caracaras, our first retina-burning, vermilion, Brazilian Tanagers along with Yellow-backed, Flame-crested and Hooded Tanagers, electric-Blue Dacnis, Chestnut-vented Conebill, Rufous-tailed Jacamar, Violaceous Euphonia, Maroon-bellied Parakeets, White-barred Piculet, Southern Beardless Tyrannulet and two Channel-billed Toucans that soon became Threecans. Oh, and mind that Squirrel Cuckoo perched and spreading its magnificent tail? Looking further out, down and across the wetland below, we spotted Greater Ani, Anhinga, Southern rough-winged Swallow and Common and Purple Gallinules. Looking out further still, up on to the distant forested ridge, we picked out Black-and-white Hawk-Eagle and a Great Black Hawk.

After breakfast we met up with our local guide for the week, Adilei and headed off on a gentle walk down to and around the wetland. Our first birds were three Red-legged Honeycreepers and some fly-by Orange-winged Amazons. Down at the reserve office we found two very cryptic roosting Tropical Screech Owls. Trumping them on the cryptic stakes was the wonderful Common Potoo on its nest stump. How amazing was that? As we enjoyed it and took photos, several stunning Green-headed Tanagers appeared and a Lineated Woodpecker shot passed. On the wetland edge there were two Blue-winged Parrotlets, Wing-banded Hornero, Black-bellied Whistling Duck, Green Kingfisher and Rufescent Tiger, Capped and Cocoi Herons. Lots of low-flying, fly-by White-collared Swifts gave us the chance to check for Biscutate Swifts and a few were picked out amongst them. There were also fly-by Grey-breasted Martins and Southern rough-winged Swallows. The next suite of species we encountered included; Yellow-chinned Spinetail, Chestnut-backed Antshrike, Shiny Cowbird, Yellow-bellied Elaenia, Sayaca Tanager, Yellow Tyrannulet, Crested Becard and both Common and Yellow-lored Tody-Flycatcher. Moving further out into the wetland we found Lemon-chested Greenlet, Black-capped Donacobius, Yellow-eared Woodpecker, Silvery-flanked Antwren and several female White-bearded Manakins. A little further on, we met with Unicoloured Antbird, Golden-chevroned Tanager, Chalk-browed Mockingbird, White-winged Becard and Sepia-capped Flycatcher. Both Long-billed and Moustached Wrens were just heard, for now.

We were back at the lodge for lunch, after which we relaxed and caught up with some rest after yesterday's travel day, then at 4pm set off out to Boasorte in search of Giant Snipe at dusk. That came later but ahead of that we did some birding around the lanes and farm fields picking up; Campo Flicker, Wedge-tailed Grass Finch, mating Burrowing Owls, Cattle Tyrant, Rufous Hornero, Striped Cuckoo, Grassland Sparrow and Yellowish Pipit. As the grey-dark descended we prepared ourselves for the main event. South American Snipe were calling and so, too, were two Giant Snipe. We waited as Adilei homed in on them, deftly pinpointing their whereabouts. He then beckoned us forward and, on approaching slowly and gently, we peered over his shoulder looking down the beam of his torch and lo, there was said Giant Snipe transfixed in the light, long enough for us to 'scope this magnificent bird at point-blank, minimum focus. How brilliant was that? Adilei, the wizard had worked his magic yet again. Elated, we returned to the lodge, to celebrate with caipirinha cocktails, which would become something of a theme, each evening.

Day 3. Sunday October 7th

We began the day with Rusty-margined Guans, two of them in the grey-dark of dawn on the lodge garden bird table. Then it was across to the tower for a spell before an early breakfast at 06.30am then off to the Waldenoor Trail, part of the REGUA property but about a 20-minute drive, out, through nearby Matumbo village, then back in again. Once we'd arrived at the trailhead, we set off on a gradual walk up hill. Progress was slow as we encountered birds from the outset with Green-headed Tanager, Variegated Flycatcher and a Pin-tailed Manakin first up. Soon we were among Blue Dacnis and Streaked Flycatcher, Red-necked Tanager was heard in the canopy above us and there were four fly-by Scaly-headed Parrots. At one point we hit a good mixed flock of birds amongst which were White-bellied Tanager, Streak-capped Antwren, Crested Becard, White-throated Woodcreeper, two fine Spot-billed Toucanets and a very splendid male Blue Manakin. Some Grey-rumped Swifts zipped passed and a White-necked Hawk sailed overhead. Around the next corner, birds came thick and fast. We found six Yellow-green Grosbeaks, two male Orange-bellied Euphonias, Planalto Tyrannulet, Lesser and Olivaceous Woodcreepers, Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner, Versicoloured Hummingbird, Euler's Flycatcher and glimpsed the Red-necked Tanager.

Further along, two Blond-crested Woodpeckers dotted about to & fro across the trail but denied us particularly good views, better was Rufous-crowned Motmot and Red-crowned Ant Tanager. At a small farm, despite the barking dogs, we saw Variegated Flycatcher, Plain Parakeet, Plain-winged Woodcreeper and Streaked Xenops followed by White-throated Spadebill. We then climbed to the top of the trail in search of Filled Coquette, waited awhile and eventually it appeared, albeit fleetingly. By now it was time to head back to the lodge for lunch. On the return leg we saw Rufous-breasted Leaf-tosser and Grey-hooded Flycatcher. After lunch we had a break, variously spent birding the garden, from the tower, or a snoozette for some. At 4pm we ventured down to the hide overlooking part of the wetland. Here we saw several juvenile Black-crowned Night Herons, Striated Heron, Snowy Egret, Yellow-chinned Spinetail, Boat-billed Flycatcher, Amazon Kingfisher, Greater Ani and Channel-billed Toucans plus a large caiman. Moving further round to another part of the wetland we enjoyed Chestnut-capped Blackbird, Masked Water Tyrant, several Brazilian Tanagers and a Boat-billed Heron. That night, Tawny-browed Owl was heard from the lodge, out there in the darkness somewhere.

Day 4. Monday October 8th

Off-site today, to the relic dry forest areas of Sumidouro near the town of Carmo. It's quite a drive to get there but we made birding stops along the way and many of the special birds to be seen here are not seen elsewhere on the tour so it's worth the drive. At a road toll stop we birded the roadside and, despite the traffic, saw some good stuff, many new birds, including Bran-coloured Flycatcher, Orange-eyed Thornbird, White-eyed Parakeet, Masked Yellowthroat, Rufous-bellied Thrush, Brassy-breasted Tanager, Rufous-thighed Kite and the humble

House Sparrow. Also Yellow-browed Tyrant, Ruby-crowned Tanager, Spix's Spinetail and Glittering-bellied Emerald. At another roadside stop we had superb views of two pairs of Swallow Tanagers, Burnished-buff Tanager, Crested Black Tyrant, Half-collared Sparrow, Ultramarine Grosbeak, Scaled Woodcreeper, Brown-crested Flycatcher, heard Red-legged Seriema and saw our one and only Bananaquit of the tour! Arriving at the gate to the track above Carmo town, Alcenir dropped us off and drove on and we set off to meet him later for lunch. We saw new birds immediately, the first of these was Grey Pileated Finch swiftly followed by one of our main target birds today, the rare and range-restricted Three-toed Jacamar, probably the most easily seen rarest bird in the world, they just popped up for us. We saw 10+ in all today. Birds came in quick succession; Crescent-chested Puffbird, Yellow-olive Flycatcher, Boat-billed, Short-crested and Streaked Flycatchers, Savanna Hawk and Blue-black Grassquit. Another key target was Serra Antwren, and we found a very obliging pair that showed well for us.

Moving slowly along, we found Brown-crested and Variegated Flycatchers, Southern Beardless Tyrannulet, Hangnest Tody-Tyrant, Golden-crowned Warbler, Rufous-fronted Thornbird, Sapphire-spangled Emerald, Grey-eyed Greenlet, Yellow-bellied Elaenia, and Long-tailed Tyrant – all before lunch. We eventually found Alcenir parked in a shady spot where we had lunch, during which we continued to see birds, including Rufous-headed Tanager, Yellow-eared Woodpecker, White-bearded Manakin, Sepia-capped Flycatcher, Variable Antshrike, Southern Antpipit, Black-goggled Tanager, Rufous-capped Spinetail and a trogon at last, Surucua Trogon.

After lunch, we back-peddled to Carmo town and took another road through more open country and did some stop-start birding from the minibus. Along here we saw Guira and Striped Cuckoos, Blue-winged Parrotlet Variegated Flycatcher, had great views of a Blackish Rail, several Green-barred Woodpeckers, White-rumped Monjita and Streamer-tailed Tyrant. Alcenir moved us along and at another stop we found four Firewood-gatherers, White-bellied Seedeater, a very obliging Ash-throated Crake, Wedge-tailed Grass Finch and White-eared Puffbird. Giant Cowbird and two Red-legged Seriemas were our last new birds of the day, before we made the long drive back to REGUA for our well-earned caipirinha sundowner – a great end to a great day.

Day 5. Tuesday 9th October

We made an early start today, with breakfast at 6am, in order to head for the coast, to the *restinga* scrub forest at Cabo Frio. We drove directly, no stops, save for comfort ones. On the outskirts of town we stopped at a somewhat foetid lagoon where we saw our first Kelp Gull, Cabot's Tern, Little Blue and Striated Herons and White-cheeked Pintail. In adjacent scrub were Purple-throated Euphonia, Common Waxbill and Chestnut-backed Antshrike and in the marsh were Brazilian Teal and Blue-and-white Swallows. At some roadside saltings we found Lesser Yellowlegs, Grey Plover, White-backed Stilt, Collared Plover, Willet and Sanderling and Magnificent Frigatebirds circled overhead. Alenci dropped us off at the trail head through the *restinga* and almost straightaway we saw a male Restinga Antwren, Short-crested Flycatcher and Palm Tanager. The soft, sandy trail made for quiet progress, helping us find Sooretama Slaty Antshrike, Tropical Parula, White-barred Piculet, Brazilian Tanager and Hangnest Tody-Tyrant. A fleeting glimpse of a raptor was intriguing, Grey-headed Kite we initially thought, and confirmed when it reappeared a while later, sailing right over our heads - marvellous. Two Short-tailed Hawks were seen here too, soaring with Black and Turkey Vultures.

Back at the roadside we found Tawny-crowned Pygmy-Tyrant. We then drove to a lunch spot at some saltings which held very little save for Little Blue Heron and White-cheeked Pintail. However by 'scoping around we found Greater Yellowlegs, Spotted Sandpiper, White-browed Blackbird, Guira Cuckoo, Burrowing Owl and that Whistling Heron, stalking bustard-like through the long grass. At the harbour in the distance we could see some Brown Boobies and Magnificent Frigatebirds. As we left, a juvenile Great Black Hawk sailed over, so too Rufous-thighed Kite. Before heading for home we made one final stop at some saltings and found Semipalmated Plover, Lesser Yellowlegs, White-necked Stilt, Wing-banded Hornero and a Yellow-billed Tern which was new for us.

Day 6. Wednesday 10th October

Acting on a tip-off, we headed out early pre-breakfast down to the hide at the wetland in search of Boat-billed Heron. It was there just as we arrived, a juvenile bird giving good views, along with five Black-crowned Night Herons. It was curious too to watch Greater Anis eating mayflies or some such that were ensnared in a spider's web. After breakfast we headed across pastureland to the Green Trail. In the fields we saw Burrowing Owl, Fork-tailed Flycatchers and Saffron Finches. No sooner were we on the trail itself than birds came thick and fast. First was Grey-hooded Attila, Grey-fronted Dove and Ochre-bellied Flycatcher. Progressing slowly, at our next stop we found Eye-ringed Tody-Tyrant, that superb Black-cheeked Gnateater, Red-crowned Ant Tanager, a Reddish Hermit zipped passed and a Rufous-winged Antwren called from up in the canopy somewhere. We eventually relocated the Reddish Hermit, this time perched and enabling 'scoping. Next up was Greyish Mourner right above our heads, so too White-eyed Foliage-gleaner, Lesser Woodcreeper and Streaked Xenops. Two Sooty Grassquits showed briefly, we stopped to 'scope a frog and a Mantled Hawk sailed overhead.

Further along the trail we saw a wonderful Scaled Antbird, Black-capped Foliage-gleaner, Grey-hooded Flycatcher, Blue Manakin and had fabulous views of two Yellow-throated Woodpeckers. Up in the canopy were a mixed flock of antbirds, including Spot-breasted and Plain Antvireos and Silvery-flanked and Unicoloured Antwrens. After Olivaceous Woodcreeper and Yellow-eared Woodpecker it was time to head back for lunch. Crossing the pasture we saw Capped and Whistling Herons. Stopping to photograph a spectacular tree festooned in dripping lichens, we happened to be at the point along the road of REGUA's newest bird - Great Horned Owl. A quick hoot from the tape and out it popped, showed well for 'scoping then disappeared back into the forest depths.

After lunch we were treated to a spectacular sound and light show, a terrific thunderstorm with ground-shaking rumbles and explosive bolts of fork lightning. It threw it down with rain and was great to experience - from the safety and comfort of the lodge. By 4pm the worst of it had passed and we ventured out, down to the wetland with just enough time to find two superb adult Boat-billed Herons, a few Fork-tailed Flycatchers, Rufescent Tiger Heron and a couple of Rufous-tailed Jacamars, before the rain came on again and we beat a hasty retreat, back at 5pm for caip-time at 6.

Day 7. Thursday 11th October

Today we headed off-site, to Macae de Cima, for the chance to seek some species of higher elevation forest, conveniently accessed by a hill track. Leaving the tarmac road, Alcenir drove the minibus up the dirt road as far as he could, stopping at intervals for us to get out and look for key species, most often heard and tee-ed up for us by Adilei, ahead of us in the 4x4. At one spot we saw Bare-throated Bellbird, a female Pin-tailed Manakin, Spot-billed Toucanet, Mottle-cheeked Tyrannulet, Crested Oropendola, White-throated Hummingbird and, best of the bunch here, a stunning and so aptly-named Green-crowned Plovercrest. Progressing higher, a Slaty-breasted Wood Rail was seen up ahead of the minibus. Arriving at the point beyond which the minibus couldn't go, we swapped to the 4x4 and began the tortuous drive up. It had been raining a lot and it was wet and the steep track was muddy; even in the 4x4 we didn't dare stop and risk losing traction so we headed directly to the top, stopping just the once on a level section to look at Cliff Flycatcher and Shear-tailed Grey Tyrant. Reaching the top, at the late David Miller's deserted cottage, we were lucky and the rain soon stopped and gave us almost two hours of rain-free birding in which we saw much, if not all, that we hoped for. We had brought with us our own sugar solution to charge the feeders and in a matter of minutes hummers began to arrive; Violet-capped Woodnymph, Brazilian Ruby, Black Jacobin, White-throated Hummingbird and Green-crowned Plovercrest. We very soon picked up Black-and-gold Cotinga, first a distant dull-green female but then a fine, resplendent male, close and giving us its ringing, tuning fork-like song, bizarrely lifting a leg each time it sang! Here, too, we found Yellow-legged Thrush, Azure-shouldered Tanager, Pallid Spinetail, two lovely Hooded Berryeaters and White-rimmed and Golden-crowned Warblers, while Rufous-tailed Antthrush called from deep cover.

We lunched here whilst continuing to bird, seeing Blue-billed Black Tyrant, Planalto Woodcreeper, Pale-browed Treehunter, an unexpected Sharpbill and some fly-by Sooty Swifts. The rain was back on now and quite heavy, so our plan to walk down the mountain track was thwarted. So driving down, we dropped out of the rain and resumed birding on the road. At an amazing stop, from just one spot we saw Rufous-browed Peppershrike, Grey-eyed Greenlet, Rufous-capped Antshrike, Swainson's Flycatcher, Creamy-bellied Thrush, Planalto Tyrannulet, Glittering-bellied Emerald, Fawn-breasted Tanager, Highland Elaenia, Spix's Spinetail, White-crested Tyrannulet, Yellow-olive Flycatcher, Ochre-faced Tody-Flycatcher and Cinnamon Tanager, all of which were new for us! Plus some other regular stuff too. Variegated Antpitta haunted us, calling from deep in the forest.

Day 8. Friday 12th October

We were off-site again today this time heading to Pico da Caledonia, another chance to readily gain access to higher elevation forest. *En route* we stopped at a roadside banana stall where we saw Surucua Trogon and Golden-chevroned, Green-headed and Ruby-crowned Tanagers. We passed through Nova Friburgo aka *Knickerville* for reasons that were very obvious, but resisted the temptation to make even a brief stop - brief stop, get it? Arriving at Pico da Caledonia we swapped to the 4x4 and headed part-way up the mountain. The highest elevations were in thick cloud so we contented ourselves by going around the back of 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, but just one amongst so many candidate BoTs this week. We saw a nest-building pair here and 'scoped them at our leisure, they're far too good to rush. And while enjoying them, here too we saw Rusty-margined Flycatcher, Hooded Siskin, Yellow-legged Thrush, Planalto Woodcreeper, Olivaceous Elaenia and Ruby-crowned Tanager. Eventually, we tore ourselves away from the cotingas and began our walk along the trail. We'd not got far before a cracking White-shouldered Fire-eye stopped us in our tracks. What a bird! As we enjoyed this, from the same spot we picked out Olivaceous and Scaled Woodcreepers, Rufous-crowned Greenlet, Planalto Tyrannulet, Buff-browed Foliage-gleaner and Brassy-breasted Tanager.

At another spot further along, birds came thick and fast, including Serra do Mar Tyrant-Manakin, Pallid Spinetail, Bran-coloured Flycatcher and Rufous-headed Tanager. A Bare-throated Bellbird gave its loud metallic, anvil-striking *bok* call from above us somewhere, then eventually popped into view, its *Daz*-white plumage standing out across the forest green mountainside. Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner and Campo Flicker were next, followed by lunch, taken as the cloud descended and the drizzle swept in and we couldn't continue birding. The cloud billowed out again and the drizzle eased so we pressed on and were soon back amongst birds. Not least of these was a fine male Black-and-gold Cotinga, plus Scaled Woodcreeper, White-winged Becard and Dusky-tailed Antbird. A Grey-fronted Dove flushed ahead of us as we struggled for good views of a skulking Grey-bellied Spinetail whilst Variegated Antpitta called from the forest depths and so too Mouse-coloured Tapaculo from trailside tangles, very close, but could we see it?

A little further on and we came across two more Swallow-tailed Cotingas, obligingly sat posing for photographs and video. Streaked Flycatcher was seen here too, so too Variable Antshrike and Dusky-legged Guan. We 'scoped a millipede, which was novel. Luan, our trusty 4x4 driver had kindly followed us at a discreet distance and when hailed forward, took us back to the trailhead for final views of Swallow-tailed Cotingas before heading back down the mountain to rendezvous with driver Alcenir and head back to REGUA. We saw a White-tipped Dove and two more Dusky-legged Guans just as we set off. Once again we paused briefly at the roadside banana stall and this time saw Chestnut-bellied Euphonia, Green-headed Tanagers and Maroon-bellied Parakeets.

Day 9. Saturday 13th October

For one last opportunity, at 6am we gathered on the tower, to marvel at the jaw-dropping view across to the razor-ridge of the Serra dos Orgaos mountains, cloaked in rainforest, which for the first time this week were bathed in sunshine. The birds by now were regulars, including Blue Dacnis, Great Kiskadees, Sociable Flycatchers, Pale-vented Pigeons, Yellow-headed Caracaras, Muscovy Ducks etc... After breakfast we set off with Adilei to nearby Boasorte, the Giant Snipe site, but not for the snipe this time, that's a dusk thing, but to drive around the local fields and farmland for a few hours ahead of lunch and preparing for our afternoon departure. It was hot and, though we'd bemoaned the cooler, rainy conditions of the previous two days, with hindsight I think we were now grateful for it, in preference to the heat. Bird activity was good, though; across the snipe field we picked out Striped Cuckoo, White-chinned Sapphire, had great views of Ash-throated Crake, Campo Flicker and White-bellied Seedeater whilst overlooked by Burrowing Owls. A few South American Snipe flew into a damp muddy patch and cryptically disappeared immediately. They were a challenge to relocate in the 'scope but we eventually did and had fine views of them.

Further round we had our best views yet of circling Savanna and Roadside Hawks, plus Grey Pileated Finch, a Ferruginous Pygmy Owl, Yellow-backed Tanagers and a Rufous-tailed Jacamar. Moving further around this circuit we stopped to try for Long-billed Wren and as soon as Adilei mimicked Ferruginous Pygmy Owl, lo, it came in to give us very close views, along with Lemon-chested Greenlet, Violaceous Euphonia, Short-crested and Boat-billed Flycatchers and Yellow-lored Tody-Flycatcher. The wren was new for us, only heard previously. We also saw only our second Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture of the week. In the same spot we heard a White Woodpecker somewhere close by and eventually located not one but four of these beauties, another new bird for us. This was shortly followed by another new bird, a nesting pair of Red-cowled Cardinals at Matumbo village.

With the heat now well up, we headed back to the lodge for lunch, to pack, relax and enjoy our last few hours at the lodge. At 3.30pm the ever-smiling Alcenir arrived to whisk us off back to Rio and we were there in good time, saw lots of Magnificent Frigatebirds along the way and seeing the statue of *Christ the Redeemer* way off in the distance. Our flight was a little delayed leaving Rio, apparently because of a cracked cockpit window that had to be replaced before take-off!

Day 10. Sunday 14th October

We made up a bit of flight-time and arrived back in Blighty mid-afternoon, 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.

ANNOTATED LIST OF BIRDS RECORDED

(Total of 298 species recorded by the group. **En** = Brazilian endemic)

Key to places

R – REGUA Lodge
 RW – REGUA Wetlands
 Boasorte (Giant Snipe site)
 MdC – Macae de Cima
 GT – Green Trail
 Sum – Sumidouro/Carmo
 PdC – Pica do Caledonia
 WT - Waldenoor Trail
 CF – Cabo Frio

Brown Tinamou *Crypturellus obsoletus*

One heard at PdC, 12/10,

Black-bellied Whistling-duck *Dendrocygna autumnalis*

4-5-10 seen on our visits to RW throughout the week.

Muscovy Duck *Cairina moschata*

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

Brazilian Teal *Amazonetta brasiliensis*

Scarce, a pair seen on three dates; a pair in the Giant Snipe field at Boasorte on 6/10, a pair in a roadside damp field at Sum on 8/10 and then two at that foetid lagoon on arrival at CF, 9/10.

White-cheeked Pintail *Anas bahamensis*

30+ at Cabo Frio (CF) on 9/10.

Rusty-margined Guan *Penelope superciliaris*

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

Dusky-legged Guan *Penelope obscura*

One at MdC on 11/10 and four at PdC on 12/10; two along the Sao Bernardo trail and then two as we drove away from PdC.

Rufescent Tiger Heron *Tigrisoma lineatum*

One seen on visits to RW, 6/10, 7/10 and 10/10.

Boat-billed Heron *Cochlearius cochlearius*

One of many BoT (Bird of Trip) candidates surely? On 10/10, a juvenile from the hide then fabulous views of an adult pair, RW and one there on 13/10 too.

Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*

Seen on three dates. Up to six adults and 4-5 juveniles seen on hide/RW visits, 6-7/10 and 10/10.

Striated Heron *Butorides striata*

1-2 seen RW on five dates, 6-10/10.

Western Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*

Common, seen daily at RW and as drive-by birds everywhere. The RW evening roost is more dispersed than in previous years, so less easy to appreciate the total number, but apparently 2000+ roost in total.

Cocoi Heron *Ardea cocoi*

Just one seen at RW on 6/10.

Great Egret *Ardea alba*

4-5 seen RW on 06/10 and then 1-2 drive-by birds seen during the week *en route* to other sites.

Capped Heron *Pilherodius pileatus*

Just seen on two dates at RW; two on 06/10 and one 10/10.

Whistling Heron *Syrigma sibilatrix*

Singles seen on four dates, the best being that one we watched stalking bustard-like through rough grassland, during our lunch stop at CF on 9/10.

Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerulea*

Just one, at the foetid lagoon, CF on 9/10.

Snowy Egret *Egretta thula*

Several with Western Cattle Egrets at RW on three dates.

Magnificent Frigatebird *Fregata magnificens*

Many seen at CF on 9/10, above the town and over the harbour during lunch. Many more seen as we arrived back in Rio, 13/10.

Brown Booby *Sula leucogaster*

6+ near our lunch spot at CF, 9/10.

Neotropic Cormorant *Phalacrocorax brasilianus*

1-2 seen at RW on 6/10 and 13/10. A few seen at CF on 9/10.

Anhinga *Anhinga anhinga*

2-3 seen on three dates at RW / from R lodge tower.

Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura*

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

Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture *Cathartes burrovianus*

We struggled, but saw one eventually near REGUA as we returned from PdC on 12/10 and then one in the Boasorte area on our last morning, 13/10.

Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus*

Ubiquitous, seen daily.

Grey-headed Kite *Leptodon cayanensis*

One, resting scrub, CF on 9/10.

Swallow-tailed Kite *Elanoides forficatus*

One, on the way back from Pdc, 12/10.

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

One seen from R lodge tower on our first morning, 6/10.

Rufous-thighed Kite *Harpagus dioden*

Seen on three dates; at R on 6/10, at Sum on 8/10 and at CF on 9/10.

Savanna Hawk *Buteogallus meridionalis*

Seen on five dates, at R and as a drive-by bird on excursion days.

White-necked Hawk *En. Buteogallus lacernulatus*

One, WT on 7/10.

Great Black Hawk *Buteogallus urubitinga*

One seen from the R lodge tower, 6/10.

Roadside Hawk *Buteo magnirostris*

One seen on five dates, various locations, on and off site.

Mantled Hawk *Pseudastur polionotus*

One, GT on 10/10.

Short-tailed Hawk *Buteo brachyurus*

Three, CF on 9/10.

Red-legged Seriema *Cariama cristata*

Two, Sum on 8/10.

Slaty-breasted Wood Rail *Aramides saracura*

Heard each evening and early morning all week at R, and two seen at MdC, 11/10.

Ash-throated Crane *Porzana albicollis*

Heard at Boasorte when Giant Sniping on 6/10, superb views of one enticed to show itself at Sum on 08/10 and one at Boasorte on 13/10.

Blackish Rail *Pardirallus nigricans*

One, seen very well in that horse field at Sum on 8/10.

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, a fly-by seen briefly, RW on 6/10.

White-backed Stilt *Himantopus melanurus*

10+ on the coast at CF, 9/10.

Southern Lapwing *Vanellus chilensis*

Seen daily, RW and in any open fields / roadsides.

Grey Plover *Pluvialis squatarola*

Two, at roadside saltmarsh/mud flats at CF, 9/10.

Semipalmated Plover *Charadrius semipalmatus*

Five, as above, CF, 9/10.

Collared Plover *Charadrius collaris*

One, as above, CF, 10/10.

Wattled Jacana *Jacana jacana*

Several, at RW all week, other roadside/ditch birds seen *en route* to other sites.

Sanderling *Calidris alba*

One, roadside saltings, CF on 9/10.

Giant Snipe *Gallinago undulata*

One, expertly found for us by Adulei, others heard, at Boasorte on 6/10.

South American Snipe *Gallinago paraguaiæ*

1-2 heard and glimpsed at dusk while Giant Sniping at Boarorte on 6/10 and then 2-3 seen there on our last morning, 13/10.

Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius*

Two, at our lunch stop, CF on 9/10.

Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes*

Many, roadside saltings and mud flats, CF, 9/10.

Willet *Tringa semipalmata*

One, saltings at CF on 9/10.

Greater Yellowlegs *Tringa melanoleuca*

One, at our lunch stop, CF on 9/10.

Kelp Gull *Larus dominicanus*

Several, CF on 9/10.

Cabot's Tern *Thalasseus acuflavidus*

Five, at the foetid lagoon, CF, 9/10.

Yellow-billed Tern *Sternula superciliaris*

One, roadside saltings, CF, 9/10.

Feral Rock Dove *Columba livia*

A few seen *en route* through towns.

Picazuro Pigeon *Patagioenas picazuro*

Common, fly-by birds throughout the week.

Pale-vented Pigeon *Patagioenas cayennensis*

1-2 fly-bys from R tower, 6/10 and 13/10.

Plumbeous Pigeon *Patagioenas plumbea*

One seen others heard, MdC on 11/10.

Ruddy Ground Dove *Columbina talpacoti*

Common and widespread, seen on each off-site day.

White-tipped Dove *Leptotila verreauxi*

Heard all week, and then one seen at PdC on 12/10.

Grey-fronted Dove *Leptotila rufaxilla*

One on GT, 10/10 and one at PdC on 12/10.

Guira Cuckoo *Guira guira*

Seen on four 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 Boasorte on 6/10, one at Sum on 8/10 and one again at Boasorte, 13/10.

Squirrel Cuckoo *Piaya cayana*

Seen on seven dates, at R and on off-site visits to Sum 8/10, MdC 11/10 and PdC on 12/10.

Tropical Screech Owl *Megascops choliba*

Two snuggled up together down by the office at R, 6/10.

Great Horned Owl *Bubo virginianus*

REGUA's latest new bird. One seen on the road out to GT on 10/10.

Tawny-browed Owl *Pulsatrix koeniswaldiana*

Heard only, at the lodge on three nights.

Ferruginous Pygmy Owl *Glaucidium brasilianum*

Heard every night/early morning from our rooms at the lodge. One seen from the lunch table, perched above the lodge pool 6/10. One seen briefly at Boasorte, 13/10.

Burrowing Owl *Athene cunicularia*

A pair mating, Boasorte on 6/10, one on the drive out to GT on 10/10 and three at Boasorte on 13/10.

Common Potoo *Nyctibius griseus*

One atop its stump nest, RW on 6/10.

Pauraque *Nyctidromus albicollis*

One seen fleetingly as we returned from Giant Sniping, 6/10 and one heard from R lodge that night too.

Sooty Swift *Cypseloides rothschildi*

6+ MdC on 11/10.

White-collared Swift *Streptoprocne zonaris*

Some seen most days from R lodge, best though were lots down at the wetland on 6/10, giving low fly past chances to pick out....

Biscutate Swift

...one or two, amongst the White-collared Swifts, 06/10.

Grey-rumped Swift *Chaetura cinereiventris*

A few seen from R lodge, 7/10.

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

One, near the (barking dogs) small-holing along WT on 7/10.

Reddish Hermit *Phaethornis ruber*

One, 'scoped perched on GT, 10/10.

Swallow-tailed Hummingbird *Eupetomena macroura*

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

Black Jacobin *Melanotrochilus fuscus*

Seen daily at the R lodge feeders.

Green-crowned Plovercrest *Stephanoxis lalandi*

On 11/10, one seen on the road up to MdC and then two at the feeders at David Miller's house.

Frisled Coquette *Lophornis magnificus*

We had to wait, but eventually one turned up at the top of the WT, 7/10.

Glittering-bellied Emerald *Chlorostilbon lucidus*

2-3 seen at MdC on 11/10 and at PdC on 12/10.

Violet-capped Woodnymph *Thalurania glaucopis*

One, R lodge feeders on 6/10, 8/10 and 10/10. Others at MdC on 11/10 and PdC on 12/10.

White-chinned Sapphire *Hylocharis cyanus*

Two seen as we walked around RW, 6/10 and one Boasorte, 13/10.

White-throated Hummingbird *Leucochloris albicollis*

Seen at MdC on 11/10 and at PdC on 12/10.

Versicoloured Emerald *Amazilia versicolor*

One, WT on 7/10.

Glittering-throated Emerald *Amazilia fimbriata*

Seen on three dates at R lodge garden.

Sapphire-spangled Emerald *Amazilia lactea*

One, Sum on 8/10.

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

On feeders at MdC, 11/10.

Surucua Trogon *Trogon surrucura*

A pair, Sum 8/10 and a pair at MdC on 11/10 and one at the roadside banana stall, 12/10.

Green Kingfisher *Chloroceryle Americana*

Seen twice, RE on 7/10 and 10/10.

Amazon Kingfisher *Chloroceryle amazona*

Seen thrice, RW on 6/10, 7/10 and 10/10.

Ringed Kingfisher *Ceryle torquatus*

Seen twice, RW 6/10 and 10/10.

Rufous-capped Motmot *Baryphthengus ruficapillus*

Heard all week, at night / dawn from our lodge rooms. One seen WT on 7/10.

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

10+ of these rare, threatened and restricted-range birds, at Sum, 8/10.

Rufous-tailed Jacamar *Galbula ruficauda*

One from the R lodge tower and another on our walk around RW on 6/10, two on GT on 10/10 and one Boasorte, 13/10.

White-eared Puffbird *Nystalus chacuru*

Two, Sum, 8/10.

Crescent-chested Puffbird *Malacoptila striata*

Two, along the trail at Sum, on 8/10.

Spot-billed Toucanet *Selenidera maculirostris*

Two, WT on 7/10. Heard along GT on 10/10.

Channel-billed Toucan *Ramphastos vitellinus*

Heard, daily from the R lodge garden/tower. Two seen very well at the hide 7/10.

White-barred Piculet *Picumnus cirratus*

Two, RW on 6/10, and one in Restinga scrub, CF on 9/10.

White Woodpecker *Melanerpes candidus*

Four at Boasorte on our last morning 13/10.

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

One, RW on 6/10, one Sum, 8/10 and one on GT on 10/10.

Yellow-throated Woodpecker *Piculus flavigula*

Great views of two along GT on 10/10.

Green-barred Woodpecker *Colaptes melanochloros*

Three, Sum on 8/10.

Campo Flicker *Colaptes campestris*

One, Boasorte on 6/10 and again 13/10. Also one on the drive down from MdC on 11/10 and one along Sao Bernardo trail at PdC on 12/10.

Blond-crested Woodpecker *Celeus flavescens*

One in R lodge garden 6/10, one along WT on 7/10 and one GT on 10/10.

Lineated Woodpecker *Dryocopus lineatus*

One, RW on 6/10.

Southern Crested Caracara *Caracara plancus*

Seen on five dates, at R and elsewhere as drive-by birds off-site on excursions.

Yellow-headed Caracara *Milvago chimachima*

Common all week, many seen everywhere we went.

Plain Parakeet *Brotogeris tirica* **En.**

Several, WT on 7/10.

Scaly-headed Parrot *Pionus maximiliani*

Three from R lodge tower on 6/10 and four WT on 7/10.

Orange-winged Amazon *Amazona amazonica*

Four, RW 6/10.

Blue-winged Parrotlet *Forpus x anothopterygius*

Two, seen on our walk around RW on 6/10 and two at Sum on 8/10.

Maroon-bellied Parakeet *Pyrrhura frontalis*

6+ at R on 6/10. Others at MdC on 11/10 and at PdC on 12/10.

White-eyed Parakeet *Aratinga leucophthalma*

Two, RW on 6/10, five at the road toll stop *en route* to Sum on 8/10 and then four at PdC on 12/10.

Band-tailed Hornero *Furnarius figulus*

Seen on five dates, RW and *en route* on off-site visits.

Rufous Hornero *Furnarius rufus*

As above.

Rufous-capped Spinetail *Synallaxis ruficapilla*

Two, along track at Sum, 8/10.

Grey-bellied Spinetail *Synallaxis cinerascens*

One, PdC on 12/10.

Spix's Spinetail *Synallaxis spixi*

Two, as we lunched, along track at Sum, 8/10.

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

Two at MdC on 11/10 and one PdC, 12/10.

Yellow-chinned Spinetail *Certhiaxis cinnamomea*

Several seen on each of our visits to RW. Also seen at the foetid lagoon at CF on 9/10.

Rufous-fronted Thornbird *Phacellodomus rufifrons*

Two, along the track at Sum, 8/10.

Orange-eyed Thornbird *Phacellodomus erythrophthalmus*

Two, at the road toll stop *en route* to Sum, 8/10.

Firewood Gatherer *Anumbius annumbi*

Four, Sum on 8/10.

Black-capped Foliage-gleaner *Philydor atricapillus*

Just one, along GT on 10/10.

Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner *Philydor rufum*

One, along WT on 7/10 and one at PdC on 12/10.

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

One, MdC on 12/10.

White-eyed Foliage-gleaner *Automolus leucophthalmus*

One, GT on 10/10.

Rufous-breasted Leaf-tosser *Sclerurus scansor*

One, WT on 7/10.

Sharp-billed Treehunter *Heliobletus contaminatus*

One, MdC on 11/10.

Streaked Xenops *Xenops rutilans*

One on WT on 7/10, one at Sum on 8/10 and two on GT on 10/10.

Plain-winged Woodcreeper *Dendrocincla turdina*

One, along WT, 7/10.

Olivaceous Woodcreeper *Sittasomus griseicapillus*

One, WT on 7/10, two along GT on 10/10 and one at PdC, 12/10.

White-throated Woodcreeper *Xiphocolaptes albicollis*

One along WT 7/10.

Planalto Woodcreeper *Dendrocolaptes platyrostris*

One at MdC on 11/10 and one at PdC on 12/10.

Lesser Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus fuscus*

One along WT on 7/10 and two along GT on 10/10.

Scaled Woodcreeper *Lepidocolaptes squamatus*

One at Sum on 8/10 and one PdC on 12/10.

Silvery-flanked Antwren *Myrmotherula lactuosa*

A pair during our walk around RW on 6/10, then a pair on GT, 10/10.

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

A pair, RW on 6/10 and a pair Gt on 10/10.

Streak-capped Antwren *Terenura maculate*

Two along the WT, 7/10.

Serra Antwren *Formicivora serrana* **En.**

A fine pair showed well for us, along the track at Sum, 8/10.

[Restinga Antwren *Formicivora serrana littoralis* **En.**

Two pairs in the restinga scrub, CF, 9/10.]

Rufous-winged Antwren *Herpsilochmus rufimarginatus*

One along GT on 10/10.

Spot-breasted Antvireo *Dysithamnus stictothorax*

A pair, GT on 10/10.

Plain Antvireo *Dysithamnus mentalis*

A pair, GT on 10/10.

Chestnut-backed Antshrike *Thamnophilus palliatus*

Two seen RW on 6/10 and one in resting scrub, CF on 9/10.

Sooretama Slaty-Antshrike *Thamnophilus ambiguus* **En.**

Two, in the restinga scrub at CF, 9/10.

Variable Antshrike *Thamnophilus caerulescens*

One, Sum on 8/10.

Rufous-capped Antshrike *Thamnophilus ruficapillus*

One, MdC on 11/10.

Dusky-tailed Antbird *Drymophila malura*

One, PdC on 12/10.

Scaled Antbird *Drymophila squamata* **En.**

One on GT on 10/10.

White-shouldered Fire-eye *Pyriglena leucoptera*

Great views of one along Sao Bernardo trail, PdC on 12/10.

Rufous-tailed Antthrush *Chamaeza ruficauda*

Heard only, MdC, 11/10.

Variiegated Antpitta *Grallaria varia*

Heard only, in the forest depths of MdC, 11/10 and at PdC on 12/10.

Rufous Gnatcatcher *Conopophaga lineata*

One, Mdc on 11/10.

Black-cheeked Gnatcatcher *Conopophaga melanops*

Fine views of one, along GT on 10/10.

Mouse-coloured Tapaculo *Scytalopus speluncae* **En.**

A notorious skulker, so often heard but seldom seen, and sure enough was heard only, PdC on 12/10.

Planalto Tyrannulet *Phyllomyias fasciatus*

One along WT on 7/10, three on the drive up to MdC on 11/10 and one at PdC on 12/10.

Yellow-bellied Elaenia *Elaenia flavogaster*

Seen or heard on three dates, various locations.

Olivaceous Elaenia *Elaenia mesoleuca*

One, PdC on 12/10.

Highland Elaenia *Elaenia obscura*

Two, MdC, 11/10.

Southern Beardless Tyrannulet *Camptostoma obsoletum*

Two, RW on 7/10 and one at Sum on 8/10.

White-crested Tyrannulet *Serpophaga subcristata*

One on the road up to MdC on 11/10.

Yellow Tyrannulet *Capsiempis flaveola*

One, RW on 6/10.

Southern Antpipit *Corythopsis delalandi*

One, during lunch, along the track at Sum, 8/10.

Tawny-crowned Pygmy-tyrant *Euscarthmus meloryphus*

One, restinga scrub, CF on 9/10.

Mottled-cheeked Tyrannulet *Phylloscartes ventralis*

Two on the road up to MdC on 11/10.

Ochre-bellied Flycatcher *Mionectes oleagineus*

One, GT on 10/10.

Grey-hooded Flycatcher *Mionectes rufiventris*

One, on WT on 7/10.

Sepia-capped Flycatcher *Leptopogon amaurocephalus*

One, RW on 6/10.

Bran-coloured Flycatcher *Myiophobus fasciatus*

One, along the track at Sum, 8/10 and one at PdC on 12/10.

Eye-ringed Tody-Tyrant *Hemitriccus orbitatus* **En.**

One along GT on 10/10.

Hangnest Tody-Tyrant *Hemitriccus nidipendulus*

One along the track at Sum, 8/10 and one in the restinga scrub at CF, 9/10.

Ochre-faced Tody-Flycatcher *Poecilatriccus plumbeiceps*

One, MdC on 11/10.

Yellow-lored Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum poliocephalum* **En.**

One, RW on 6/10 and one Boasorte on 13/10.

Common Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum cinereum*

One, RW on 6/10.

Yellow-olive Flycatcher *Tolmomyias sulphurens*

One along the track at Sum on 8/10.

White-throated Spadebill *Platyrinchus mystaceus*

One, WT on 7/10.

Cliff Flycatcher *Hirundinea ferruginea*

One at the road toll *en route* to MdC, and two more later, 11/10. One at the road toll on 12/10 *en route* to PdC.

Euler's Flycatcher *Lathrotriccus euleri*

One, WT on 7/10.

Blue-billed Black Tyrant *Knipolegus cyanirostris*

A pair, MdC on 11/10.

Crested Black Tyrant *Knipolegus lophotes*

Three, roadside birds seen *en route* to/from Sum, 8/10.

Yellow-browed Tyrant *Satrapa icterophrys*

One, Sum on 8/10.

White-rumped Monjita *Xolmis velata*

One, Sum, 8/10.

Streamer-tailed Tyrant *Gubernetes yetapa*

Two, Boasorte on 6/10, then one at Sum, 8/10 and one at CF on 9/10.

Shear-tailed Grey Tyrant *Muscipipra vetula*

One, MdC on 11/10.

Masked Water Tyrant *Fluvicola nengeta*

Common, seen on all visits to RW, in the lodge gardens and pool-side, and other roadside fields in passing.

White-headed Marsh Tyrant *Arundinicola leucocephala*

2-3 seen at RW whenever we looked.

Long-tailed Tyrant *Colonia colonus*

One along the track at Sum, 8/10.

Cattle Tyrant *Machetornis rixosus*

Seen at RW on 6/10, two at the road toll stop *en route* to Sum on 8/10.

Rusty-margined Flycatcher *Myiozetetes cayanensis*

One, at Sao Bernardo Trail, PdC on 12/10, as we watched Swallow-tailed Cotingas.

Social Flycatcher *Myiozetetes similis*

Common and widespread.

Great Kiskadee *Pitangus sulphuratus*

Common and widespread.

Streaked Flycatcher *Myiodynastes maculatus*

1-2 seen on four dates; RW on 6/10, WT on 7/10, Sum on 8/10 and at PdC on 12/10.

Boat-billed Flycatcher *Megarhynchus pitangua*

Seen or heard on six dates/most places visited.

Variiegated Flycatcher *Empidonomus varius*

Two along WT on 7/10, 3-4 at Sum on 8/10.

Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus*

Common and widespread.

Fork-tailed Flycatcher *Tyrannus savana*

1-2 in Carmo town, Sum on 8/10, then 3-4 as we drove through pastureland to GT on 10/10.

Greyish Mourner *Rhytiperna simplex*

One along GT on 10/10 and then two, 4x4 Trail on 14/10.

Swainson's Flycatcher *Myiarchus swainsoni*

One, on the road down from MdC on 11/10.

Short-crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus ferox*

Seen on four dates; RW on 6/10, Sum on 8/10, 1-2 at CF on 9/10 and one, Boasorte on 13/10.

Brown-crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus tyrannulus*

1-2 along the track at Sum, 8/10.

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

One, GT on 10/10 and one at MdC on 11/10.

Swallow-tailed Cotinga *Phibalura flavirostris*

Five in total. BoT surely? Prolonged and repeat views of a pair of these lovelies at the start of the Sao Bernardo trail, and then three other singles further along the trail, PdC, 12/10.

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

Several heard and eventually two seen, MdC on 11/10.

Bare-throated Bellbird *Procnias nudicollis*

Two Daz-white males, on the road up to MdC, 11/10 and two more at PdC on 12/10.

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

Close and prolonged views of a singing male, (lifting one leg as it sang!), plus two distant females, MdC on 11/10, and one male at PdC on 12/10.

Serra do Mar Tyrant-Manakin *Neopelma chrysolophum*

One, PdC on 12/10.

Blue Manakin *Chiroxiphia caudata*

One male on WT, 7/10 then an immature male on GT on 10/10.

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

A female on WT, 7/10 and another female MdC on 11/10.

White-bearded Manakin *Manacus manacus*

2-3 females, RW on 6/10, a female on WT on 7/10 and a female at Sum on 8/10. Nae males, bah!

Whiskered Myiobius *Myiobius barbatus*

One, WT on 7/10.

Sharpbill *Oxyruncus cristatus*

One, MdC, 11/10.

Chestnut-crowned Becard *Pachyramphus castaneus*

A pair, MdC on 11/10.

White-winged Becard *Pachyramphus polychopterus*

Singles on five dates; RW 6/10, Sum 8/10, MdC 11/10, PdC 12/10 and Boasorte 13/10.

Black-capped Becard *Pachyramphus marginatus*

One, WT on 7/10.

Crested Becard *Pachyramphus validus*

A pair, RW on 6/10.

Rufous-browed Peppershrike *Cyclarhis gujanensis*

Only one, MdC, 11/10.

Red-eyed Vireo *Vireo olivaceus chivi*

One, GT on 10/10.

Rufous-crowned Greenlet *Hylophilus poicilotis*

One, PdC on 12/10.

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

One seen at Sum, 8/10 and one on the road down from MdC on 11/10.

Lemon-chested Greenlet *Hylophilus thoracicus*

One, RW on 6/10 and one seen very close at Boasorte on our last morning, 13/10.

Grey-breasted Martin *Progne chalybea*

A few about, seen on three dates.

Brown-chested Martin *Progne tapera*

2-3 at Sum on 8/10 a few others at Boasorte on 13/10.

Blue-and-white Swallow *Notiochelidon cyanoleuca*

A few seen on the coast at CF, 9/10 a few others, MdC on 11/12.

Southern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*

A few seen daily.

Black-capped Donacobius *Donacobius atricapilla*

1-2 seen RW on 6/10 and again 7/10.

Moustached Wren *Pheugopedius genibarbis*

Heard only, RW on 6/10.

Long-billed Wren *Cantorchilus longirostris*

Heard RW on 6/10 but then seen very well at Boasorte on our last morning, 13/10.

House Wren *Troglodytes aedon*

Seen or heard daily around R lodge and gardens.

Chalk-browed Mockingbird *Mimus saturninus*

Noted daily, all locations.

Yellow-legged Thrush *Turdus flavipes*

1-2 seen at MdC on 11/10 and 3-4 at PdC on 12/10.

Rufous-bellied Thrush *Turdus rufiventris*

Heard along WT on 7/10, 1-2 seen at Sum on 8/10.

Pale-breasted Thrush *Turdus leucomelas*

Noted on four dates, various locations.

Creamy-bellied Thrush *Turdus amaurochalinus*

One, MdC on 11/10.

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*

A few seen in passing through towns, when off-site.

Common Waxbill *Estrilda astrild*

Five at the foetid lagoon, CF on 9/10, and five Boasorte on 13/10.

Yellowish Pipit *Anthus lutescens*

Two, Boasorte, 6/10.

Hooded Siskin *Carduelis magellanica*

One, Sum on 8/10 and then several at PdC on 12/10.

Purple-throated Euphonia *Euphonia chlorotica*

One, R lodge garden, 9/10 and again 10/10. One at CF on 9/10.

Violaceous Euphonia *Euphonia violacea*

Noted daily, various locations, but always in the R lodge garden.

Orange-bellied Euphonia *Euphonia xanthogaster*

Two males, WT on 7/10.

Chestnut-bellied Euphonia *Euphonia pectoralis*

One on the road up to MdC on 11/10 and then one at the roadside banana stall *en route* to PdC on 12/10.

Rufous-collared Sparrow *Zonotrichia capensis*

Surprisingly, very few seen, 1-2 at MdC on 11/10.

Grassland Sparrow *Ammodramus humeralis*

One, Boasorte, 7/10.

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

One, at the road toll stop, *en route* to Sum, 8/10.

White-browed Blackbird *Leistes superciliaris*

One on roadside wires near REGUA 8-9/10 and one at our lunch spot at CF on 9/10.

Crested Oropendola *Psarocolius decumanus*

2-3 at Sum, 8/10, 3-4 on the road up to MdC, 11/10.

Red-rumped Cacique *Cacicus haemorrhous*

Seen daily around the R lodge gardens, from the tower and RW.

Giant Cowbird *Molothrus oryzivorus*

One, Sum on 8/10.

Shiny Cowbird *Molothrus bonariensis*

6+ RW on 6/10, odd ones & twos on three other dates, various locations.

Chopi Blackbird *Gnorimopsar chopi*

2-3, Boasorte on 6/10 then ones & twos on five other dates, various locations.

Chestnut-capped Blackbird *Chrysomus ruficapillus*

A few seen on each and any visit to RW during the week.

Masked Yellowthroat *Geothlypis aequinoctialis*

One, at the road toll stop, *en route* to Sum on 8/10.

Tropical Parula *Parula pitiayumi*

One in the restinga scrub at CF, 9/10.

White-rimmed Warbler *Basileuterus leucoblepharus*

One on the road up to MdC, 11/10.

Golden-crowned Warbler *Basileuterus culicivorus*

1-2 seen along the track at Sum, 8/10 then one at MdC on 11/10 and one at PdC on 12/10.

Red-crowned Ant Tanager *Habia rubica*

One, WT on 7/10 and one GT on 10/10.

Yellow-green Grosbeak *Caryothraustes canadensis*

Six, WT on 7/10.

Ultramarine Grosbeak *Cyanocompsa brissonii*

A pair at a roadside stop *en route* to Sum on 8/10.

Red-cowled Cardinal *Paroaria dominicana*

A nesting pair, plus one chick, Matumbo village, 13/10.

Cinnamon Tanager *Schistochlamys ruficapillus*

Four on the way down from Macae de Cima, 11/10 and two at PdC on 12/10.

Hooded Tanager *Nemosia pileata*

Two, RW on 6/10.

Chestnut-headed Tanager *Pyrrhocomma ruficeps*

One, PdC on 12/10.

Black-goggled Tanager *Trichothraupis melanops*

Two as we lunched along the track at Sum on 8/10, two at MdC on 11/10 and two at PdC on 12/10.

Flame-crested Tanager *Tachyphonus cristatus*

Seen almost daily, various location, often from the R lodge garden/tower.

Ruby-crowned Tanager *Tachyphonus coronatus*

Seen on three dates; 3 at Sum on 8/10, two at MdC on 11/10 and two at PdC on 12/10.

Brazilian Tanager *Ramphocelus bresilius*

Seen on six dates; RW/R lodge gardens/tower, various locations/most sites visited.

Sayaca Tanager *Thraupis sayaca*

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

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

Several seen at MdC on 11/10.

Golden-chevroned Tanager *Thraupis ornate*

1-2 RW on 6/10, 4-5 at MdC on 11/10 and 3-4 at PdC on 12/10.

Palm Tanager *Thraupis palmarum*

A few seen almost daily.

Fawn-breasted tanager *Pipraeides melanonota*

Two seen on the way down from MdC on 11/10.

Turquoise (White-bellied) Tanager *Tangara mexicana*

One, WT on 7/10.

Green-headed Tanager *Tangara seledon*

Several RW at the potoo site, RW on 6/10, others WT on 7/10 MdC on 11/10 and at PdC on 12/10.

Red-necked Tanager *Tangara cyanocephala*

Two seen fleetingly, WT on 7/10.

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

3-4 at Sum on 8/10, one at MdC on 11/10 and 3-4 at PdC on 12/10.

Burnished-buff Tanager *Tangara cayana*

1-2 seen at the banana bird table, in the R lodge gardens, a few also seen at Sum on 8/10, at MdC on 11/10 and at PdC on 12/10.

Swallow Tanager *Tersina viridis*

Two pairs, showed well at a roadside stop *en route* to Sum on 8/10.

Blue Dacnis *Dacnis cayana*

Seen on seven dates, R lodge garden and all sites visited.

Red-legged Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes cyaneus*

Three, down by the office, 6/10.

Rufous-headed Tanager *Hemithraupis ruficapilla*

One, Sum on 8/10.

Yellow-backed Tanager *Hemithraupis flavicollis*

Seen on four dates, 6-7/10 and 13/10 in R lodge garden.

Chestnut-vented Conebill *Conirostrum speciosum*

As above. Plus one in restinga scrub at CF on 9/10.

Grey Pileated Finch *Coryphospingus pileatus*

Two, along track at Sum, on 8/10.

Saffron Finch *Sicalis flaveola*

Common & widespread, seen daily.

Wedge-tailed Grass Finch *Emberizoides herbicola*

One, Boasorte, 6/10 and three at Sum on 8/10.

Green-winged Saltator *Saltator similis*

One, on the road up to MdC on 11/10.

Blue-black Grassquit *Volatinia jacarina*

1-2 Sum on 8/10.

White-bellied Seedeater *Sporophila leucoptera*

One, Sum on 8/10.

Bananaquit *Coereba flaveola*

Bizarrely, just one! Sum on 8/10.

Sooty Grassquit *Tiaris fuliginosus*

One, along the track at Sum 8/10 and then two along GT on 10/10.

OTHER CRITTERS

Mammals

Capybara *Hydrochaeris hydrochaeris*

Common (White-tufted) Marmoset *Callithrix jacchus*

Brown Four-eyed Opossum *Metachirus nudicaudatus*

Tapir *Tapirus terrestris*

Reptiles

Broad-snouted Caiman *Caiman latirostris*

Tegu Lizard sp. *Tupinambis* sp.