

# Wise Birding Holidays

Bird and mammal watching tours



## **BRAZIL: Birds & Mammals of the Northern Pantanal**

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2016

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**Leaders:** Chris Townend & Patricio Ramirez Llorens

### **HIGHLIGHTS OF TRIP**

**Jaguar:** Fabulous views of Jaguars with five different animals seen over two days including a mother and two well grown cubs and a large male hunting!

**Hyacinth Macaw:** The world's largest parrot never disappoints! As always the views were excellent and we saw birds on 7 days including birds right outside our rooms.

**Giant Anteater:** Very close views in great evening light near Pousa Alegre and a second animal drinking from a pool as we departed the Transpantaneira on the 23rd.

**Subtropical Doradito:** Excellent views of this localised species early one morning.

**Giant River Otter:** Seen on two days with some excellent counts of up to 16 animals.

**Sunbittern:** A beautiful bird, especially in flight! We recorded birds on three days with our most memorable encounter of a very close bird at Rio Claro.



**Two of the tour highlights were this hunting male Jaguar and the world's largest parrot, the beautiful Hyacinth Macaws.**

*The Pantanal is one of the world's largest wetlands and a fabulous place for wildlife and this tour certainly lived up to everyone's expectations. We recorded **211 birds and 26 mammals** as well as some interesting reptiles. Below is a brief summary of just some of the daily highlights:*

### **Fri 15th July: Cuiaba to Piuval Lodge**

The tour started at the relaxing Piuval Lodge just 10 kilometres south from the start of the famous Transpantaneira, a 150 Km dirt road running from the town of Pocone to the small fishing settlement of Porto Jofre. Our first Chestnut-bellied Guans and Red-legged Seriemas were seen shortly after travelling along the dirt road before we arrived at Piuval Lodge for lunch. At the lodge we encountered our first congregations of waterbirds including the impressive Jabiru, Wood Storks as well as Plumbeous Ibis the beautiful Buff-necked Ibis and our first views of a couple of flying Hyacinth Macaws. However, it was the Southern Tamandua that foraged within inches of us that was the real star of the show! An after dinner night drive produced good views of Common Potoo, Pauraque, Grey Brocket Deer and Red Brocket Deer, Crab-eating Fox and Crab-eating Racoon.

### **Sat 16th July: Piuval and Rio Claro**

This morning we were out before first light and spotlighting close to our lodge where the clear highlight was a perched Great Potoo. Shortly after sunrise bird activity was high and new birds arrived thick and fast. Highlights included a couple of surprise fly-over Red-shouldered Macaws, Thrush-like Wren, Vermillion Flycatcher, White-rumped Monjita, Peach-fronted Parakeet, Toco Toucan, Campo Flicker and no less than three Great Rufous Woodcreepers posing in the morning sunshine! After breakfast we took a walk in nearby forest and though a little slow at first we managed to get some good views of a female Planalto Slaty Antshrike as well as Great Antshrike and Grey-headed Tanager. Perhaps the spectacle of the day was the 100+ Nacunda Nighthawks hawking in front of the lodge during the morning or the two Aplomado Falcons as they hunted over the wetland and adjacent grassland.

After lunch we continued our journey south where we viewed a large wetland area full of waterbirds. Highlights here included Southern Screamer, White-faced Whistling Duck, Black-bellied Whistling Duck, Muscovy Duck, Jabiru, 30+ Roseate Spoonbill, Bare-faced Ibis, Green Ibis, Black-collared Hawk a single Large-billed Tern and of course, masses of Pantanal Caiman! Other new birds included our first Black-crowned Night Herons and Green-backed Heron, Green Kingfisher as well as Rufous-fronted Thornbird and Yellow-chinned Spinetail before arriving at our hotel alongside the River Claro. Our scheduled boat trip was postponed until the following morning due to a rather poorly timed heavy rain shower!

### **Sun 17th July: Rio Claro and Rio Pixaim**

An early morning walk around the grounds was successful with singing Grey-crested Cacholotes, Bare-faced Curassows, a posing Ferruginous Pygmy Owl plus two Neotropical River Otters and a Sungrebe, all before breakfast. We then took the first of our boat trips. On the river we enjoyed great views of many species including Ringed, Amazon and Green Kingfishers, Black-collared Hawk, Great Black Hawk, Rufescent Tiger Heron, Little Cuckoo, another Sungrebe, the striking Green Iguana and a small group of Long-nosed Proboscis Bats roosting on the trunk of a tree.

A walk around the grounds of the lodge before lunch produced some local specialities which included a fine male Helmeted Manakin and a Red-billed Scythebill. After lunch we did a little more birding within the lodge grounds and despite the heat of the day we managed to find the very localised White-naped Xneopsaris and a superbly confiding Sunbittern.

During the late afternoon, we arrived at the Pixaim River and took another boat trip. Whilst slowly travelling on the river we enjoyed more views of the commoner waterbirds with numerous Herons, Kingfishers and Egrets all in superb light. We returned at dusk as the first of many Band-tailed Nighthawks hawked over the river.

### **Mon 18th July: Rio Pixaim**

The following morning a walk around nearby grassland and gallery forest boosted our list with many new species seen well. Highlights included a large group of feeding Blue-crowned Parakeets, six Yellow-collared Macaws, White Woodpecker, Rusty-backed Antwren, Flavescent Warbler, Mato Grosso Antbird, Band-tailed Antbird and the very smart Rusty-collared Seedeater to name just a few! The feeders at the hotel allowed some great views of Chestnut-eared Aracaris as well as Yellow-billed Cardinal and Red-crested Cardinal and Purplish Jay.

We continued our journey south to the end of the Transpantaneira and our hotel at Porto Jofre. En route a group of six Collared Peccary crossing the road were a mammal highlight followed by a male and female Marsh Deer. We also made a number of stops for birding where highlights included close views of Hyacinth Macaws, Bat Falcon and a suite of blackbirds with Unicoloured Blackbird, White-browed Blackbird and the stunning Scarlet-headed Blackbird all within a small area. During the late afternoon at Campo Jofre we enjoyed views of two posing Great Horned Owls in the late evening sunshine and brief views of the highly localised Subtropical Doradito. We finally arrived at our hotel in good time to enjoy an evening meal and rest in preparation for the following days boat trips in search of Jaguars!

### **Tues 19th & Wed 20th July: Full days on the Rio Cuiaba and tributaries**

During the next two days we adopted a routine of exploring the river systems looking specifically for Jaguars but also key birds and other wildlife. Each morning, after an early breakfast, we met by our boat at 06.00hrs just a short walk from our rooms. We navigated the rivers all morning and returned for lunch at the lodge around midday before setting out on the river again between 2-3pm and returning at dusk.

The undoubted highlight of these two days were our observations of Jaguar and we encountered five different individuals. Two beautiful females on our first morning, one on the Piquiri River and another on the Tres Amigos River followed by more sightings of the same animal on the Tres Amigos in the afternoon. On our second morning we witnessed a very large male in hunting mode on the Cuiaba River where we followed him for over an hour. Later in the morning we enjoyed a wonderful encounter with two large cubs with one of the females from the previous day, again on the Cuiaba River. Jaguars were not the only mammal highlight as we enjoyed fabulous views of no less than 12 Giant Otters on the first day and 16 the following day! Two swimming Brazilian Tapirs and a Brazilian Porcupine sleeping in a tree were also very memorable.

During our final afternoon boat trip we spent time exploring the Negrinio River, a quieter river with less boat traffic. Here we encountered our best Tapir encounter as an animal swam within metres of our boat. Bird highlights over the two days were numerous and just some of these included: Toco Toucan, Greater Ani, no less than five Sungrebes, Collared Plover, Pied Lapwing, Black Skimmer, American Pygmy Kingfisher, Green-and-Rufous Kingfisher, Barred Antshrike, Pearly-vented Tody Tyrant, Short-tailed Hawk, Long-winged Harrier as well as the numerous common herons and kingfishers and of course the Hyacinth Macaws feeding outside our rooms at the hotel!

### **Thur 21st July: Porto Jofre to Pousa Alegre**

This morning we set out early to explore some of the wetland areas to the north of Porto Jofre. Here we were successful with obtaining much better views of the Subtropical Doradito whereas the Grey-breasted Crake was heard but only glimpsed! Other new birds included White-bellied Seedeater, Double-collared Seedeater, Fawn-breasted Wren and our first view of an Undulated Tinamou after hearing them daily!

After lunch we made our return journey north along the Transpantaneira. We arrived close to our lodge during the last hour of daylight and it ended perfectly as we enjoyed superb views of a Giant Anteater. We spent 30 minutes watching it as it fed around the drier grassland habitat in this northern part of the Transpantaneira. Full of smiles we left the Giant Anteater and then found its smaller cousin, the Southern Tamandua a little further down the road. The grand finale were a group of eight South American Coatis that rounded off the day for mammal sightings before a celebratory beer at our nearby lodge.

### **Fri 22nd: Pousa Alegre**

During the morning we explored a wetland area as well as the nearby ponds and forest. The afternoon was spent birding the main dirt track to the ponds and a late afternoon drive in one of the lodge's viewing trucks allowed us to explore more Cerrado habitat as well as some pools. We simply enjoyed more good views of many species that we had already seen as well as finding a few new species. New birds included Chestnut-vented Conebill, Green Barred Woodpecker, Cream-coloured Woodpecker, Common Squirrel Cuckoo and Long-tailed Ground Dove. Mammal highlights included both male and female Black-and-Gold Howler Monkeys, two Brazilian Tapirs and a family of Crab-eating Racoons during an after dinner night drive.

### **Sat 23rd: Pousa Alegre and return to Cuiaba**

We decided to maximise our time for mammals and did some final spotlighting between the hours of 02.30hrs and 04.15hrs. Highlights included a minimum of three and possibly as many as five Brazilian Tapirs as well as a perched Common Potoo, but sadly no sign of the hoped for Ocelot!

After a short rest and some breakfast, we visited some woodland near the entrance to our lodge. En route the highlight was a Tayra that was seen well as it ran through vegetation for a minute or so before vanishing! In the forest new birds included Amazonian Motmot, Orange-winged Amazon Parrot, a male Large-billed Antwren and Tropical Parula. A Six-banded Armadillo was the clear mammal highlight as it scuttled through the forest.

A final stop at the same large wetland that we visited on our first day allowed us one final opportunity to take in the atmosphere of the Pantanal as an assortment of ducks, herons, storks spoonbills and egrets fed close to the road. A lone Lesser Yellowlegs was new for the trip list. Our final destination was where the tour started, Piuval Lodge. Here, we took time to scan through the wetland and grassland habitats whilst sipping a cool drink and reflecting on our memories of the previous few days. The light was superb and we enjoyed our final views of Jabirus and Buff-necked Ibis and Crane Hawk was the last new species to be added to the list! As we dragged ourselves away, one more surprise awaited us further up the road. We were treated to another Giant Anteater drinking from a small pool just before the very start of the Transpantaneira! We then travelled to Cuiaba and arrived in good time to enjoy a final evening meal together and we raised a glass to Hyacinth Macaws and Jaguars, both of which were voted bird and mammal of the trip!

### **Sun 24th: Cuiaba to London**

After a great night's sleep and a somewhat more civilised breakfast time, we made the short walk to the airport where we took our flight back to Sao Paulo to connect with our flight to London where the tour concluded.

**Conservation Donation – Following this Northern Pantanal tour £200 was transferred to the Wise Birding Holiday's central conservation fund. This will be used to support a conservation project in the future, yet to be determined.** For the last three years Wise Birding Holidays has been supporting a number of small conservation projects. However, we now believe that to make a bigger difference to conservation it seems better to pool the donations from most of our tours into one central fund. Once a target amount has been reached this money will then be used to support a single project in the hope of achieving more for species conservation. At present this amount stands at £2,500. Some tours will still continue to donate money to help some of the smaller projects that we feel will still benefit from such smaller donations. Please visit our [Conservation News](#) and [Latest News](#) links to find out more.

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**Black Skimmers were numerous on the rivers**



Probably the most beautiful of the herons, the Capped Heron(above) and the equally stunning Roseate Spoonbill (below)





**Plumbeous Ibis (above) and Green Ibis (below)**





**Giant Anteater near Pousa Alegre (above) and  
Southern Tamandua or Lesser Anteater at Piuval Lodge (below)**



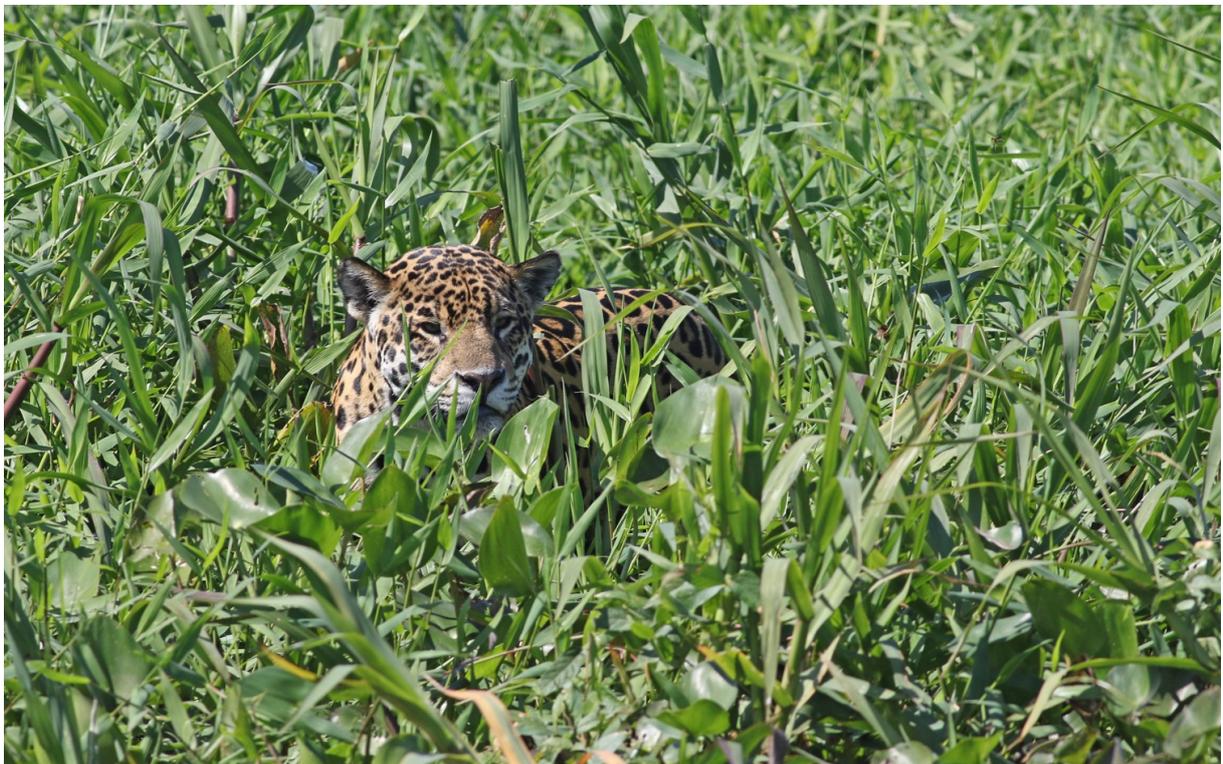


**Male Snail Kite (above) and Savannah Hawk (below)**





**Our first Jaguar sighting, a female on the Piquiri River (above) and another female seen on the same morning on the Tres Amigos River (below)**



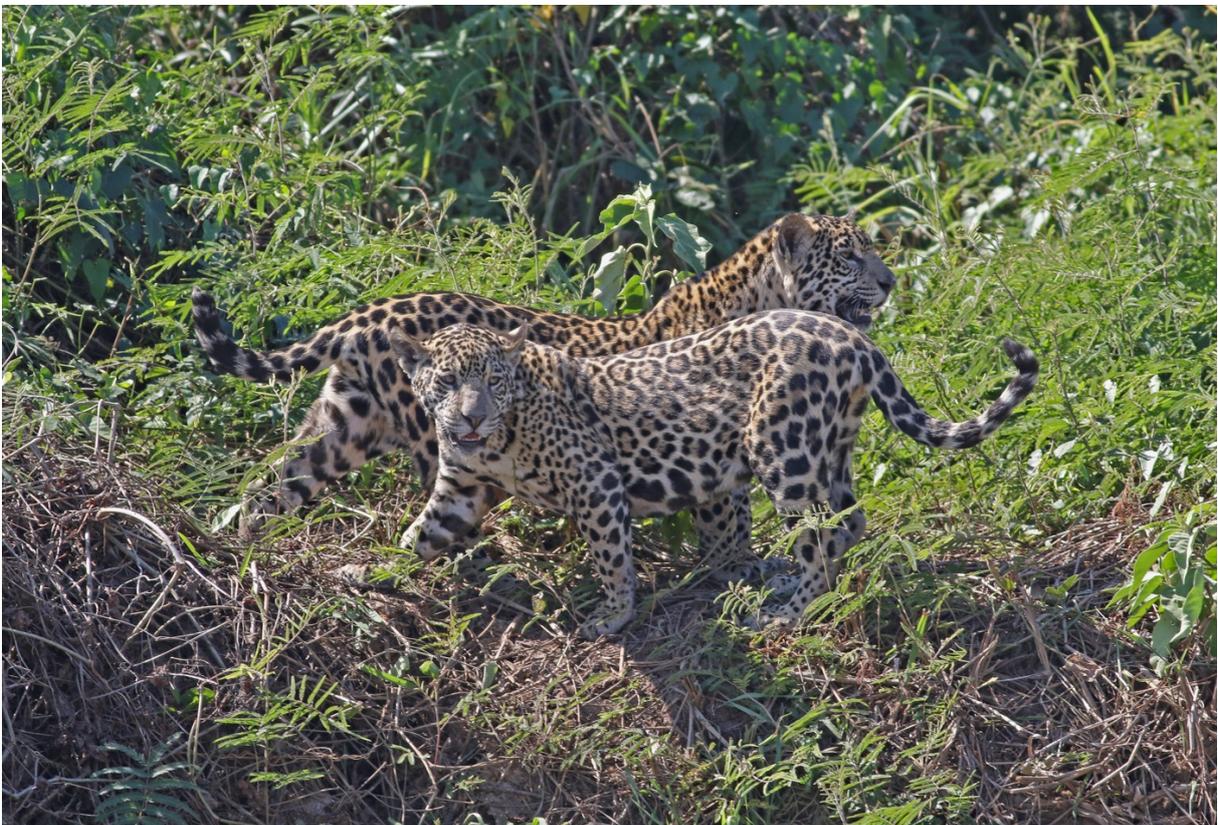


The same female and mother of the two well grown cubs (above)  
and the female from the Piquiri River (below)





The male with the injured right eye (above) hunting on the Cuiaba River and the two well grown cubs on the Cuiaba River (below)





**Male Rusty-backed Antwren (above) and Scarlet-headed Blackbird (below)**





**Grey-necked Wood Rail (above) and Southern Screamer with Large-billed Tern (below)**





The stunning Sunbittern (above) and male Sungrebe (below)





We had numerous encounters with Giant Otters during the tour





**Pantanal Caiman (above) and Green Iguana (below)**





**Tent-making Bats at our hotel near the Pixaim River(above)  
and Crab-eating Raccoon at Pousa Alegre (below)**





The beautiful Hyacinth Macaws were often outside our rooms at Porto Jofre (above) and a female Bare-faced Curassow in the early morning at Rio Claro (below)





**Great Horned Owl (above) and the common but nonetheless stunning Scaled Dove (below)**





One of six Collared Peccaries that crossed the road in front of us (above) and this Brazilian Tapir swam right beside us on the Negrinio River (below)





**The Toco Toucan (above) and Chestnut-eared Aracari (below) are both stunning birds with character!**





**Team Jaguar (above) and the Negrinio River (below)**





Red-legged Seriema (above) and “Pantaneiros” (below)





Our group (above) and Black-collared Hawk (below)



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## WISE BIRDING HOLIDAYS: Bird, Mammal and Reptile Checklist for The Northern Pantanal 15-24 July 2016

#	Common Name	Scientific Name	#	Species Notes
1	Greater Rhea	<i>Rhea americana</i>	1	Recorded on six days with some great views
2	Undulated Tinamou	<i>Crypturellus undulatus</i>	2	Heard on five days & finally seen on the 21st near Porto Jofre and again on 22nd/ 23rd
3	<b>Chestnut-bellied Guan</b>	<b><i>Penelope ochrogaster</i></b>	3	This true endemic was seen well on six days during the tour
4	Blue-throated Piping-guan	<i>Pipile cumanensis</i>	4	Recorded on two days
5	Red-throated Piping-guan	<i>Pipile cujubi</i>	5	A bird seen well on the 17th gave clear views to confirm the red coloured dewlap
6	Chaco Chachalaca	<i>Ortalis canicollis</i>	6	A daily occurrence both visually and vocally in the Pantanal
7	Bare-faced Curassow	<i>Crax fasciolata</i>	7	Good views of both males and females on all but two days
8	Southern Screamer	<i>Chauna torquata</i>	8	Great views of this very goose-like species. Recorded on five days
9	White-faced Whistling-duck	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>	9	Recorded at the northern end of the Transpantaneira on the 16th and the 23rd only
10	Black-bellied Whistling-duck	<i>Dendrocygna autumnalis</i>	10	Recorded at the northern end of the Transpantaneira on the 16th and the 23rd only
11	Muscovy Duck	<i>Cairina moschata</i>	11	Recorded on five days with a high count of 40+ on the 16th
12	Brazilian Teal	<i>Amazonetta brasiliensis</i>	12	Recorded on three days
13	Sunbittern	<i>Eurypyga helias</i>	13	Great views of this iconic species on three days with a max. day count of two birds
14	Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	14	Recorded on at least two days when near habitation
15	Picazuro Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas picazuro</i>	15	A common species recorded daily
16	Pale-vented Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas cayennensis</i>	16	A single bird recorded on the 17th
17	White-tipped Dove	<i>Leptotila verreauxi</i>	17	A very common species recorded on every day except the last
18	Grey-fronted Dove	<i>Leptotila rufaxilla</i>	18	Less conspicuous than the above species and seen well on two days from boat trips
19	Eared Dove	<i>Zenaida auriculata</i>	19	Recorded on just two days
20	Scaled Dove	<i>Columbina squammata</i>	20	This beautiful dove was recorded on six days at various lodges
21	Ruddy Ground-dove	<i>Columbina talpacoti</i>	21	A very common species recorded on at least seven days
22	Picui Dove	<i>Columbina picui</i>	22	This attractive dove was recorded on five days

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23	Long-tailed Ground-dove	<i>Uropelia campestris</i>	23	Another good looking dove and seen very well on the 22nd near Pousa Alegre
24	Great Potoo	<i>Nyctibius grandis</i>	24	Seen near Piuval Lodge on the night of the 16th
25	Common Potoo		25	Single birds seen at night near Piuval Lodge on the 15th and 23rd
26	Nacunda Nighthawk	<i>Chordeiles nacunda</i>	26	Recorded on five days. A memorable sighting was the flock of 100+ at Piuval Lodge
27	Band-tailed Nighthawk	<i>Nyctiprogne leucopyga</i>	27	Good views at dusk mostly when on boat trips and recorded on four days
28	Pauraque	<i>Nyctidromus albicollis</i>	28	A familiar sound of the forest at night and seen well on a number of occasions
29	Buff-bellied Hermit	<i>Phaethornis subochraceus</i>	29	A single bird seen whilst near the Rio Claro on the 16th
30	Glittering-throated Emerald	<i>Amazilia fimbriata</i>	30	Recorded on three days
31	Greater Ani	<i>Crotophaga major</i>	31	Recorded on two days when in appropriate wetland habitats
32	Smooth-billed Ani	<i>Crotophaga ani</i>	32	A common species recorded on eight days
33	Guira Cuckoo	<i>Guira guira</i>	33	A common gregarious species recorded on at least five days
34	Striped Cuckoo	<i>Tapera naevia</i>	34	Heard on four days
35	Little Cuckoo	<i>Coccyua minuta</i>	35	Good views of a bird whilst on the Rio Claro
36	Common Squirrel-cuckoo	<i>Piaya cayana</i>	36	Great views of a bird near Pousa Alegre
37	Sungrebe	<i>Heliornis fulica</i>	37	Excellent views from boats recorded on three days. Max. count of three on the 20th
38	Grey-breasted Crake	<i>Laterallus exilis</i>	38	A vocal bird came very close on the 21st just N of Porto Jofre but was only glimpsed!
39	Grey-necked Wood-rail	<i>Aramides cajaneus</i>	39	Often quite tame giving great views and recorded on seven days
40	Ash-throated Crake	<i>Porzana albicollis</i>	40	Heard only on the 18th
41	Limpkin	<i>Aramus guarauna</i>	41	Very common in the Pantanal and recorded on seven days
42	Wood Stork	<i>Mycteria americana</i>	42	Very common in the Pantanal and recorded on nine days
43	Maguari Stork	<i>Ciconia maguari</i>	43	Keith had a bird fly low overhead near the Pixaim River
44	Jabiru	<i>Jabiru mycteria</i>	44	Always impressive to see and some great views on nine days
45	Roseate Spoonbill	<i>Platalea ajaja</i>	45	Recorded on four days. The best views at Piuval Lodge where 30+ birds were recorded

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46	Plumbeous Ibis	<i>Theristicus caerulescens</i>	46	A striking ibis with grey neck plumes recorded on five days
47	Buff-necked Ibis	<i>Theristicus caudatus</i>	47	This very attractive ibis was recorded on eight days
48	Green Ibis	<i>Mesembrinibis cayennensis</i>	48	Recorded on six days
49	Bare-faced Ibis	<i>Phimosus infuscatus</i>	49	One of the less common ibis species & recorded on seven days in small numbers
50	Rufescent Tiger-heron	<i>Tigrisoma lineatum</i>	50	A very common but nonetheless impressive heron recorded on nine days
51	Boat-billed Heron	<i>Cochlearius cochlearius</i>	51	Birds recorded on three days with a max. count of two birds on the 18th
52	Black-crowned Night-heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	52	Immatures and adults recorded on six days
53	Green-backed Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>	53	A common heron recorded on eight days
54	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	54	A very common species recorded daily
55	Cocoi Heron	<i>Ardea cocoi</i>	55	A common heron recorded on nine days
56	Great White Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	56	Recorded on eight days
57	Whistling Heron	<i>Syrigma sibilatrix</i>	57	This highly attractive heron was recorded on three days
58	Capped Heron	<i>Pilherodius pileatus</i>	58	The best looking of all the herons. Recorded on five days. Max. count five on the 18th
59	Little Blue Heron	<i>Egretta caerulea</i>	59	Single birds were recorded on four days
60	Snowy Egret	<i>Egretta thula</i>	60	Recorded on nine days
61	Neotropical Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax brasilianus</i>	61	Recorded on nine days
62	Anhinga	<i>Anhinga anhinga</i>	62	Recorded on seven days
63	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	63	Small numbers of this 'white-backed' form was recorded on three days
64	Collared Plover	<i>Charadrius collaris</i>	64	Recorded on just one day whilst on the Cuiaba River on the 19th
65	Pied Lapwing	<i>Hoploxypterus cayanus</i>	65	This stunning wader was recorded on four days. Most sightings on the Cuiaba River
66	Southern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus chilensis</i>	66	Recorded on seven days
67	Wattled Jacana	<i>Jacana jacana</i>	67	Recorded on nine days including adults with tiny chicks on the 17th
68	Lesser Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa flavipes</i>	68	A single bird was recorded on the large open wetland near Piuval on the 23rd

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69	Black Skimmer	<i>Rynchops niger</i>	69	Recorded on three days with most sightings whilst on the Cuiaba River
70	Yellow-billed Tern	<i>Sternula superciliaris</i>	70	Recorded on three days with the best views on the Cuiaba River
71	Large-billed Tern	<i>Phaetusa simplex</i>	71	Recorded on seven days with great views from our boat trips
72	Ferruginous Pygmy-owl	<i>Glaucidium brasilianum</i>	72	Heard on five days and seen very well on two days on the 17th and 18th
73	Great Horned Owl	<i>Bubo virginianus</i>	73	Two birds at roost during the day at Campo Jofre on the 18th and another on the 22nd
74	Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	74	Seen only on the 15th and the 22nd
75	Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture	<i>Cathartes burrovianus</i>	75	Very common in the Pantanal and seen on nine days
76	Long-winged Harrier	<i>Circus buffoni</i>	76	A single male flying over high whilst watching Jaguars on the 19th was a good find
77	Black-collared Hawk	<i>Busarellus nigricollis</i>	77	Recorded on nine days with very close views on most boat trips
78	Crane Hawk	<i>Geranospiza caerulescens</i>	78	Three birds seen well on the 23rd
79	Snail Kite	<i>Rostrhamus sociabilis</i>	79	This specialist feeder was seen well on many occasions and recorded on eight days
80	Roadside Hawk	<i>Rupornis magnirostris</i>	80	Recorded on eight days
81	Savanna Hawk	<i>Buteogallus meridionalis</i>	81	A striking raptor seen well on many occasions and recorded on seven days
82	Great Black Hawk	<i>Buteogallus urubitinga</i>	82	Recorded on nine days with some great views from our boat trips
83	Short-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo bracyurus</i>	83	A single bird seen well on the 20th whilst looking for Jaguars on the Cuiaba River
84	Amazonian Motmot	<i>Momotus momota</i>	84	A single bird was seen whilst exploring a forest trail near Pousa Alegre on the 23rd
85	Ringed Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle torquata</i>	85	The largest of all the kingfishers and recorded on nine days
86	Amazon Kingfisher	<i>Chloroceryle amazona</i>	86	Similarly common as the above species and seen well on nine days
87	American Pygmy-kingfisher	<i>Chloroceryle aenea</i>	87	As the name suggest, the smallest of the kingfishers. Singles recorded on three days
88	Green Kingfisher	<i>Chloroceryle americana</i>	88	Seen very well and recorded on five days
89	Green-and-rufous Kingfisher	<i>Chloroceryle inda</i>	89	The hardest of the kingfishers - A single bird was seen briefly on the Rio Negrinio
90	Rufous-tailed Jacamar	<i>Galbula ruficauda</i>	90	A species always appreciated and seen well on many occasions, recorded on six days
91	Black-fronted Nunbird	<i>Monasa nigrifrons</i>	91	A commonly encountered species recorded on seven days

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92	Toco Toucan	<i>Ramphastos toco</i>	92	Always a pleasure to see this fantastic toucan - Many great views recorded on six days
93	Chestnut-eared Araçari	<i>Pteroglossus castanotis</i>	93	Another great bird seen very well with birds recorded on six days
94	White-wedged Piculet	<i>Picumnus albosquamatus</i>	94	Recorded on two days with single birds seen on the 16th and 17th
95	Crimson-crested Woodpecker	<i>Campephilus melanoleucos</i>	95	Seen well on two occasions with singles seen well on the 15th and 17th
96	Golden-green Woodpecker	<i>Piculus chrysochloros</i>	96	A bird showed well on the 17th
97	Green-barred Woodpecker	<i>Colaptes melanochloros</i>	97	Two birds seen very well on the 22nd at Pousa Alegre
98	Campo Flicker	<i>Colaptes campestris</i>	98	A common but stunning woodpecker recorded on at least three days
99	Cream-colored Woodpecker	<i>Celeus flavus</i>	99	Close but brief views around Pousa Alegre on the 22nd with a total of three vocal birds
100	White Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes candidus</i>	100	A mostly gregarious species recorded on three days
101	Little Woodpecker	<i>Veniliornis passerinus</i>	101	Some good views of this species and recorded on two days
102	Red-legged Seriema	<i>Cariama cristata</i>	102	Excellent views of two birds on the 15th, a single on the 23rd & heard only on the 16th
103	Southern Caracara	<i>Caracara plancus</i>	103	One of the commonest raptors recorded daily
104	Yellow-headed Caracara	<i>Milvago chimachima</i>	104	A single bird at Rio Claro on the 17th was the only sighting
105	Bat Falcon	<i>Falco ruficularis</i>	105	A bird with a damaged eye was seen well on the 18th and another bird on the 22nd
106	Aplomado Falcon	<i>Falco femoralis</i>	106	Two birds hunting in front of Piuval Lodge on the 16th was the only sighting
107	Monk Parakeet	<i>Myiopsitta monachus</i>	107	A common parakeet recored on at least five days
108	Yellow-chevroned Parakeet	<i>Brotogeris chiriri</i>	108	The commonest parakeet species recorded daily
109	Scaly-headed Parrot	<i>Pionus maximiliani</i>	109	Some good views perched and in flight recorded on five days
110	Turquoise-fronted Amazon	<i>Amazona aestiva</i>	110	Seen very well during the tour with sightings on seven days
111	Orange-winged Amazon	<i>Amazona amazonica</i>	111	Two birds on the edge of woodland on the 23rd near Pousa Alegre were the only birds
112	Hyacinth Macaw	<i>Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus</i>	112	One of the Pantanal tour highlights recorded on seven days and a max day count of 6+
113	Peach-fronted Parakeet	<i>Eupsittula aurea</i>	113	Some great views of this very attractive parakeet recorded on five days
114	Yellow-collared Macaw	<i>Primolius auricollis</i>	114	Six birds gave good flight views on the morning of the 18th near the Pixaim River

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	Blue-and-Yellow Macaw	<i>Ara chloropterus</i>		A ringed bird presumably an escaped captive bird was seen at Rio Claro Lodge
115	Southern Red-shouldered Macaw	<i>Diopsittaca cumanensis</i>	115	Two birds in flight on our first morning at Piuval Lodge were a surprise
116	White-eyed Parakeet	<i>Psittacara leucophthalmus</i>	116	Recorded on the 16th and then on our final morning at Cuiaba with 15+ from the hotel
117	Pale-legged Hornero	<i>Furnarius leucopus</i>	117	Preferring water and more intensely coloured than RH and recorded on four days
118	Rufous Hornero	<i>Furnarius rufus</i>	118	A very common, tame and characterful species recorded daily
119	White-lored Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis albilora</i>	119	Seen at Rio Claro on the 17th and again on the 18th/22nd & heard on two other days
120	Rusty-backed Spinetail	<i>Cranioleuca vulpina</i>	120	First seen at Rio Claro on the 17th and again on two other days
121	Yellow-chinned Spinetail	<i>Certhiaxis cinnamomeus</i>	121	A common sound from the water hyacinths with birds seen & heard on at least six days
122	Rufous-fronted Thornbird	<i>Phacellodomus rufifrons</i>	122	Birds showed well on the 16th - 18th
123	Greater Thornbird	<i>Phacellodomus ruber</i>	123	Seen well on at least five days particularly whilst around the Porto Jofre area
124	Grey-crested Cachalote	<i>Pseudoseisura unirufa</i>	124	Often quite showy and noisy with birds seen well on at least two days
125	Great Rufous Woodcreeper	<i>Xiphocolaptes major</i>	125	Great views of this huge woodcreeper with three birds at Piuval and one at Rio Claro
126	Buff-throated Woodcreeper	<i>Xiphorhynchus guttatus</i>	126	A single bird showed well at Rio Claro Lodge on the 17th
127	Straight-billed Woodcreeper	<i>Xiphorhynchus picus</i>	127	One of the commoner woodcreepers and seen well on at least three days
128	Narrow-billed Woodcreeper	<i>Lepidocolaptes angustirostris</i>	128	Seen well in the grounds of Rio Claro Lodge
129	Red-billed Scythebill	<i>Campylorhamphus trochilirostris</i>	129	This very distinctive species was seen well at Rio Claro and near the Pixaim River
130	Great Antshrike	<i>Taraba major</i>	130	Often quite confiding and seen very well on at least seven days
131	Barred Antshrike	<i>Thamnophilus doliatus</i>	131	A male seen very well on the 19th on the Corixo Negro and heard on at least 3 days
132	<b>Planalto Slaty Antshrike</b>	<b><i>Thamnophilus pelzelni</i></b>	132	Endemic - A female showed very well in forest at Piuval Lodge on the 16th
133	Large-billed Antwren	<i>Herpsilochmus longirostris</i>	133	Good views of a male in forest near Pousa Alegre on the 23rd
134	Rusty-backed Antwren	<i>Formicivora rufa</i>	134	Excellent views of both and female on the 18th near our hotel at the Pixaim River
135	Mato Grosso Antbird	<i>Cercomacra melanaria</i>	135	More often heard than seen, but seen very well beside the Pixaim River on the 18th
136	Band-tailed Antbird	<i>Hypocnemoides maculicauda</i>	136	More often heard than seen, but as above seen well near the Pixaim River on the 18th

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137	Helmeted Manakin	<i>Antilophia galeata</i>	137	A manakin with scarlet Elvis hair! Male Rio Claro on 17th and fem on 18th near Pixaim
138	Forest Elaenia	<i>Myiopagis gaimardii</i>	138	Recorded on four days at various sites
139	Southern Beardless Tyrannulet	<i>Camptostoma obsoletum</i>	139	Heard more than seen with their distinctive laughing calls. Seen well on the 21st
140	White-crested Tyrannulet	<i>Serpophaga subcristata</i>	140	A single bird seen well near our hotel at the Pixaim River
141	Subtropical Doradito	<i>Pseudocolopteryx acutipennis</i>	141	A species at low density. Briefly on the 18th & very well on the 21st near Campo Jofre
142	Pearly-vented Tody-tyrant	<i>Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer</i>	142	Recorded on at least three days at various sites with the best views at Rio Claro
143	Rusty-fronted Tody-flycatcher	<i>Poecilotriccus latirostris</i>	143	Good views of a bird on the 17th near Rio Claro
144	Common Tody-flycatcher	<i>Todirostrum cinereum</i>	144	Some good views of this attractive Tody-flycatcher recorded on three days
145	Yellow-olive Flycatcher	<i>Tolmomyias sulphurescens</i>	145	A bird was seen and heard in forest near Pousa Alegre on the morning of the 23rd
146	Fuscous Flycatcher	<i>Cnemotriccus fuscatus</i>	146	A fairly common and often obliging species recorded on six days
147	Vermilion Flycatcher	<i>Pyrocephalus rubinus</i>	147	Good views of striking males and subtle female birds recorded on seven days
148	Black-backed Water-tyrant	<i>Fluvicola albiventer</i>	148	This water associated species was seen well on eight days
149	White-headed Marsh-tyrant	<i>Arundinicola leucocephala</i>	149	Rarer than the above species & seen well on the 21st and 23rd in suitable habitat
150	White-rumped Monjita	<i>Xolmis velatus</i>	150	Excellent views of this striking flycatcher on our first morning at Piuval Lodge
151	Cattle Tyrant	<i>Machetornis rixosa</i>	151	A common species recorded on eight days
152	Rusty-margined Flycatcher	<i>Myiozetetes cayanensis</i>	152	A very common and vocal species recorded daily
153	Great Kiskadee	<i>Pitangus sulphuratus</i>	153	A very common and vocal species recorded daily
154	Lesser Kiskadee	<i>Philohydor lictor</i>	154	A more slender-billed version of the above favouring water and seen on five days
155	Boat-billed Flycatcher	<i>Megarynchus pitangua</i>	155	This aptly named flycatcher was recorded on at least five days
156	Tropical Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus melancholicus</i>	156	Recorded daily
157	Rufous Casiornis	<i>Casiornis rufus</i>	157	This attractive cinnamon coloured flycatcher was seen well on the 17th at Rio Claro
158	Short-crested Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus ferox</i>	158	Part of the tricky <i>Myiarchus</i> group but seen well and heard calling on six days
159	Brown-crested Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus tyrannulus</i>	159	Recorded on four days and their distinctive call was heard

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160	White-Napes Xenopsaris	<i>Xenopsaris albinucha</i>	160	A single bird showed very well near Rio Claro on the 17th
161	White-winged Swallow	<i>Tachycineta albiventer</i>	161	One of the most common hirundines recorded on eight days
162	Grey-breasted Martin	<i>Progne chalybea</i>	162	A common species often around habitation and recorded on at least two days
163	Brown-chested Martin	<i>Progne tapera</i>	163	Seen well on at least two days
164	Blue-and-white Swallow	<i>Notiochelidon cyanoleuca</i>	164	A number of birds were seen by some on our last morning near our hotel in Cuiaba
165	Southern Rough-winged Swallow	<i>Stelgidopteryx ruficollis</i>	165	One of the commonest hirundines with sightings on at least five days
166	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	166	A single bird was seen by a few of the group on the 21st
167	Yellowish Pipit	<i>Anthus lutescens</i>	167	Recorded on four days in suitable grassland habitat
168	Thrush-like Wren	<i>Campylorhynchus turdinus</i>	168	These large and very vocal birds were seen well on at least seven days
169	Buff-breasted Wren	<i>Thryothorus leucotis</i>	169	Heard singing on the 17th and seen well on the 18th
170	Fawn-breasted Wren	<i>Thryothorus guarayanus</i>	170	Replaces BB Wren in the south and a bird showed well on the 21st at Porto Jofre
171	Donacobius	<i>Donacobius atricapilla</i>	171	These noisy members of the Wren family performed well on at least seven days
172	Chalk-browed Mockingbird	<i>Mimus saturninus</i>	172	Birds were seen well on the 18th and 22nd at least
173	Creamy-bellied Thrush	<i>Turdus amaurochalinus</i>	173	A single bird was seen on the morning of the 21st whilst looking for Crakes
174	Rufous-bellied Thrush	<i>Turdus rufiventris</i>	174	A common and attractive thrush recorded on at least six days
175	Masked Gnatcatcher	<i>Polioptila dumicola</i>	175	A number of opportunities to see this attractive species and recorded on three days
176	Purplish Jay	<i>Cyanocorax cyanomelas</i>	176	A common species recorded on eight days
177	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	177	A familiar friend and recorded on at least six days
178	Rufous-browed Peppershrike	<i>Cyclarhis gujanensis</i>	178	Seen well on two days and heard on at least another two days
179	Ashy-headed Greenlet	<i>Hylophilus pectoralis</i>	179	A singing bird beside the Pixaim River on the 18th & seen briefly by Chris on the 21st
180	White-bellied Warbler	<i>Basileuterus hypoleucus</i>	180	Unfortunately only heard on the 20th whilst on the Rio Negrinio
181	Flavescent Warbler	<i>Basileuterus flaveolus</i>	181	This smart warbler showed well by the Pixaim on the 18th and again on 22nd and 23rd
182	Tropical Parula	<i>Parula pitayumi</i>	182	A single bird seen well whilst birding forest near Pousa Alegre on the 23rd

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183	Grey-headed Tanager	<i>Eucometis penicillata</i>	183	This striking Tanager was recorded on three days
184	Silver-beaked Tanager	<i>Ramphocelus carbo</i>	184	A very common species present throughout the tour recorded on eight days
185	Sayaca Tanager	<i>Thraupis sayaca</i>	185	A common and attractive tanager recorded on seven days
186	Palm Tanager	<i>Thraupis palmarum</i>	186	Seen well and recorded on at least three days
187	Chestnut-vented Conebill	<i>Conirostrum speciosum</i>	187	Seen well on the 22nd and 23rd whilst birding around Pousa Alegre
188	Purple-throated Euphonia	<i>Euphonia chlorotica</i>	188	The distinctive call was heard on at least two days whilst birding suitable habitat
189	Bananaquit	<i>Coereba flaveola</i>	189	Single birds recorded on the 21st and the 23rd
190	Grassland Sparrow	<i>Ammodramus humeralis</i>	190	Heard singing in the Cerrado on the first two days
191	Saffron Finch	<i>Sicalis flaveola</i>	191	This incredibly striking and common finch was seen on at least seven days
192	Red-crested Finch	<i>Coryphospingus cucullatus</i>	192	A bird was seen visiting feeders at Rio Claro whilst choosing our buffet lunch!
193	Red-crested Cardinal	<i>Paroaria coronata</i>	193	This larger version of the below species was seen well on the 18th by the Pixaim River
194	Yellow-billed Cardinal	<i>Paroaria capitata</i>	194	Easily seen at feeders and recorded daily
195	Blue-black Grassquit	<i>Volatinia jacarina</i>	195	Seen on the morning of the 18th whilst birding near our hotel at the Pixaim River
196	Rusty-collared Seedeater	<i>Sporophila collaris</i>	196	One of the best looking seedeaters with great views on the 18th by our hotel at Pixaim
197	Double-collared Seedeater	<i>Sporophila caerulescens</i>	197	Seen well on the morning of the 21st
198	White-bellied Seedeater	<i>Sporophila leucoptera</i>	198	Seen well on the morning of the 21st
199	Greyish Saltator	<i>Saltator coerulescens</i>	199	A relatively common Saltator recorded on five days
200	Yellow-rumped Cacique	<i>Cacicus cela</i>	200	These very attractive and inquisitive birds were seen on eight days
201	Solitary Cacique	<i>Procacicus solitarius</i>	201	Single birds seen well whilst close to the river on the 17th and 22nd
202	Crested Oropendola	<i>Psarocolius decumanus</i>	202	Good to hear and see these amazing looking birds on five days
203	Orange-backed Troupial	<i>Icterus croconotus</i>	203	A common but nonetheless “wow” factor bird recorded on five days
204	Epaulet Oriole	<i>Icterus cayanensis</i>	204	This subtle oriole was seen well on the 22nd and 23rd near Pousa Alegre
205	Giant Cowbird	<i>Molothrus oryzivorus</i>	205	This parasitic species targets Oropendolas / Caciques and was recorded on four days

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206	Shiny Cowbird	<i>Molothrus bonariensis</i>	206	Another parasitic species recorded on at least four days
207	Scarlet-headed Blackbird	<i>Amblyramphus holosericeus</i>	207	Great views of two birds near Campo Jofre on 18th & again on 22nd at Pousa Alegre
208	Chopi Blackbird	<i>Gnorimopsar chopi</i>	208	A very common and noisy songster recorded on at least three days
209	Unicolored Blackbird	<i>Agelasticus cyanopus</i>	209	Black males and pale yellow fronted females recorded on five days
210	White-browed Blackbird	<i>Sturnella superciliosi</i>	210	Good views of displaying males and females on the 18th and 19th
211	Greyish Baywing	<i>Agelaioides badius</i>	211	Seen very well, often at feeders and recorded on at least five days
<b>Mammals and Reptiles</b>				
1	Six-banded (Yellow) Armadillo	<i>Euphractus sexcinctus</i>	1	A single animal seen scuttling through the forest near Pousa Alegre on the 23rd
2	Giant Anteater	<i>Myrmecophaga tridactyla</i>	2	Two great encounters with an animal on the evening of the 21st near Pousa Alegre and one on the afternoon of the 23rd near the official start of the Transpantaneira sign
3	Southern Tamandua	<i>Tamandua tetradactyla</i>	3	Three animals seen well, two on the 15th near Piuval and one on the 21st near Pousa Alegre. This included a fabulously close encounter on our first evening at Piuval Lodge
4	Brazilian Rabbit	<i>Sylvilagus brasiliensis</i>	4	One seen by Chris whilst spotlighting near Pousa Alegre in the early hours of the 23rd
5	Azara's Agouti	<i>Dasyprocta azarai</i>	5	Good views of a number of animals on four days
6	Capibara	<i>Hydrochaeris hydrochaeris</i>	6	Recorded daily
7	Brazilian Porcupine	<i>Coendou prehensilis</i>	7	A sleeping animal in a tree at Corixo Negro whilst looking for Jaguars!
8	Jaguar	<i>Panthera onca</i>	8	Great views of 5 different animals. A large male with the damaged right eye, two females and two well grown cubs with one of the females
9	Crab-eating Fox	<i>Cerdocyon thous</i>	9	A common mammal recorded on three days with a max count of 5 on the 22nd
10	Neotropical River Otter	<i>Lutra longicaudis</i>	10	Brief sightings of two animals on the Claro River on the morning of the 17th
11	Giant Otter	<i>Pteronura brasiliensis</i>	11	Some excellent encounters over two days with totals of 12 & 16 animals on those days

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12	South American Coati	<i>Nasua nasua</i>	12	Recorded on three days with a max count of 8+ seen on the evening of the 21st, just after having seen both Giant Anteater and Southern Tamandua!
13	Crab-eating Raccoon	<i>Procyon cancrivorus</i>	13	Recorded on three evenings whilst spotlighting - The best being a family group of four animals on the evening of the 22nd at Pousa Alegre
14	Lesser Fishing (Bulldog) Bat	<i>Noctilio albiventris</i>	14	Recorded on the evening of the 22nd at Pousa Alegre
15	Greater Fishing (Bulldog) Bat	<i>Noctilio leporinus</i>	15	Recorded on three evenings hunting over water bodies at dusk
16	Long-nosed Proboscis Bat	<i>Rhynchonycteris naso</i>	16	A roosting group of 15+ animals on a tree trunk from our boat on the Claro River
17	Tent-making Bat	<i>Uroderma bilobatum</i>	17	Two roosting animals at our hotel by the Pixaim River on the 18th and 21st
18	Black-tailed (Pantanal) Marmoset	<i>Callithrix melanura</i>	18	Heard on the 22nd whilst birding forest at Pousa Alegre
19	Black-striped (Tufted) Capuchin	<i>Cebus libidinosus</i>	19	Recorded on four days with our best views along the Negrinio River on the 20th
20	Black-and-Gold Howler	<i>Alouatta caraya</i>	20	A male and female were seen well in forest at Pousa Alegre on the 22nd
21	Collared Peccary	<i>Pecari tajacu</i>	21	A group of six slowly crossed the Transpantaneira on the afternoon of the 18th
22	Red Brocket Deer	<i>Mazama americana</i>	22	Recorded on at least five days
23	Grey (Brown) Brocket Deer	<i>Mazama gouazoubira</i>	23	A single animal on the 15th at Piuval Lodge and another during the early hours of the 23rd at Pousa Alegre
24	Marsh Deer	<i>Blastocerus dichotomus</i>	24	Recorded on three days including an impressive stag on the 18th
25	Brazilian Tapir	<i>Tapirus terrestris</i>	25	Some excellent views of animals swimming and on land. The most memorable encounter was one swimming close to our boat on the Negrinio River. A min count of three and max of five at Pousa Alegre on the 22nd/23rd
26	Tayra	<i>Eira barbara</i>	26	A brief but good sighting of an animal at Pousa Alegre on the morning of the 23rd

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1	Pantanal (Yacare) Caiman	<i>Caiman yacare</i>	1	Recorded daily
2	Common (Green) Iguana	<i>Iguana iguana</i>	2	This highly attractive Iguana was recorded on four days
3	Eastern Collared Spiny Lizard	<i>Tropidurus torquatus</i>	3	A single Lizard seen well on the 18th
4	House Gecko	<i>Hemidactylus mabouia</i>	4	Recorded at Pousada do Parque on the 7th
5	Common Tegu Lizard	<i>Tupinamis teguixin</i>	5	Recorded on three days
6	Mato Grosso (Painted) Lancehead	<i>Bothrops mattogrossensis</i>	6	A captive specimen was seen whilst at Pousa Alegre

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