

Brazil

The Atlantic Rainforest

Fri 6th – Sun 15th October 2017



Tour pictures (clockwise from top left): Surucua Trogon, White-throated Hummingbird, White-eared Puffbird, Three-toed Jacamar. Photos © tour participant Philip Parker

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REGUA has become firmly established in birding lore - and rightly so - as a truly magical, inspiring place and an exciting forest restoration project. The lodge, which formed our base for the week from which to explore the birding richness of the Atlantic rainforest, must surely be amongst the most picturesque settings in the world. With its peaceful and tranquil surrounds, comfortable accommodation, caring and attentive staff, great food, great weather and fantastic birding, the stage was set for what we hoped would be a wonderful stay. It was a hot week, with temperatures anywhere from high 30s to low 40s and it had been like that for a while. Such a hot dry spell I'm sure had some influence on the birding but, nonetheless, we recorded an impressive 292 species, with many highlights. You will all have your own but some of these, in no particular order, will surely feature amongst them and live long in our collective memories:

- Those superb displaying Whistling Herons.
- The courtship display of Boat-billed Herons.
- The ethereal experience of Giant Snipe-ing at dusk, with Adulei, the wizard.
- Those completely unexpected Toco Toucans
- All the hummingbirds in general, but especially Green-crowned Plovercrest.
- And that oh so showy Filled Coquette.
- The array of tanagers, Green-headed, Diademed and Brazilian, key amongst them.
- The cotinga contingent; Black-and-gold, Swallow-tailed and Brazilian Laniisoma.
- Those superb views of Giant Antshrike.
- The subtle beauty of white spots on black of Large-tailed Antshrike.
- Bertoni's Antbird has to be in here too, eh?
- Those close views of Black-cheeked Gnateater.
- The exuberance of Streamer-tailed Tyrants.
- Hooded Berryeater – there's just something about seeing that bird.
- That beautiful combo of dark navy blue and chestnut on Chestnut-bellied Euphonia.
- A dozen of one of the world's most endangered birds - Three-toed Jacamar
- And not forgetting the peace, tranquillity and spectacular backdrop of our base, the lodge at REGUA
- So many highlights.....

Day 1. Friday 6th October

Our British Airways flight from Heathrow to Rio arrived on time and, once through the formalities, we met up with Anne and Rob already in Brazil, were greeted by REGUA's jolly driver Alceni who deftly whisked us through the Rio traffic and on to REGUA lodge. After a long travel day, it was a quick snack, then off to bed. Sleep for those that could, while for those that couldn't drift off straight away, the chance to listen to the silence of the night, save for the calls of Rufous-capped Motmot, Pauraque and the metronomic call of Ferruginous Pygmy Owl.

Day 2, Saturday 7th October

Having arrived well after dark last night, the excitement to see our new surrounds at first-light was palpable. As the grey-dark lifted we listened to the awakening of the surrounding garden and forest and met on the REGUA lodge tower to marvel at the awesome and spectacular mountain backdrop of the Serra dos Orgaos range - a razorback ridge of towering cliffs cloaked in Atlantic rainforest biome. With coffee in hand, the birding began, as the first rays of sun struck the smooth, sheer slabs of the backdrop peaks. From the tower we could look down to the wetland and saw our first White-faced Whistling Ducks, Capped Herons, Anhinga, Neotropical Cormorants, Common and Purple Gallinules, Western Cattle Egrets and Striated Heron. Meantime, fly-bys included both Southern Crested and Yellow-headed Caracaras, Roadside Hawk, Black Vulture, Picazuro Pigeon and one or two Sick's Swifts. In and around the garden and tower surrounds we saw our first Rusty-margined Guans, Red-rumped Caciques, Squirrel Cuckoo, Great Kiskadee, Tropical Kingbird, Piratic and Social Flycatchers, a mix of Palm, Green-headed, Flame-crested, Yellow-backed, Sayaca and the incandescent vermilion Brazilian Tanagers, plus others of this huge and varied South American bird family including Blue Dacnis, Violaceous Euphonia and Chestnut-vented Conebill. At the feeders the aggressive resident Swallow-tailed Hummingbird did all it could to repel all other hummingbird boarders, which included Black Jacobin, Violet-capped Woodnymph and Rufous-breasted Hermit. For now though, Blond-crested Woodpecker and Channel-billed Toucan would

remain as heard only. Many, if not most, of the above would become “staples” from now on, featuring in all our *Tower-ing* sessions, but what a start - and all before breakfast!

After breakfast, resident local guide Adilei Carvalho da Cunha joined us for a saunter down from the lodge to the reserve offices and around the wetland along the Yellow Trail. The birds came thick & fast. No sooner had we set off, than we found the Ferruginous Pygmy Owl that had called all night, also Ochre-breasted Flycatcher, Silvery-flanked Antwren and a superb Rufous-tailed Jacamar directly above our heads which made for vertical-‘scoping, to the sound of three very vocal Roadside Hawks. On reaching the wetland we saw our first Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture sailing overhead, while among the waterbirds were Southern Lapwing, Wattled Jacana, Common and Purple Gallinules, Great Egret, Rufescent Tiger Heron, both White-faced and Black-bellied Whistling Ducks and Brazilian Teal. The wetland passerines included Cattle, Masked Water and White-headed Marsh Tyrants, Boat-billed and Social Flycatchers and Band-tailed Hornero. Further along, in the forest scrub edges and wetland margins, we found Greater Ani, Chestnut-backed Antshrike, White-barred Piculet, Common Waxbill, Pale-breasted and Rufous-bellied Thrushes, Yellow-bellied Elaenia, Yellow-lored Tody-Flycatcher, Southern Beardless Tyrannulet, Red-legged Honeycreeper, Short-crested Flycatcher and White-bearded Manakin. In waterline tangles we found Yellow-chinned Spinetail, Black-capped Donacobius and Chestnut-capped Blackbird. Over the water darted both Ringed and Amazon Kingfishers, whilst Southern rough-winged Swallows skimmed the surface.

We were back at the lodge for lunch and with the combination of yesterday’s travel and today’s heat & humidity which took some getting used to, we chilled for a few hours, birding the garden, from the tower and/or generally relaxing through the heat of the early afternoon – 38+ Degrees! It was hardly any cooler, but at 4pm we headed off-site with Adilei, a short drive to Boasorte, in search of Giant Snipe at dusk, but heading out early enough to enjoy some early evening birding before the main event. It was a productive session, seeing Burrowing Owl, two very obliging and vocal Streamer-tailed Tyrants, Smooth-billed Ani, both White-bellied and Double-collared Seedeaters, Wedge-tailed Grassfinch, Grassland Sparrow and Blue-black Grassquit. In nearby trees and bushes we found Chopi Blackbird, Guira Cuckoo, Tropical Kingbird, and we coaxed an Ash-throated Crake into view. A Striped Cuckoo called out there somewhere, but could we find it? Bah! As a final warm-up to the main event, a pair of Whistling Herons flew in close and proceed to put on quite a show, displaying, really quite crane-like in their antics, with raised crests, high-stepping and leaps into the air

As the grey-dark descended, the tension was palpable. We walked into a field, stood, listened and almost immediately Giant Snipe began to give their weird unearthly calls from out there somewhere. Adilei set off, slowly quartering the pasture, using his expert ear and finely tuned field skills in an attempt to locate the calling bird. It took him a while and the tension became unbearable – would we see this giant amongst snipes? Then we got the signal, Adilei beckoned us over and on approaching him from behind, peering over his shoulder, there transfixed in his torch beam was said Giant. As if binocular views weren’t enough, ‘scoping this bird on closest focus gave us unbelievable views, not just head, neck and long bill as I’ve seen before, but for us this year, the whole bird stood up in full view. Wow!

Back at the lodge for *Caip-Time* at 6.45pm, we celebrated an amazing, bird-packed first day, with our caipirinha sundowner cocktail, to accompany our checklist catch-up. And then dinner, followed by early to bed.

Day 3. Sunday 8th October

Pre-breakfast we variously birded the garden, from the tower, looking down to the wetland and surrounding forest. We saw many of the usual suspects. New though - and completely unexpected - and best bird by far so far was Toco Toucan, two of them, that flew into a lodge garden tree.

We headed off-site today, wanting to vary the days, heading up and over the Serra dos Orgaos mountain range to Sumidouro /Carmo. It’s quite a drive, the longest excursion of the tour, so it’s good to get it out of the way early in the week. We made a brief pit-stop at a roadside pull-in, near the so-called *Finger of God* – a massive rock pinnacle, around which a mass of swifts were swirling. We stopped again, briefly at Trescorgos and in a stream gully below the road we saw many new species including Masked Yellowthroat, Bran-coloured Flycatcher, Spix’s Spinetail, Orange-eyed Thornbird, Ruby-crowned Tanager, House Wren and fly-by White-eyed Parakeets. On reaching Sumidouro we headed up the track above Carmo town in search of our main target species for the day – Three-toed Jacamar. Unusually, we had to wait a while, it’s usually immediately seen, which added a frisson of tension (for me anyway!), but as we began our walk along the track we saw many new birds in the meantime. These included Hangnest Tody-Tyrant, Yellow-eared Woodpecker, Brown-crested, Streaked, Yellow-olive and Euler’s Flycatchers, Burnished-buff Tanager, Grey-eyed Greenlet, Long-tailed Tyrant and a fine pair of Serra Antwrens. Eventually, though, we found the jacamar; in fact, the first of a dozen by the end of our time here. Phew! First one, then two, gave great views, their outwardly dull brown appearance belying their iridescent, bronzy-green tones when seen close up in the ‘scope.

Further along the track we saw Rufous-tailed Jacamar, two Squirrel Cuckoos, Sooty Grassquit and Rufous-fronted Thornbird. Moving yet further on, slowly - it was too hot to move fast - we picked up a Crested Black Tyrant high up on a wire, a Swallow Tanager high in the top of a tree and a Roadside Hawk drifted passed. Thankfully the track entered forest scrub, giving us some respite from the infernal heat and in the relative cool and shade of this stretch we found two Crescent-chested Puffbirds perched obligingly close but tricky to see in the dense trackside scrub, White-collared Foliage-gleaner, Rufous-capped Spinetail, Olivaceous, Plain-winged and Lesser Woodcreepers plus Golden-crowned Warbler. Meeting up with Alcení and the van, we ate our picnic lunch in this relative shade, before then back-pedaling to Carmo and driving round to another part of Sumidouro. Along a dusty road we did some stop-start birding at key spots and found White-rumped Monjita, two Campo Flickers, Savanna Hawk, more Sayaca and Burnished-buff Tanagers, Blue Dacnis, Red Pileated Finch and two White-eared Puffbirds on fence posts right next to the van. We looked hard for the aptly-named Firewood Gatherer, but only saw its gathered firewood nest. Before long it was time to begin the long drive back, at the lodge for 6pm for a relaxing soiree looking out into garden/lodge surrounds or on the tower followed by checklist and sundowner, before being summoned to dinner.

Day 4. Monday 9th October

As usual now, we began the day birding the garden or on the tower, enjoying the many by-now familiar species, including Boat-billed Flycatcher, Muscovy Duck fly-bys and the 05.15am routine showing of the Rusty-margined Guans. After breakfast, we took the short drive out through Matumbo village to the Waldenor Trail. No sooner had we left the truck and begun our walk than we were among birds, a mix of some seen previously but many new ones too. These included nesting Chestnut-crowned Becard, Shiny Cowbird, Golden-chevrons Tanager, three fine male Blue Manakins, several Rufous-tailed Jacamars, and Surucua Trogon. As we slowly walked the track more new birds came to the fore, key amongst them were comical-looking Yellow-fronted Woodpeckers, Streaked Flycatcher, a cracking Chestnut-bellied Euphonia and Planalto Tyrannulet. Around the smallholding (barking dogs, if you need reminding), we saw Saw-billed Hermit, Golden-chevrons Tanager, and Black-throated Trogon. Alas, Star-throated Antwren and Spot-billed Toucanet remained as heard only. Pressing on up the trail we reached as far as we had planned to go, a site for the diminutive, showy Frilled Coquette. There was no sign to begin with and it hadn't been seen in recent times by any other folk, but we gave it a while and our patience was rewarded when a male appeared, perched just long enough for us all to 'scope it, then it was off. How lucky were we? On the way back down, we saw Ruddy Ground Dove, Variegated Flycatcher, Red-eyed Vireo, Green-headed and Black-goggled Tanagers and Surucua Trogon. Unbeknown to us on the way up we'd walked right passed a nest hole of Rufous-capped Motmot, the size of a rabbit burrow. On the way back down though we happened to see the bird return to the nest hole and, from a safe distant, watched it come and go. Heading back, we stopped briefly in Matumbo in the hope of Red-cowled Cardinal and lo, it duly obliged. Nice.

After lunch, with the temperature in the low 40s, (someone said it had hit 44 Degrees!), downtime was well in order. Some of us rested in our rooms, whilst others birded the garden and tower but birds too were keeping a low profile. Eventually though we ventured out, down to the hide overlooking part of the wetland. Made of concrete to thwart wood-munching termites, inside it made for a veritable Tandoor oven! Nonetheless we birded here a while, finding roosting Black-crowned Night Herons, Cooi Heron and Purple Gallinule. As the afternoon wore on and we singed at the edges, we left the Tandoor and headed around to the main part of the wetland to be there for dusk as Western Cattle Egrets gather to roost. While we waited, we saw Yellow Tyrannulet, White-bearded Manakin, Brazilian Teal, Red-rumped Caciques, two Ferruginous Pygmy Owls, great views of an adult Rufescent Tiger Heron, Rufous-sided Crake and two Black-crowned Night Herons. Quite a few swifts passed over us, Sick's or Grey-rumped - hard to tell with the views we got, but we did pick out the more distinctive shape of Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift. Eventually, egrets began to arrive, dribs & drabs at first, then larger groups then larger groups still. As many as 2000+ are reported to be roosting currently, but the roost has become more diffuse than in previous years, so from this viewpoint it wasn't quite the anticipated spectacle. No matter, as the experience of seeing several hundred gathered together in just a few trees was a nice end to the day.

Day 5. Tuesday 10th October

This morning, acting on a tip-off from our fellow guests who'd been down in the hide at dawn yesterday and seen something really special, some of us were up extra early and went off in hot pursuit. Arriving just as it began to get light, lo, there they were, four superb Boat-billed Herons, giving the best of views. A recent arrival at REGUA, they are believed to be breeding. Certainly there seemed to be a lot of nuptial crest-raising display going on between two of them. Just as well we got there promptly as within a short while these nocturnal feeders had melted away into dark shady cover to roost. Here, too, were the majority of the roosting Western Cattle Egrets that we missed last evening. Oh, also two Black-crowned Night Herons and fab views of three Channel-billed Toucans too. How thrilling was all that?! A nice start to the day.

Taking turnabout, we were off-site again today, a two-hour drive to the coast at Cabo Frio, to different habitats and the accompanying birds. On reaching Cabo Frio we stopped first on the outskirts of town at a rather foetid

lagoon where the water looked highly polluted and decidedly dodgy. Perhaps not surprisingly there were few birds here, just a Kelp Gull, a Grey-headed Gull, a Cabot's Tern, Lesser Yellowlegs and a Spotted Sandpiper. In nearby bushes, though, there were two Plain-breasted Ground Doves. As we crossed town we stopped to sift through mixed shorebirds at roadside saltings and shoreline. Here we saw a good selection of waders including Sanderling, Semipalmated, Grey and Collared Plovers, Semipalmated Sandpiper, White-backed Stilt and Ruddy Turnstone. The terns were a mix of Yellow-billed, Royal and Cabot's, the gulls were Kelp and there were lots of White-cheeked Pintail and Black Skimmer too. Alcení then dropped us off at the head of the sandy trail through *restinga* scrub habitat. Our quest here was to find the range-restricted endemic Restinga Antwren and it didn't take us long to find a pair and a second female. As we walked the trail, we also found Sooretama Slaty Antshrike, Bran-coloured Flycatcher, several Tropical Parulas, several Guira Cuckoos and a Grey-fronted Dove.

Thwarted in our attempt to reach the beach for lunch, instead we ate our picnic in a leafy side street on the edge of town. After which we drove around, stopping at various vantage points to check out areas of saltings and mangroves. Here we found lots of both Lesser and Greater Yellowlegs, more White-backed Stilts and several Little Blue Herons. Before long it was time to begin to head back but, stopping at a roadside creek, we found two Grey-headed Gulls and more of Kelp Gull, Grey Plover, Semipalmated Sandpiper, Lesser and Greater Yellowlegs and a lone Hudsonian Godwit, with Magnificent Frigatebirds high overhead. We were back at REGUA by late afternoon, giving us time to relax and bird the garden and from the tower, before our routine of checklist, sundowner, dinner then bed.

Day 6. Wednesday 11th October

Pre-breakfast, we couldn't resist more of those Boat-billed Herons down at the hide, so headed there at first light. We saw two this time, together with five Black-crowned Night Herons and the Channel-billed Toucans were there again too. After breakfast, it was a site-based day for us today but requiring a short drive across pastureland, cropland and scattered woodland to the head of the Green Trail. Along the way we saw Burrowing Owl, White-rumped Swallow, Chopi Blackbird, Double-collared Seedeater, White-eyed Parakeet, Fork-tailed Flycatcher and Common Tody-Flycatcher. As we entered the forest, we were stopped by a species of vine snake, sprawled across the track in front of us. This in itself was nice to see, but stopping for it also delivered close views of Blond-crested Woodpecker, Rufous-breasted Hermit and Blue Manakin. No sooner had we started to walk the Green Trail than a White-necked Hawk sailed over us. Birds then came thick and fast; in quick succession we saw Red-eyed Vireo, Blue Dacnis, White-bellied Tanager and Red-legged Honeycreeper. Moving slowly on, we then had great views of both Black-cheeked Gnatcatcher and Southern Antpiper.

A little ways on a Black Hawk-Eagle passed over us as we enjoyed Eye-ringed Tody-Tyrant, Ochre-bellied Flycatcher, Reddish Hermit, Ruby-crowned Tanager and both White-throated and Olivaceous Woodcreepers. Further on a noisy commotion in the dense forest understorey proved to be two Red-crowned Ant Tanagers and Black-capped Foliage-gleaner. The previous evening we had learned that the bird-with-three-names – Shrike-like Cotinga, Elegant Mourner, or officially, Brazilian Laniisoma had been seen at trail marker 1300m. This beautiful bird, hard to see at low elevations at this time of year was one we had to try to find. Adilei's keen ear immediately picked it out, calling way back in the forest depths, but using his astonishing mimicry skills, he soon had the bird responding and edging ever closer until, eventually, it came into full view above our heads, remaining still and for long enough for 'scoping. Marvellous.

It was time now to back-track and head to the lodge for lunch. However the return leg continued to produce new birds, including Greyish Mourner, White-throated Spadebill, Yellow-throated Woodpecker, Rufous-winged Antwren and White-winged Becard, plus some we'd seen previously too, Rufous-tailed Jacamar, Euler's Flycatcher, Green-headed and Flame-crested Tanagers amongst them. As we drove back through the pastureland, Yellowish Pipit was new for us. In the late afternoon when temperature had eased a bit (yeah, right!) we ventured out, going around the wetland on the Yellow Trail in reverse, to check out new areas. The heat of the day meant things were quite quiet and bird activity somewhat suppressed. However, we did manage to see a few things including Chestnut-backed Antshrike, a female Plain Antwren, Limpkin, White-barred Piculet, Chestnut-capped Blackbird, White-headed Marsh Tyrant, and Yellow-lored Tody-Flycatcher, Wetland birds included Striated and Capped Herons and Anhinga.

Day 7. Thursday 12th October

We breakfasted early today in order to get away, off-site in good time to visit Pica do Caledonia which affords the chance to gain easy road access to high elevation forest via a steep service road up to telecommunication installations, to an altitude of over 2,000m, close to the tree-line. The 4x4 truck followed us and on reaching Caledonia we swapped vehicles to make the low-ratio, somewhat hairy, steep ascent, worth it for the ease of access to this level and the gentle amble back down. We spent quite a bit of time in the one spot at the distal part of our drive up, before then walking down. At this spot, *the* spot of the Grey-winged Cotinga, we heard it but couldn't locate it, bah! No matter, there was much to see besides including stotting Brassy-breasted Tanager,

Plumbeous Pigeon, Rufous-browed Peppershrike, Black-and-gold Cotinga, Highland Elaenia and, at last, our first of South America's most ubiquitous bird, Rufous-collared Sparrow! It was well worth our time spent at this one spot as we also found beautiful cobalt-blue Diademed Tanagers, Yellow-legged Blackbirds, Blue-billed Black Tyrant and Yellow-browed Woodpecker though only heard Mouse-coloured Tapaculo, a notorious skulker.

Eventually we began our descent, stopping whenever we saw or heard birds. Progress was slow as we encountered so much on the way down. At one such stop we found Shear-tailed Grey Tyrant, Rufous-tailed Antbird and the beautifully spotty Large-tailed Antshrike. Meanwhile White-tailed Hawk and White-collared Swifts sailed overhead. A little further down we met with Bay-chested Warbling Finch, Pallid Spinetail, Thick-billed Saltator and Serra do Mar Tyrannulet. Further on still we added Velvety Black Tyrant, Ochre-faced Tody-Flycatcher, Serra do Mar Tyrant Manakin, Variable Antshrike, Glittering-bellied Emerald and Rufous-crowned Greenlet.

We ate our picnic lunch back at the start of the service road before then heading back up a little way and taking a side track, the Sao Bernardo Trail. Here one key bird we hoped to see was Swallow-tailed Cotinga, the world's most beautiful bird – discuss. So stunning-looking is this bird that it is not known to sing or call. No-one knows what it sounds like, it's deemed silent. Well, who needs to shout about it when you have looks like that! And lo, we saw three of these stunners no sooner had we reached the key spot, a nesting pair and at least a third bird, maybe more. We remained here quite a while enjoying these beauties but picking up more besides including Rusty-margined Flycatcher, Hooded Siskin, White-throated Hummingbird, Creamy-bellied Thrush, Grey-capped Tyrannulet, Fawn-breasted Tanager, Pallid Spinetail, Boat-billed Flycatcher and that oh so ear-splittingly vocal Red-legged Seriema! Enough to drive us away - and it did! We were back at REGUA late afternoon for checklist, caipirinha.....etc.

Day 8. Friday 13th October

For our last off-site day we headed to Macae de Cima for more high elevation birding. Here too, another track would save us legwork and get us up to forest at c.1400m. On the drive up we stopped to enjoy two *Daz*-white male Bare-throated bellbirds, their turquoise bare skin patch clearly visible in the 'scope. Here too we found White-throated Hummingbird, White-rimmed Warbler, Brassy-breasted Tanager and oh so fleetingly a Spot-billed Toucanet. We drove passed a tree festooned in old pendulous nests of Crested Oropendolas but they didn't seem to be at home.

Swapping the van for the truck we drove up to c.1400m to a quaint Hansel & Gretel-like cottage, the home of the late David Miller, renowned orchid expert. This beautiful spot overlooking the surrounding forest was a great vantage point for birding, added to which sugar feeders drew assorted hummingbirds out of the forest and in to the open for us to enjoy. Here we saw more White-throated Hummingbirds, but the stunning Brazilian Ruby, the elfin Amythest Woodstar and the showy Green-crowned Plovercrest were all new for us. As we watched the hummers come and go, we watched for other things too and managed to find Black-and-gold Cotinga, Uniform Finch, both Golden-chevroned and Azure-shouldered Tanagers, Rufous-capped Spinetail, Surucua Trogon, Maroon-bellied Parakeet and a female Pin-tailed Manakin. Several Hooded Berryeaters called but remained unseen, for now. It's such a lovely spot that we ate our picnic here before then beginning the slow saunter back down birding all the way, with birds at every step. First up were two Squirrel Cuckoos, swiftly followed by Blue-billed Black Tyrant, Creamy-bellied Thrush and Pale-browed Treehunter. Further down we saw the superb Bertoni's Antbird, Plumbeous Pigeon and a Hooded Berryeater flew into view, at last! At this spot too, it was a struggle, but we eventually saw Rufous-tailed Antthrush deep in the undergrowth and Adilei used his skills to draw a Rufous-breasted Leaftosser into full view for us.

Pressing on, hearing a Giant Antshrike calling at the trackside we waited in the hope that it would show and, with a little judicious use of tape, it responded and came into view, a female, perched for several minutes and giving us superb views. Further on, at a rocky-cliff track edge, we found, appropriately enough, a pair of Cliff Flycatchers, which showed very well. Here too we saw Swainson's Flycatcher, which was unexpected. A little further down, we gave Sharp-tailed Streamcreeper some time and eventually it showed, deep in a stream gully. Not the best views, but hey, can't win 'em all. Finally, Drab-breasted Bamboo Tyrant, Mottle-cheeked Tyrannulet, Black-goggled Tanager and Lesser Woodcreeper were the last suite of birds seen before we reached the van and it was time to head back to REGUA.

Day 9. Saturday 14th October

We began this, our last morning at REGUA in the garden, some on the tower, before breakfasting early and then heading off to do one more trail –the so-called 4x4 Trail, before preparing to depart for home later that afternoon. *En route*, driving through the pasturelands, we saw fly-by Scaly-headed Parrots, Guira Cuckoos and heard Laughing Falcon. We entered the forest and drove to the top, then slowly sauntered back down the track stop-start birding as we went, with Adilei kindly heading back up the track at intervals to bring the truck back down

behind us in stages, so we didn't have to trudge back up for it. Good system. There were birds to see all the way down, some by now very familiar to us, other new, adding a dozen species this morning to our week's tally. The first suite of species included Scaled Antbird, Yellow-eared Woodpecker, a female Orange-bellied Euphonia, Eared Pygmy Tyrant and Eye-ringed Tody Tyrant. Further along we met with Yellow-olive Flycatcher, a pair of Spot-breasted Antwrens and a pair of Black-and-white Hawk-Eagles passed overhead. Further on still we found Sepia-capped Flycatcher, Streak-capped Antwren, Lesser Woodcreeper, Rufous-capped Motmot, White-chinned Sapphire and Grey-hooded Flycatcher. As we dropped down further there were yet more birds – this fairly steep descending track illustrating how stratified the birding can be, with different species at different elevations. This next suite of species included Greyish Mourner, Whiskered Myiobius (Flycatcher), Rufous-winged Antwren, and several Red-eyed Vireos.

Before reaching the lower levels, by which time it was time to board the truck and head down back to the lodge, we encountered Flame-crested Tanager, Uniform Antwren, White-tipped Dove (which had been scarce all week), Tropical Parula, Streaked Xenops and Brazilian Tanager. We could hear the wing-snapping clicks of displaying male White-bearded Manakins in the understory somewhere, but could only see females. On the drive back we stopped for great views this time of that Laughing Falcon, flying back & forth over our heads carrying a snake. We stopped too for a Savanna Hawk and, at the third time of trying, finally caught up with Long-billed Wren. On arriving back at the lodge for lunch, we were greeted with the news that Black-tailed Tityra, seen from the tower by those who hadn't joined us this morning, was one last new bird to add for the week and a nice one to catch up with, too.

Shortly after lunch, we bade farewell to Anne and Rob - transferring early back to Rio - then the rest of us relaxed in the wonderful ambience of REGUA lodge for as long as we could ahead of our own transfer in the later afternoon back to Rio. The time passed all too quickly and at 4pm we said fond farewells to the REGUA team for looking after us so well and were whisked away by driver Alceni to the airport for the return flight to Blighty, arriving on **Day 10. Sunday 15th October.**

I'd like to thank you all for coming along and sharing the REGUA experience and wonders of Atlantic Rainforest birding. Thank you.

ANNOTATED LIST OF BIRDS RECORDED

(Total of 291 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
 4x4 – 4x4 Trail
 CF – Cabo Frio

White-faced Whistling-duck *Dendrocygna viduata*

10-15+ seen on all visits to the REGUA wetland (RW) or as fly-bys from the R lodge tower.

Black-bellied Whistling-duck *Dendrocygna autumnalis*

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, just 1-2 seen on two RW visits on 7/10 and 9/10.

White-cheeked Pintail *Anas bahamensis*

30-40 at Cabo Frio (CF) on 10/10.

Rusty-margined Guan *Penelope superciliaris*

2-3 seen daily in the early morning and again in the evening, REGUA lodge gardens (R) 07-14/10.

Rufescent Tiger Heron *Tigrisoma lineatum*

1-2 seen on visits to RW, 7/10, 9/10 and 11/10.

Boat-billed Heron *Cochlearius cochlearius*

Fabulous views of four of these bizarre looking herons seen on pre-breakfast visits to the hide, 9-11/10

Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*

Up to four adults and 1-2 juvenile seen on hide visits, 9-11/10.

Striated Heron *Butorides striata*

Between 1-3 seen RW on three dates, 7/10, 9/10 and 11/10.

Western Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*

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

One seen on three dates at RW, 8/10, 9/10 and 11/10.

Great Egret *Ardea alba*

1-2 seen on four dates, at RW and 1-2 drive-by birds seen *en route* to other sites.

Capped Heron *Pilherodius pileatus*

2-3 of these beautiful buttermilk-coloured birds seen daily down at RW, and from R lodge tower.

Whistling Heron *Syrigma sibilatrix*

Fabulous views of two, a pair, displaying crane-like in the Giant Snipe field, Boasorte, 7/10. One walking around the volunteers accommodation at R, as we returned from Macae de Cima, 13/10.

Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerulea*

10+ in the roadside saltings/mangroves at CF, 10/10.

Snowy Egret *Egretta thula*

One or two picked out amongst the cattle egrets at RW on two dates.

Magnificent Frigatebird *Fregata magnificens*

Up to six seen above town at CF, 10/10 and then several seen in Rio when returning for the flight to Blighty, 14/10.

Neotropic Cormorant *Phalacrocorax brasilianus*

Seen daily at RW and from R lodge tower.

Anhinga *Anhinga anhinga*

1-2 seen daily 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*

1-2 seen over RW/R on three dates.

Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus*

Ubiquitous, seen daily.

Black Hawk-eagle *Spizaetus tyrannus*

One seen through the canopy, low over our heads on the Green Trail (GT), 11/10.

Black-and-White Hawk-eagle *Spizastur melanoleucus*

Two seen through the canopy above our heads on the 4 x 4 trail, 14/10.

Savanna Hawk *Buteogallus meridionalis*

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

White-necked Hawk *Buteogallus lacernulatus*

One, GT on 11/10.

Roadside Hawk *Buteo magnirostris*

1-2 seen on four dates various locations, on and off site.

White-tailed Hawk *Buteo albicaudatus*

One, on our way back from Sumidouro/Carmo (Sum) excursion on 8/10, one at CF on 10/10 and a juvenile at Pica do Caledonia (PdC) on 12/10.

Red-legged Seriema *Cariama cristata*

One **very** vocal bird along the Sao Bernardo Trail, PdC on 12/10.

Rufous-sided Crake *Laterallus melanophaius*

Certainly two, possible another two, down at RW, 9/10.

Grey-necked Wood Rail *Aramides cajanea*

Heard only, just once, at night from R lodge, 8/10.

Slaty-breasted Wood Rail *Aramides saracura*

Heard only at R during the night, 9/10 and one seen at Mace de Cima, 13/10.

Ash-throated Crake *Porzana albicollis*

Just one seen, but several others heard when we went Giant Snipe-ing at Boasorte on 7/10.

Purple Gallinule *Porphyrio martinica*

1-2 seen at RW each time we visited.

Common Gallinule *Gallinula galeata*

Lots, RW all week.

Limpkin *Aramus guarauna*

Just one, from Yellow Trail around the back of RW, 11/10.

White-backed Stilt *Himantopus melanurus*

20-30 on the coast at CF, 10/10.

Southern Lapwing *Vanellus chilensis*

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

Grey Plover *Pluvialis squatarola*

3-4 at roadside salt marsh/mud flats at CF, 10/10.

Semipalmated Plover *Charadrius semipalmatus*

10+ as above, CF, 10/10.

Collared Plover *Charadrius collaris*

1-2 as above, CF, 10/10.

Wattled Jacana *Jacana jacana*

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

Giant Snipe *Gallinago undulata*

One, expertly found for us by Adilei, others heard, at Boasorte on 7/10.

Hudsonian Godwit *Limosa haemastica*

One, roadside mud/saltings CF, 10/10.

Greater Yellowlegs *Tringa melanoleuca*

30+ at roadside saltings/mangroves, CF, 10/10.

Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes*

10-20, as above CF, 10/10.

Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius*

One, roadside shore/saltings, CF, 10/10.

Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*

10+ as above, CF, 10/10.

Sanderling *Calidris alba*

2-3, as above, CF, 10/10.

Semipalmated Sandpiper *Calidris pusilla*

1-2 as above, CF, 10/10.

Black Skimmer *Rynchops niger*

20+ as above, CF, 10/10.

Grey-headed Gull *Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus*

Two, at the roadside lagoon, CF, 10/10.

Kelp Gull *Larus dominicanus*

1-2 at the roadside lagoon, CF, 10/10.

Royal Tern *Thalasseus maximus*

Several, roadside shore/saltings, CF, 10/10.

Cabot's Tern *Thalasseus aculavidus*

Just the one, CF, 10/10.

Yellow-billed Tern *Sternula superciliaris*

Two, roadside shore/saltings, CF, 10/10.

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*

One, PdC on 12/10 and one at MdC on 13/10.

Plain-breasted Ground Dove *Colombina minuta*

Two, roadside lagoon, CF, 10/10.

Ruddy Ground Dove *Columbina talpacoti*

Common and widespread, seen daily.

White-tipped Dove *Leptotila verreauxi*

One, RW/Yellow Trail, 11/10.

Grey-fronted Dove *Leptotila rufaxilla*

Heard from R lodge tower, 7/10 and one seen 10/10.

Guira Cuckoo *Guira guira*

Seen on six dates, mostly 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*

Heard only, Boasorte, on 7/10.

Squirrel Cuckoo *Piaya cayana*

Seen on four dates; One in R lodge garden on 7/10, two at Sum) on 8/10 and one at Mdc on 13/10.

Tropical Screech Owl *Megascops choliba*

Just one, seen at the roadside as we returned to R from Giant Snipe-ing, Boasorte, 7/10.

Tawny-browed Owl *Pulsatrix koeniswaldiana*

Heard only at the lodge during the night of 8/10

Ferruginous Pygmy Owl *Glaucidium brasilianum*

Heard every night/early morning from our rooms at the lodge. Seen on four dates at R.

Burrowing Owl *Athene cunicularia*

One, Boasorte on 7/10, two on the drive out to GT on 11/10 and one at the bus station as we drove through the town of Cachoieras de Macacu, 13/10.

Common Potoo *Nyctibius griseus*

Heard only, on one night, from the R lodge, 9/10.

Pauraque *Nyctidromus albicollis*

Heard only, on four nights, from R lodge.

White-collared Swift *Streptoprocne zonaris*

Seen of five dates, various locations.

Grey-rumped Swift *Chaetura cinereiventris*

A few convincingly seen, on one date only, from R lodge tower, 8/10.

Sick's Swift *Chaetura meridionalis*

Seen on five dates, at R lodge/from the tower/over RW.

Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift *Panyptila cayennensis*

Three, over RW, 9/10.

Saw-billed Hermit *Ramphodon naevius* En.

One, at the (barking dogs) small-holing along Waldenor Trail (WT) on 9/10.

Rufous-breasted Hermit *Glaucis hirsuta*

One or two at the lodge feeders, almost daily.

Reddish Hermit *Phaethornis ruber*

One, GT on 11/10.

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*

One seen briefly at PdC, 12/10, and 1-2 on the feeders, MdC on 13/10.

Friiled Cocquet *Lophornis magnificus*

We had to wait, but eventually one turned up at the top of the WT, 9/10.

Glittering-bellied Emerald *Chlorostilbon lucidus*

Seen at PdC on 12/10 and at MdC on 13/10.

Violet-capped Woodnymph *Thalurania glaucopis*

Seen daily at R lodge feeders, others at PdC on 12/10 and at MdC on 13/10.

White-chinned Sapphire *Hylocharis cyanus*

One seen as we walked around RW, 7/10.

White-throated Hummingbird *Leucochloris albicollis*

Seen at PdC on 12/10 and at MdC on 13/10.

Glittering-throated Emerald *Amazilia fimbriata*

Seen on four dates at R lodge garden/feeders.

Brazilian Ruby *Clytolaema rubricauda* En.

Seen, but not well at PdC on 12/10, seen better on feeders at MdC, 13/10.

Amethyst Woodstar *Calliphlox amethystine*

Just one of these diminutive cuties, on the feeders at MdC, 13/10.

Surucua Trogon *Trogon surrucura*

One, WT on 9/10 and two at MdC on 13/10.

Black-throated Trogon *Trogon rufus*

One, WT on 9/10.

Amazon Kingfisher *Chloroceryle amazona*

Seen on three dates, RW.

Ringed Kingfisher *Ceryle torquatus*

Seen daily, down at RW and from R lodge tower.

Rufous-capped Motmot *Baryphthengus ruficapillus*

Heard all week, at night / dawn from our lodge rooms. One seen returning to nest hole in earth bank, WT on 9/10 and at MdC on 13/10.

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

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

Rufous-tailed Jacamar *Galbula ruficauda*

Two seen as we began our walk around RW on 7/10, and there again on 11/10 and one along WT on 9/10.

White-eared Puffbird *Nystalus chacuru*

Two, on roadside fence posts on the road back from Sum, 8/10.

Crescent-chested Puffbird *Malacoptila striata*

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

Spot-billed Toucanet *Selenidera maculirostris*

Heard once or twice along trails at R, eventually seen albeit briefly at MdC on 13/10.

Channel-billed Toucan *Ramphastos vitellinus*

Heard, daily from the R lodge garden/tower. Three seen very well on visits to the hide 10-12/10.

Toco Toucan *Ramphastos toco*

Two, in R lodge garden tree, 8/10.

White-barred Piculet *Picumnus cirratus*

1-2 seen on four dates; RW on 7/10, WT on 9/10, GT on 11/10 and at PdC on 12/10.

Yellow-fronted Woodpecker *Melanerpe flavifrons*

Two, WT on 9/10.

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

One, at Sum, 8/10.

Yellow-throated Woodpecker *Piculus flavigula*

One along GT on 11/10 and one PdC on 12/10.

Yellow-browed Woodpecker *Piculus aurulentus*

One at PdC, 12/10 and one along 4x4 Trail, 14/10.

Campo Flicker *Colaptes campestris*

Two at Sum, 8/10.

Blond-crested Woodpecker *Celeus flavescens*

Heard twice, RW and from R lodge garden/tower, then one seen well at start of GT, 11/10.

Southern Caracara *Caracara plancus*

Seen daily, at R and elsewhere off-site on excursions.

Yellow-headed Caracara *Milvago chimachima*

Common all week, many seen everywhere we went.

Laughing Falcon *Herpetotherescachinnans*

One, flew back & forth above us carrying a snake, as we returned from 4x4 Trail, 14/10.

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

Seen as fly-bys on five dates at R, then good views of a perched bird, along WT, 9/10.

Scaly-headed Parrot *Pionus maximiliani*

Four, fly-bys along 4x4 Trail, 14/10.

Orange-winged Parrot *Amazona amazonica*

Heard only, fly-bys at R lodge, 7/10.

Blue-winged Parrotlet *Forpus x anthopterygius*

Three, seen on our walk around RW on 7/10 and two at Sum, 8/10.

Maroon-bellied Parakeet *Pyrrhura frontalis*

2-3, MdC on 13/10.

White-eyed Parakeet *Aratinga leucophthalma*

Seven fly-by birds along the track at Sum, 08/10.

Band-tailed Hornero *Furnarius figulus*

1-2 seen on all visits down to RW.

Rufous Hornero *Furnarius rufus*

Seen on two dates; at Boasorte when Giant Snipe-ing on 7/10 and off-site *en route* to Sumidouro, 8/10.

Rufous-capped Spinetail *Synallaxis ruficapilla*

Two, along track at Sum, 8/10.

Spix's Spinetail *Synallaxis spixi*

Two, along track at Sum, 8/10.

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

Two at PdC, 12/10.

- Yellow-chinned Spinetail** *Certhiaxis cinnamomea*
Several seen on each of our visited to RW.
- Rufous-fronted Thornbird** *Phacellodomus rufifrons*
Two, at Sum, 8/10.
- Orange-eyed Thornbird** *Phacellodomus erythrophthalmus*
One, Sum, 8/10.
- Black-capped Foliage-gleaner** *Philydor atricapillus*
Just one, along GT on 11/10.
- White-collared Foliage-gleaner** *Anabazenops fuscus*
Two, along the track at Sum, 8/10.
- Pale-browed Treehunter** *Cichlocolaptes leucophrus* **En.**
One, MdC on 13/10.
- Rufous-breasted Leaf-tosser** *Sclerurus scansor*
One, MdC on 13/10.
- Sharp-tailed Streamcreeper** *Lochmias nematura*
Heard at PdC on 12/10 and then seen at MdC on 13/10.
- Streaked Xenops** *Xenops rutilans*
One, 4x4 Trail, 14/10.
- Plain-winged Woodcreeper** *Dendrocincla turdina*
One, along the track at Sum, 8/10.
- Olivaceous Woodcreeper** *Sittasomus griseicapillus*
Seen on four dates; along track at Sum on 8/10, WT on 9/10, GT on 11/10 and at MdC on 13/10.
- White-throated Woodcreeper** *Xiphocolaptes albicollis*
One along GT 11/10.
- Lesser Woodcreeper** *Xiphorhynchus fuscus*
Two along track at Sum, 8/10, one on GT on 11/10 and then one on 4x4 Trail, 14/10.
- Giant Antshrike** *Batara cinerea*
Heard only at PdC on 12/10 then fabulous, close, prolonged views of a female at MdC, 13/10.
- Large-tailed Antshrike** *Mackenziaena leachii*
Fabulous views of this spotted beauty at PdC, 12/10.
- Chestnut-backed Antshrike** *Thamnophilus palliatus*
Two seen, RW on 7/10 and 11/10. Heard only at Sum on 8/10 and along WT on 9/10.
- Sooretama Slaty-Antshrike** *Thamnophilus ambiguus* **En.**
Two, in the restinga scrub at CF, 10/10.
- Variable Antshrike** *Thamnophilus caerulescens*
One, PdC, 12/10.
- Spot-breasted Antwren** *Dysithamnus stictothorax*
A pair, 4x4 Trail, 14/10.
- Plain Antwren** *Dysithamnus mentalis*
A female, along Yellow Trail at back of RW, 11/10.
- Silvery-flanked Antwren** *Myrmotherula lactuosa*
Two, during our walk around RW on 7/10, then a pair on 4x4 Trail, 14/10.
- Unicoloured Antwren** *Myrmotherula unicolor* **En.**
One, along 4x4 Trail, 14/10.
- Star-throated Antwren** *Myrmotherula gularis* **En.**
Heard only, along WT, 9/10.
- Rufous-winged Antwren** *Herpsilochmus rufimarginatus*
One along GT on 11/10.
- Serra Antwren** *Formicivora serrana* **En.**
A fine pair showed well for us, along the track at Sum, 8/10. We also saw two females and a male of the coastal race (Restinga Antwren) at CF, 10/10.
- Bertoni's Antbird** *Drymophila rubricollis*
One of these absolute cracking birds, MdC on 13/10.
- Rufous-tailed Antbird** *Drymophila genei*
One, PdC, on 12/10.
- Scaled Antbird** *Drymophila squamata* **En.**
Two of these piebald crackers, on 4x4 Trail on 14/10.
- Streak-capped Antwren** *Terenura maculate*
One, 4x4 Trail on 14/10.
- Rufous-tailed Antthrush** *Chamaeza ruficauda*
Initially 1-2 heard at the top of the track at MdC, then one enticed to show itself on the walk down, 13/10.

Black-cheeked Gnatcatcher *Conopophaga melanops*

Fine views of one, along GT on 11/10.

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. Heard too at MdC, 13/10.

Planalto Tyrannulet *Phyllomyias fasciatus*

One along WT, 9/10 was our only contact.

Grey-capped Tyrannulet *Phyllomyias griseocapilla*

One, PdC on 12/10.

Yellow-bellied Elaenia *Elaenia flavogaster*

Seen or heard on six dates, various locations.

Highland Elaenia *Elaenia obscura*

Two, Sao Bernardo Trail, PdC, 12/10.

Southern Beardless Tyrannulet *Camptostoma obsoletum*

Seen on three dates; RW on 7/10, at Sum on 8/10 and along WT on 9/10.

Yellow Tyrannulet *Capsiempis flaveola*

One on WT, 9/10.

Southern Antpipit *Corythopsis delalandi*

It took time, but eventually, great views of one, GT on 11/10.

Mottled-cheeked Tyrannulet *Phylloscartes ventralis*

One, MdC on 13/10.

Serra do Mar Tyrannulet *Phylloscartes difficilis* **En.**

Two, PdC, 12/10.

Ochre-bellied Flycatcher *Mionectes oleagineus*

One, RW on 7/10 and then one seen on GT, 11/10.

Grey-hooded Flycatcher *Mionectes rufiventris*

One, on WT on 9/10, one GT on 11/10 and one 4x4 Trail on 14/10.

Sepia-capped Flycatcher *Leptopogon amaurocephalus*

Just the one, 4x4 Trail, 14/10.

Bran-coloured Flycatcher *Myiophobus fasciatus*

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

Drab-breasted Pygmy Tyrant *Hemitriccus diops*

One, MdC, 13/10.

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

Two, along GT on 11/10 and one, 4x4 Trail on 14/10.

Hangnest Tody-Tyrant *Hemitriccus nidipendulus*

One along the track at Sum, 8/10 and then heard only in the restinga scrub at CF, 10/10.

Eared Pygmy Tyrant *Myiornis auricularis*

One, on 4x4 on 14/10.

Ochre-faced Tody-Flycatcher *Poecilatriccus plumbeiceps*

One, PdC on 12/10.

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

One, RW on 7/10 and one along GT, on 11/10.

Common Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum cinereum*

Only one, along WT on 9/10.

Yellow-olive Flycatcher *Tolmomyias sulphurens*

One along the track at Sum on 8/10, one along 4x4 Trail on 14/10.

White-throated Spadebill *Platyrinchus mystaceus*

One, GT on 11/10.

Cliff Flycatcher *Hirundinea ferruginea*

Two, MdC on 13/10.

Euler's Flycatcher *Lathrotriccus euleri*

One, along the track at Sum, 8/10 and one along GT, 11/10.

Blue-billed Black-Tyrant *Knipolegus cyanirostris*

One, GT on 11/10 and two at MdC, 13/10.

Crested Black Tyrant *Knipolegus lophotes*

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

Velvety Black Tyrant *Knipolegus nigerrimus*

Two, PdC on 12/10.

Yellow-browed Tyrant *Satrapa icterophrys*

One, RW on 7/10.

White-rumped Monjita *Xolmis velata*

Three, Sum, 8/10.

Streamer-tailed Tyrant *Gubernetes yetapa*

Two, very vocal birds at Boasorte on 7/10, then two at Sum, 8/10.

Shear-tailed Grey Tyrant *Muscipira vetula*

One, PdC on 12/10.

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*

Several seen at RW, seen whenever we looked.

Long-tailed Tyrant *Colonia colonus*

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

Cattle Tyrant *Machetornis rixosus*

Seen at RW on 7/10, roadside birds *en route* to Sum on 8/10, and at Sao Bernardo Trail at PdC, 12/10.

Piratic Flycatcher *Legatus leucophaeus*

One, RW on 7/10.

Rusty-margined Flycatcher *Myiozetetes cayanensis*

Two, 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 maculates*

One along the track, Sum on 8/10, one WT on 9/10 and one PdC on 12/10.

Boat-billed Flycatcher *Megarhynchus pitangua*

Seen or heard on six dates/most places visited.

Variiegated Flycatcher *Empidonomus varius*

One along WT on 9/10, one on MdC on 13/10.

Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus*

Common and widespread.

Fork-tailed Flycatcher *Tyrannus savana*

1-2 along track at Sum, 8/10, then 1-2 as we drove through pastureland to GT on 11/10.

Grayish Mourner *Rhytiperna simplex*

One along Gt on 11/10 and then two, 4x4 Trail on 14/10.

Swainson's Flycatcher *Myiarchus swainsoni*

One, MdC on 13/10.

Short-crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus ferox*

Just the one, RW on 7/10.

Brown-crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus tyrannulus*

6+ along the track at Sum, 8/10.

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

One, GT on 11/10.

Swallow-tailed Continga *Phibalura flavirostris*

Prolonged and repeat views of three of these beauties on the Sao Bernardo Trail, PdC, 12/10.

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

Several heard and eventually one seen well, MdC on 13/10.

Bare-throated Bellbird *Procnias nudicollis*

Two *Daz*-white males, on the road up to MdC, 13/10.

Grey-winged Cotinga *Tijuca condita* **En.**

Alas, heard only, PdC, 12/10.

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

One at PdC on 12/10 and one at MdC, 13/10.

Serra do Mar Tyrant-Manakin *Neopelma chrysolophum*

One, PdC on 12/10.

Blue Manakin *Chiroxiphia caudata*

Three males on WT, 9/10 then a female on GT on 11/10.

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

Alas, just a female, MdC on 13/10.

White-bearded Manakin *Manacus manacus*

A female, RW on 7/10, and three females on 4x4 Trail, 14/10.

Whiskered Myiobius *Myiobius barbatus*

One, 4x4 Trail, 14/10.

Black-tailed Tityra *Tityra cayana*

A female, R lodge tower, 14/10.

Brazilian Laniisoma *Laniisoma elegans*

A young male along GT at marker 1300m, on 11/10. Seen at this point last year too. This altitudinal migrant should be at higher elevations at this time of year.

Chestnut-crowned Becard *Pachyramphus castaneus*

A nesting pair, WT on 9/10.

White-winged Becard *Pachyramphus polychopterus*

A pair, GT on 11/10.

Crested Becard *Pachyramphus validus*

A pair, also nesting along WT on 9/10.

Rufous-browed Peppershrike *Cyclarhis gujanensis*

Only one, PdC, 12/10.

Red-eyed Vireo *Vireo olivaceus chivi*

Heard or seen on five dates, various locations.

Rufous-crowned Greenlet *Hylophilus poicilotis*

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

Grey-eyed Greenlet *Hylophilus amaurocephalus* En

One seen at Sum, 8/10.

White-rumped Swallow *Tachycineta leucorrhoa*

Several over pastures *en route* to GT on 11/10 and 4x4 Trail on 14/10.

Grey-breasted Martin *Progne chalybea*

Six, Matumbo village *en route* to WT, 9/10. A few drive-bys *en route* to Cabo Frio, 10/10.

Brown-chested Martin *Progne tapera*

One, Matumbo village, 9/10 and 2-3 at CF, 10/10.

Blue-and-white Swallow *Notiochelidon cyanoleuca*

A few seen, RW on 7/10 and a few on the coast at CF, 10/10.

Southern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*

A few seen daily.

Black-capped Donacobius *Donacobius atricapilla*

One, RW on 7/10 and again 11 /10.

Long-billed Wren *Cantorchilus longirostris*

Good views of one on our way back from 4x4 Trail, 14/10.

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 PdC on 12/10 and 2-3 at MdC on 13/10.

Rufous-bellied Thrush *Turdus rufiventris*

Seen on four dates; RW on 7/10, at Sum, 8/10, GT on 11/10 and at PdC on 12/10.

Pale-breasted Thrush *Turdus leucomelas*

Noted on six dates, various locations.

Creamy-bellied Thrush *Turdus amaurochalinus*

Noted on just two dates; PdC on 12/10 and at MdC on 13/10.

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*

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

Common Waxbill *Estrilda astrild*

1-2 RW on 7/10.

Yellowish Pipit *Anthus lutescens*

Two, CF on 10/10 and two in pastureland, *en route* to GT on 11/10.

Hooded Siskin *Carduelis magellanica*

One, Sao Bernardo Trail, PdC, 12/10.

Purple-throated Euphonia *Euphonia chlorotica*

Heard on three dates at R lodge/garden, but never seen.

Violaceous Euphonia *Euphonia violacea*

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

Orange-bellied Euphonia *Euphonia xanthogaster*

A female, 4x4 Trail on 14/10.

Chestnut-bellied Euphonia *Euphonia pectoralis*

Just the one, WT on 9/10.

Masked Yellowthroat *Geothlypis chiriquensis*

One, Trescorgos, *en route* to Sum, 8/10, one at Matumbo village on 9/10 and one in the resting scrub at CF on 10/10.

Tropical Parula *Parula pitaiyumi*

3-4 in the restinga scrub at CF, 10/10.

White-rimmed Warbler *Basileuterus leucoblepharus*

One on the road up to MdC, 13/10.

Golden-crowned Warbler *Basileuterus culicivorus*

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

Crested Oropendola *Psarocolius decumanus*

1-2 flew over us as we walked the RW trail on 7/10, then 1-2 at Sum, on 8/10, then 2-3 at a nesting colony on the drive down from MdC, 13/10.

Red-rumped Cacique *Cacicus haemorrhous*

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

Shiny Cowbird *Molothrus bonariensis*

One, Sum, 8/10 and two Matumbo village, 9/10 and 1-2 in pastureland *en route* to Gt on 11/10.

Chopi Blackbird *Gnorimopsar chopi*

1-2 seen at Boasorte, when Giant Snipe-ing, 7/10, and one *en route* to GT on 11/10.

Chestnut-capped Blackbird *Chrysomus ruficapillus*

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

Bananaquit *Coereba flaveola*

A few seen most days.

Rufous-collared Sparrow *Zonotrichia capensis*

Surprisingly, very few seen, just odd ones here & there.

Grassland Sparrow *Ammodramus humeralis*

One, Boasorte, 7/10.

Red-cowled Cardinal *Paroaria dominicana*

One, as we passed through Matumbo village returning from WT, 9/10.

Black-goggled Tanager *Trichothraupis melanops*

1-2 along WT on 9/10 and then 2-3 at MdC on 13/10.

Flame-crested Tanager *Tachyphonus cristatus*

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

Ruby-crowned Tanager *Tachyphonus coronatus*

Seen on six dates, various locations.

Brazilian Tanager *Ramphocelus bresilius*

Seen on three dates; RW/R lodge gardens/tower.

Sayaca Tanager *Thraupis sayaca*

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

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

Heard only, WT on 9/10 and then several seen at MdC on 13/10.

Golden-chevroned Tanager *Thraupis ornate*

As above, seen WT on 9/10 and at MdC on 13/10.

Palm Tanager *Thraupis palmarum*

A few seen almost daily.

Diademed Tanager *Stephanophorus diadematus*

2-3 seen at PdC, 12/10.

Fawn-breasted tanager *Pipraeides melanonota*

1-2 seen at PdC, 12/10.

Turquoise (White-bellied) Tanager *Tangara mexicana brasiliensis*

One, GT on 11/10 and one in R lodge garden, 14/10.

Green-headed Tanager *Tangara seledon*

Seen on four dates; RW on 7/10, WT on 9/10, GT on 11/10 and at MdC on 13/10.

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

1-2 seen at PdC on 12/10 and 2-3 at MdC on 13/10.

Burnished-buff Tanager *Tangara cayana*

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

Swallow Tanager *Tersina viridis*

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

Blue Dacnis *Dacnis cayana*

Seen on three dates, R lodge garden/tower.

Red-legged Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes cyaneus*

Seen along the RW trail on 7/10 and 11/10.

Yellow-backed Tanager *Hemithraupis flavicollis*

Seen on four dates, 7/10 and 11/10 in R lodge garden/from tower.

Chestnut-vented Conebill *Conirostrum speciosum*

As above.

Red Pileated Finch *Coryphospingus cucullatus*

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

Uniform Finch *Haplospiza unicolor*

One, MdC on 13/10.

Bay-chested Warbling-finch *Poospiza thoracica* **En.**

1-2, at PdC, 12/10.

Saffron Finch *Sicalis flaveola*

Common & widespread, seen daily.

Grassland Yellow-finch *Sicalis luteola*

One, Boasorte on 7/10.

Wedge-tailed Grass Finch *Emberizoides herbicola*

One, Boasorte, 7/10.

Thick-billed Saltator *Saltator maxillosus*

One, PdC on 12/10.

Blue-black Grassquit *Volatinia jacarina*

1-2 RW on 7/10.

Double-collared Seedeater *Sporophila caerulescens*

1-2 at Boasorte, 7/10 and one GT on 11/10.

White-bellied Seedeater *Sporophila leucoptera*

One, Boasorte, 7/10.

Sooty Grassquit *Tiaris fuliginosus*

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

Red-crowned Ant-tanager *Habia rubica*

1-2, along GT on 11/10.

OTHER CRITTERS**Mammals**

Capybara *Hydrochaeris hydrochaeris*

White-tufted Marmoset *Callithrix jacchus*

Brown-throated Three-toed Sloth *Bradypus variegatus*

Reptiles

Broad-snouted Caiman *Caiman latirostris*

Tegu Lizard sp. *Tupinambis sp.*

Green Vine Snake *Oxybelis fulgidus*