

Birding Ecotours



GUYANA CUSTOM TOUR TRIP REPORT

18 - 27 JANUARY 2020

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Guianan Cock-of-the-rock

Overview

This was the first Neotropical 2020 Birding Ecotours trip, a shortened version of our set-departure Guyana trip. With only 10 days available we did our best to provide a great experience in this amazing country. Guyana, probably one of the least-known countries in South America, is synonymous of wilderness. With most of its forest still untouched, the country provides amazing landscapes, stunning wildlife, and great adventure. Our trip was focused on finding most of the Guiana Shield specialties, such as **Guianan Trogon, Guianan Puffbird, Guianan Cock-of-the-rock, Guianan Toucanet, Guianan Tyrannulet, Guianan Streaked Antwren, and Todd's Antwren**. In addition to this selection of birds Guyana is great for many species that are difficult to see in other countries, such as **Blood-colored Woodpecker, White-bellied Piculet, Rufous Crab Hawk, Crimson Fruitcrow, Black Nunbird, Capuchinbird, Grey-winged Trumpeter, White-winged Potoo, Bearded Tachuri, Black Curassow, Crestless Curassow, Crimson Topaz, and Red-and-black Grosbeak**, and we saw all these species remarkably well during our 10-day trip.

Even though Guyana is a great destination the access to some birding and wildlife hotspots is not well developed, which increases the number of flights to take in order to reduce driving time and be able to explore the major number of sites in a 10- or 14-day trip. During this trip we were able to explore the Georgetown Botanical Gardens, the amazing Kaieteur Falls, the beautiful Rupununi Savanna in the south, and the Iwokrama Rainforest with the Iwokrama Canopy Walkway introducing us to many Guyana jewels. Please check our Guyana set-departure tour, which also includes an extension to look for Sun Parakeet, Red Siskin, Hoary-throated Spinetail, and Rio Branco Antbird.

Detailed Report

Day 1, 18 January 2020. Arrival at Georgetown and transfer to the Cara Lodge

We had a late arrive at Cheddi Jagan International Airport serving Georgetown and transferred to the beautiful Cara Lodge.

Day 2, 19 January 2020. Georgetown Botanical Gardens, Kaieteur National Park

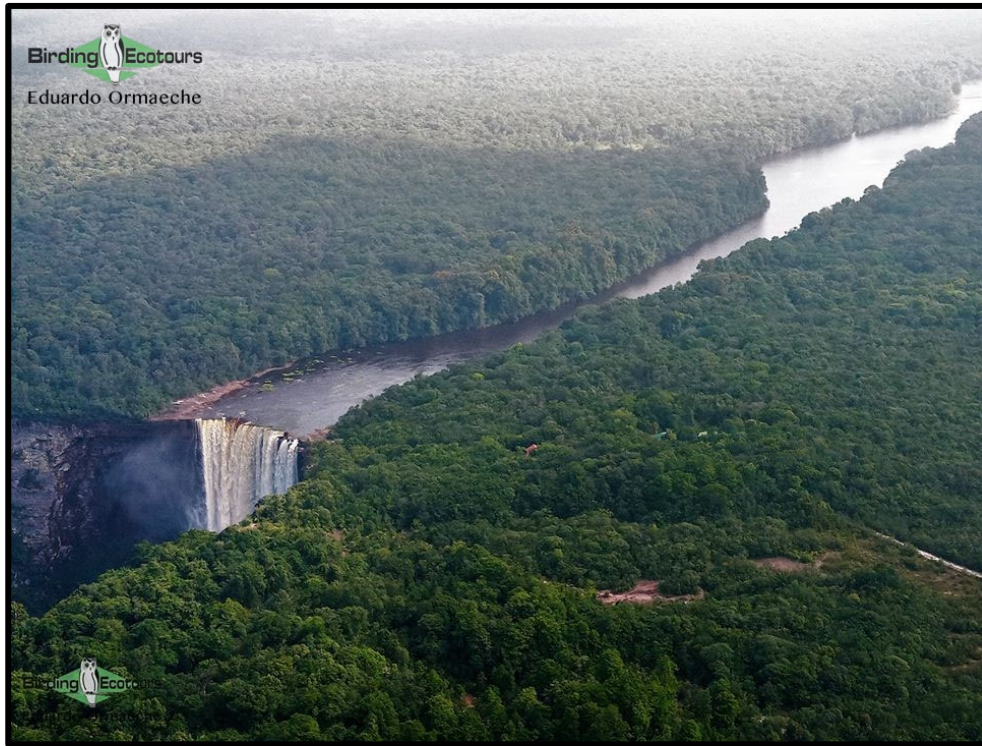
We had an early start to drive to the Georgetown Botanical Gardens, which provides pleasant introductory birding to Guyana. We had a great morning, finding great species such as **Toco Toucan, Red-shouldered Macaw, Festive Amazon, Yellow-crowned Amazon, Southern Mealy Amazon, Orange-winged Amazon, Black-necked Aracari, Yellow Oriole, Violaceous Euphonia, Bat Falcon, Cinnamon Attila, Black-capped Donacobious, Great Horned Owl** roosting at daytime, and **Snail Kite**. Other finds included **Yellow-chinned Spinetail, Streak-headed Woodcreeper, Yellow-bellied Elaenia, Boat-billed Flycatcher, Lesser Kiskadee, Great Kiskadee, Tropical Kingbird, Common Tody-Flycatcher, Grey-breasted Martin, House Wren, Tropical Kingbird, and Silver-beaked, Blue-grey, Palm, and Turquoise Tanagers**. We were very lucky in finding two of the main targets for the Botanical Gardens, **White-bellied Piculet and Blood-colored Woodpecker**.



Festive Amazon

After two hours of intense birding and seeing **West Indian Manatee** in the ponds of the Georgetown Botanical Gardens as well we had found all our main targets and returned to Cara Lodge for breakfast. Then we were transferred to the Eugene F. Correia International Airport to take our round-trip flight to the Kaieteur Falls. The flight provided stunning views of hundreds of miles of unbroken tropical rainforest along the Demerara and Essequibo Rivers.

Kaieteur Falls is the world's largest single-drop waterfall by the volume of water flowing over it. It is about four times higher than Niagara Falls, and about twice the height of Victoria Falls with a height of 226 meters/741 feet. Once we entered Kaieteur National Park we hiked to a waterfall viewpoint, where we had incredible views of **Orange-breasted Falcon**. After admiring the falls with excellent views we returned to the park headquarters after getting great views of another obligatory species in the country, the beautiful **Guianan Cock-of-the-rock**. On our flight back to Georgetown we had dramatic views of the falls from the plane. We enjoyed our tasty dinner at Cara Lodge to celebrate our first great day in Guyana.



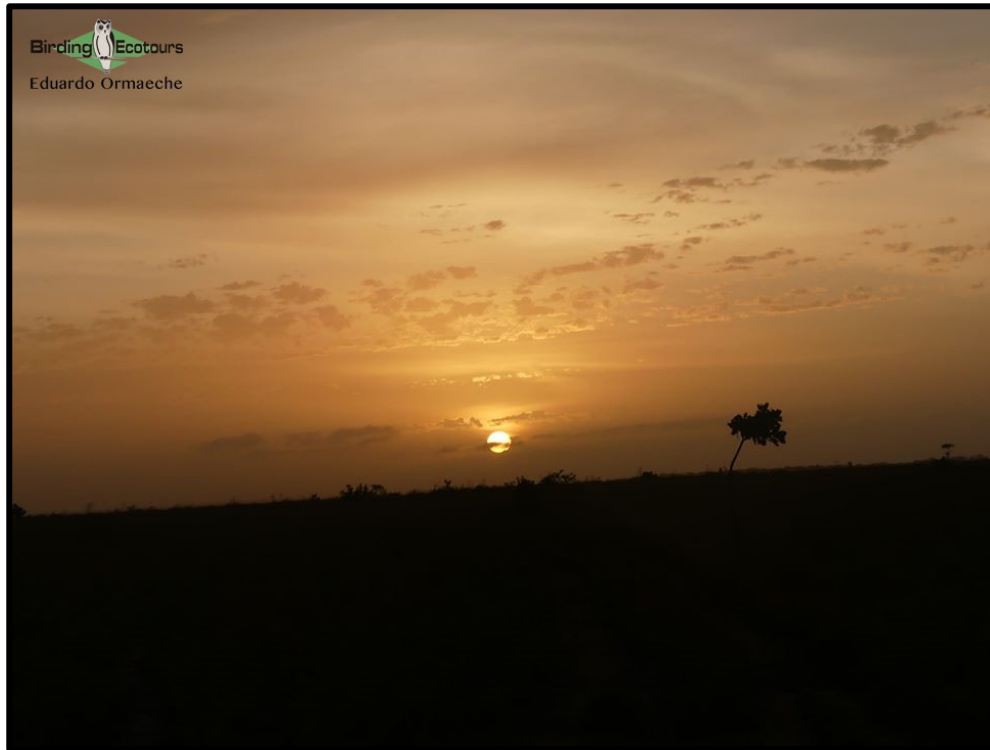
Kaieteur Falls



Orange-breasted Falcon

Day 3, 20 January 2020. Flight to Lethem and 4x4 transfer to Karanambu Lodge

From Eugene Correia International Airport again we took a flight to Lethem, a remote town just on the border with Brazil in south-western Guyana. Here we were picked up by a 4x4 vehicle for a long drive to Karanambu Lodge in the northern Rupununi region. After lunch we went on a boat trip, which provided great birding with species such as **Green Ibis, Grey-necked Wood Rail, Purple Gallinule, Limpkin, Black Skimmer, Large-billed Tern, Sunbittern, Cocoli Heron, Great Black Hawk, Western Osprey, Boat-billed Heron, Capped Heron, Ringed, Green, and Amazon Kingfishers, Muscovy Duck, Pale-vented Pigeon, Wattled Jacana, and Jabiru.**



A magical Guianan sunrise!

Day 4, 21 January 2020. Karanambu grasslands and boat rides along the Rupununi River

Today we explored the Rupununi grasslands, hoping for Giant Anteater and Bearded Tachuri. We had good luck with **Bearded Tachuri**, and this is probably the best place to see this species. We also found **Yellow-bellied Elaenia, Short-crested Flycatcher, Fork-tailed Flycatcher, Grassland Sparrow, Red-breasted Blackbird, Tropical Mockingbird, Wedge-tailed Grass Finch, Buff-necked Ibis, Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture, White-tailed Hawk, Plain-breasted and Common Ground Doves, Southern Lapwing, Pearl Kite, Savanna Hawk, and Grassland Yellow Finch.** We checked a pond and saw two **Pinnated Bitterns, White-faced Whistling Duck**, and our second target of the morning, **Crested Doradito**. No matter how hard our trackers worked, though, we could not find the Giant Anteater, but we were fine with that since we had had brilliant views of it in Brazil last year. We returned to the lodge for a short break during the midday heat and enjoyed a nice break.

In the afternoon we made another boat trip, having great views of the species we had seen on the previous day plus **Long-winged Harrier**, **Plumbeous Kite**, **Double-toothed Kite**, **Red-and-green Macaw**, and brief but great views of **Crestless Curassow**. We also visited an oxbow lake to see the amazing **Giant Water Lily** (*Victoria amazonica*), the world's largest water lily and the national flower of Guyana. At dusk we returned to the lodge, seeing **Band-tailed Nighthawk** and **Tropical Screech Owl** close to it.



Giant Water Lily

Day 5, 22 January 2020. Capuchinbird lek and transfer to Surama Eco-Lodge

A short hike at dawn took us to the **Capuchinbird** trail at Karanambu Lodge. Just at dawn we heard the incredible call of this sought-after species, and it did not take long until we had two birds displaying above our heads. We thought the experience of having these birds displaying at the lek was an incredible experience as we left the lek in total ecstasy. We also found other great birds throughout the morning. The seldom-seen **Tiny Hawk** was seen beautifully, and in addition, we had good views of **Spotted Puffbird**, **White-flanked Antwren**, **Chestnut Woodpecker**, **White-bellied Antbird**, **Olivaceous**, **Buff-throated**, and **Wedge-billed Woodcreepers**, **Screaming Piha**, **Blue-backed Manakin**, **Lineated Woodpecker**, and **Green-backed Trogon**.

We returned to the lodge to have breakfast and then we checked out to transfer by river and land to the Surama-Eco-Lodge. Our boat trip took us to the Ginep Landing, where we waited for our land transportation. While we waited we managed to see **Green-tailed Jacamar**, **Green-backed Trogon**, **Northern Slaty Antshrike**, **White-flanked Antwren**, and **Red-eyed Vireo**. On the road trip we spotted a number of good species such as a pair of **King Vultures** perching by the road,

Pied Water Tyrant, White-headed Marsh Tyrant, Wood Stork, Cocoi Heron, Southern Rough-winged Swallow, Scaled Pigeon, and Grey-lined Hawk.



Capuchinbird

After arrival at the Surama Eco-Lodge, a small lodge run by the indigenous community of Surama, we spent the afternoon exploring a trail where sometimes the shy Rufous-winged Ground-Cuckoo had been seen, but the trail was very quiet. We did, however, find **Common Potoo** and **Least Nighthawk** roosting at daytime, **Great Tinamou**, and a **Tiny Tyrant-Manakin** walking across the trail. On return to the lodge we saw several **Crested Oropendolas** and **Yellow-rumped Caciques** as well as **Piratic Flycatcher**, **Streaked Flycatcher**, **Palm** and **Blue-grey Tanagers**, **Yellow-bellied Seedeaters**, **Squirrel Cuckoo**, **White-tipped Dove**, and **White-throated Toucan**. The night was awesome, with both **Spectacled** and **Crested Owl** providing good views along the main trail.

Day 6, 23 January 2020. Birding around Surama Eco-Lodge

We spent the morning birding along the main road next to the lodge, where we had great views of **Caica Parrot**, **Painted Parakeet**, **Black-headed Parrot**, **Red-throated** and **Yellow-headed Caracara**, **Violaceous Euphonia**, **Green Aracari**, **Band-rumped Swift**, **Green-backed Trogon**, **White-throated** and **Channel-billed Toucans**, **Lineated Woodpecker**, **Glittering-throated Emerald**, **Paradise Jacamar**, and **Black Nunbird**. What a great morning!

We went to explore the famous Harpy Eagle trail, where a few years ago a Harpy Eagle nest had been active, but there had not been any recent records of this mythical species. However, the hike was well worth it as we found a splendid **Long-tailed Potoo** perching at daytime. The afternoon was rather quiet along the main trail, and a short canoe ride along the Burro-Burro River was not as productive as we had thought. But we had a fabulous morning indeed, with several lifers for everybody!

Day 7, 24 January 2020. Transfer to and birding at Atta Rainforest Lodge

We were very excited about our upcoming two full days at Atta Rainforest Lodge in the Iwokrama Forest. This was the place where we knew that we could find several of the Guiana Shield specialists, including some species that are hard to see elsewhere in Northeast South America.

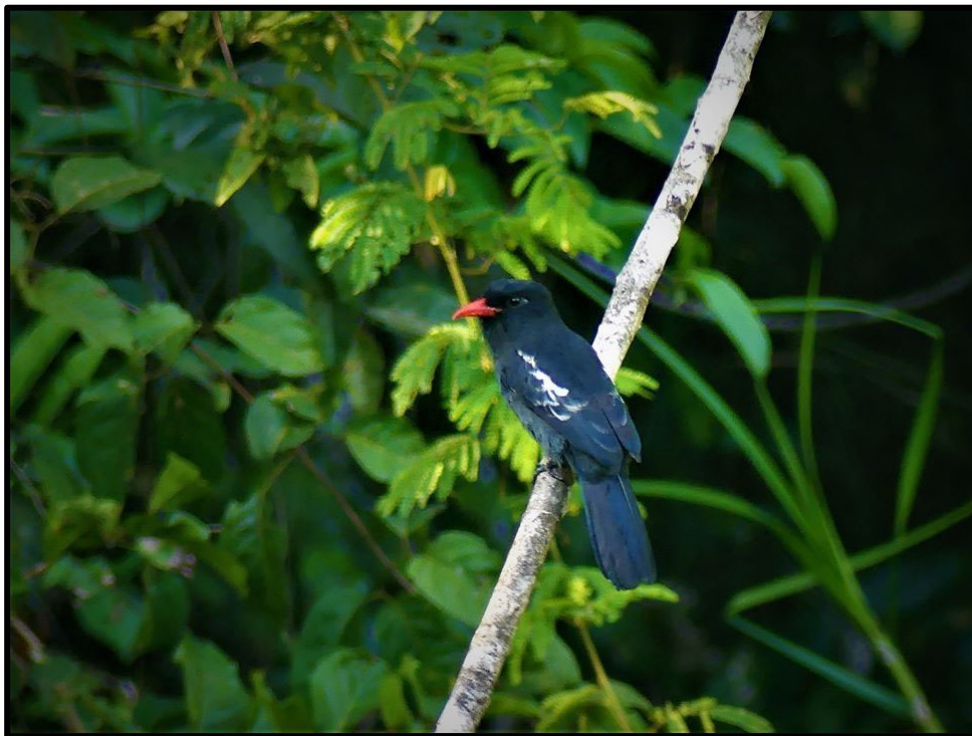


Black Curassow

We checked out of Surama Eco-Lodge and were transferred by land to Atta Rainforest Lodge. After a welcome drink and checking-in we were greeted by three **Black Curassows** in the lodge clearing, and flowering bushes attracted **White-necked Jacobin**, **Grey-breasted Sabrewing**, and **Reddish Hermit**. In the afternoon we explored a white-sand forest patch, where we had excellent views of **Black Manakin**, **Saffron-crested Tyrant-Manakin**, and the fabulous **Pompadour Cotinga**. Then we explored a trail where **Rufous Potoo** was roosting at daytime. We searched along a black-water stream next to the road, hoping to find the stunning **Crimson Topaz**, and after we had waited for some time we sadly saw the female only. Other birds here included **Guianan Streaked Antwren** and **Black Nunbird**.



Rufous Potoo



Black Nunbird (photo Eduardo Ormaeche)

Day 8, 25 January 2020. Iwokrama Canopy Walkway and Atta Rainforest Lodge area

This day will be long remembered by everybody who participated on the trip as one of the best Neotropical experiences ever had, as it was simply an amazing day. We started by walking to the Iwokrama Canopy Walkway, which not only provided good views of the endless canopy forest but also a good chance to encounter a number of Guiana Shield specialists. Along the way we managed to see a single **Black Curassow** and not long afterward a family of the most-wanted **Grey-winged Trumpeters**.

Once at the canopy platforms our first bird was **Black-eared Fairy**, which was followed by **Guianan Trogon**, **Guianan Puffbird**, **Green Aracari**, **Guianan Toucanet**, **Golden-winged Parakeet**, **Red-and-green Macaw**, **Green Oropendola**, **Spangled Cotinga**, **Guianan Tyrannulet**, **Red-fan Parrot**, **Black-necked Aracari**, **Little Chachalaca**, **Blue-throated Piping Guan**, and **Todd's Antwren**. We explored the trail back to the lodge and enjoyed the most-wanted **Black-faced Hawk** and brief but good views of **Spotted Antpitta**. Other species seen included **White-flanked Antwren**, **Cinereous Antshrike**, **Saturnine Antshrike**, **Mouse-colored Antshrike**, **Rufous-bellied Antwren**, **Brown-bellied Antwren**, **Chestnut-rumped Woodcreeper**, and the localized **Waved Woodpecker** among many other forest species. We also were lucky to find a small army ant swarm, which provided great views of **White-plumed Antbird** and **Rufous-throated Antbird** as well as **White-chinned** and **Plain-brown Woodcreepers**.

We returned to the lodge to get a shower before lunch after a great morning. After a short rest we gathered at the lodge clearing, waiting for **Crimson Fruitcrow**, but it did not make an appearance this afternoon. We returned to the white-sand forest, where this time we saw **White-crowned Manakin**, **Red-billed Woodcreeper**, **Helmeted Pygmy Tyrant**, and **Bright-rumped Attila**. A short time later we spotted **Golden-collared Woodpecker**.

The day was ending, so the plan was to go back to the black-water stream and wait for the male **Crimson Topaz**. While waiting we were shocked by the unexpected appearance of a young **Puma** crossing the stream, using a fallen tree as bridge. This amazing animal did not look scared about us and remained on the log for a couple of minutes before it disappeared into the woods. After all this excitement we finally spotted a male **Crimson Topaz** showing briefly but in all its splendor. We were enjoying the hummer when I could not believe what I was seeing: A full-grown adult **Puma** with two young ones was crossing the road in front of us. I have seen Pumas in Patagonia in Chile, but after almost 20 years of exploring the Amazon Rainforest this is the first time I had the privilege of seeing this majestic creature in the forest.

And the day was still not over! We waited until it got dark and John played the tape of **White-winged Potoo**, which flew in quite high but right above our heads, allowing us to watch all its main features. Just before we returned to the lodge we finished the day with good views of **Tawny-bellied Screech Owl**. What a day!



Puma (photo by John Christian)



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Day 9, 26 January 2020. Birding around Atta Rainforest Lodge and flight to Georgetown

We had only a couple of hours at Atta Rainforest Lodge before we were transferred to Iwokrama River Lodge and from there to take our charter flight to Georgetown. We decided to spend those hours in the lodge clearing and scan all the trees arounds. The strategy paid off, finally giving us scope views of the most-wanted **Crimson Fruitcrow**. What a way to finish our stay at Atta Rainforest Lodge!



Crimson Fruitcrow (photo Eduardo Ormaeche)

Not much that was exciting happened after we left the lodge and arrived at Iwokrama River Lodge. After lunch there we had some time to check the riverbank, enjoying views of **Black Skimmer**, **Large-billed Tern**, and **Pied Plover** among other usual suspects. Then we were transferred to the Fairview airstrip, which might be described as a dusty, smooth road in the middle of nowhere, to take our charter flight back to Georgetown. There were incredible views of the forest from the plane! We arrived at Georgetown with enough time to drive to a nearby coastline, where we found our last two targets for this trip, **Scarlet Ibis** and **Rufous Crab Hawk**. Back at Cara Lodge we had our last meal together and celebrated another great Birding Ecotours trip.

Day, 10. Transfer to the Cheddi Jagan international airport

After breakfast we were transferred to the airport to connect with our international flights home.

BIRD LIST (Taxonomy IOC 10.1)**Tinamidae**

Great Tinamou *Tinamus major* Great views of one individual at Atta Rainforest Lodge. The species is classified as Near Threatened.

Little Tinamou (H) *Crypturellus soui* Heard at Karanambu

Undulated Tinamou (H) *Crypturellus undulatus* Heard at Atta Rainforest Lodge

Cracidae

Little Chachalaca *Ortalis motmot* Seen along the Dadanawa River near Karanambu

Spix's Guan *Penelope jacquacu* Great views at Atta Rainforest Lodge. Named after Johann Baptist Ritter von Spix, 19th century German biologist. From his expedition to Brazil he brought to Germany a large variety of specimens of plants, insects, mammals, birds, amphibians and fish.

Marail Guan *Penelope marail* Great views at Atta Rainforest Lodge.

Crestless Curassow *Mitu tomentosum* Brief views along the Dadanawa River near Karanambu. The species is classified as Near Threatened.

Black Curassow *Crax alector* Daily encounters with a family group visiting the Atta Rainforest Lodge. Brilliant! The species is classified as Vulnerable.

Anatidae

Black-bellied Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna autumnalis* Seen on the way to Karanambu

White-faced Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna viduata* Seen on the way to Karanambu

Muscovy Duck *Cairina moschata* Seen on the boat trips near Karanambu

Nyctibiidae

Great Potoo *Nyctibius grandis* Seen at Surama Eco-Lodge

Long-tailed Potoo *Nyctibius aethereus* Great views of one individual along the Harpy Eagle trail near Surama Eco-Lodge

Rufous Potoo *Nyctibius bracteatus* Fantastic views near Atta Rainforest Lodge

White-winged Potoo *Nyctibius leucopterus* An amazing moment with one individual coming to the tape near Atta Rainforest Lodge

Caprimulgidae

Nacunda Nighthawk *Chordeiles nacunda* Two individuals seen before dawn at Karanambu

Short-tailed Nighthawk *Lurocalis semitorquatus* Seen along the Atta Road

Least Nighthawk *Chordeiles pusillus* Nice daytime views at Surama Eco-Lodge

Band-tailed Nighthawk *Nyctiprogne leucopyga* Seen before dusk at Karanambu during the boat ride

Pauraque *Nyctidromus albicollis* Seen at Karanambu

White-tailed Nightjar *Hydropsalis cayennensis* Seen in the Rupununi Savanna

Apodidae

Band-rumped Swift *Chaetura spinicaudus* Seen between Surama Eco-Lodge and Atta

Short-tailed Swift *Chaetura brachyura* Seen at Karanambu

Neotropical Palm Swift *Tachornis squamata* Several sightings

Trochilidae

Long-tailed Hermit *Phaethornis superciliosus* Seen at Surama Eco-Lodge

Reddish Hermit *Phaethornis ruber* Seen at Atta Rainforest Lodge

White-necked Jacobin *Florisuga mellivora* Seen at Atta Rainforest Lodge

Plain-bellied Emerald *Amazilia leucogaster* Seen in the Georgetown Botanical Gardens and in our hotel garden

Glittering-throated Emerald *Amazilia fimbriata* Seen in the Georgetown Botanical Gardens
 White-chested Emerald *Amazilia brevirostris* Seen in the Georgetown Botanical Gardens

Crimson Topaz *Topaza pella* Incredible views at the black-water stream near Atta Rainforest Lodge

Black-eared Fairy *Heliothryx auritus* Seen at Atta Rainforest Lodge

Long-billed Starthroat *Heliomaster longirostris* Seen at the Harpy Eagle nest

White-tailed Goldenthrout *Polytmus guainumbi* Seen at Karanambu

Fork-tailed Woodnymph *Thalurania furcata* Seen at Atta Rainforest Lodge

Grey-breasted Sabrewing *Campylopterus largipennis* Seen at Atta Rainforest Lodge

Cuculidae

Greater Ani *Crotophaga major* Seen along the rivers during the boat rides

Smooth-billed Ani *Crotophaga ani* A common species

Squirrel Cuckoo *Piaya cayana* Seen at Surama Eco-Lodge

Columbidae

Rock Pigeon *Columba livia* Seen in Georgetown

Pale-vented Pigeon *Patagioenas cayennensis* Several encounters with this species

Plumbeous Pigeon *Patagioenas plumbea* Seen at Atta Rainforest Lodge

Common Ground Dove *Columbina passerina* Seen in the Rupununi Savanna

Plain-breasted Ground Dove *Columbina minuta* A couple seen in the Rupununi Savanna

Ruddy Ground Dove *Columbina talpacoti* Common at several locations

Blue Ground Dove *Claravis pretiosa* Seen at Karanambu

White-tipped Dove *Leptotila verreauxi* Common at a few locations

Eared Dove *Zenaida auriculata* Several sightings

Rallidae

Grey-necked Wood Rail *Aramides cajaneus* Seen at Karanambu

Purple Gallinule *Porphyrio martinica* Seen in Karanambu

Psophiidae

Grey-winged Trumpeter *Psophia crepitans* Amazing sightings at Atta Rainforest Lodge. The species is classified as Near Threatened.

Aramidae

Limpkin *Aramus guarauna* Several sightings including at Georgetown

Charadriidae

Southern Lapwing *Vanellus chilensis* A common species

Pied Plover *Hoploxypterus cayanus* Seen on the river banks of the Dadanawa River

Jacanidae

Wattled Jacana *Jacana jacana* A common species

Scolopacidae

Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius* Seen along rivers

Laridae

Large-billed Tern *Phaetusa simplex* Seen on the Essequibo River

Black Skimmer *Rynchops niger* Seen on the Essequibo River

Eurypygidae

Sunbittern *Eurypyga helias* Seen at Karanambu

Ciconiidae

Wood Stork *Mycteria americana* Good sightings on the way to Atta Rainforest Lodge

Jabiru *Jabiru mycteria* One seen in the Rupununi grasslands

Fregatidae

Magnificent Frigatebird *Fregata magnificens* Seen at the coast near Georgetown

Phalacrocoracidae

Neotropic Cormorant *Phalacrocorax brasilianus* Seen at Karanambu

Anhingidae

Anhinga *Anhinga anhinga* Several seen during our boat rides in Karanambu

Threskiornithidae

Green Ibis *Mesembrinibis cayennensis* Seen at Karanambu

Scarlet Ibis *Eudocimus ruber* Great views near the coast of Georgetown

Buff-necked Ibis *Theristicus caudatus* Good views in the Rupununi grasslands

Roseate Spoonbill *Platalea ajaja* A few individuals on our way to Surama Eco-Lodge

Ardeidae

Rufescent Tiger Heron *Tigrisoma lineatum* A couple of sightings near Karanambu

Boat-billed Heron *Cochlearius cochlearius* Seen at dusk during the boat ride back to Karanambu

Pinnated Bittern *Botaurus pinnatus* Amazing sighting in the Karanambu marsh

Yellow-crowned Night Heron *Nyctanassa violacea* Seen at the coast near Georgetown

Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax* One seen at Karanambu

Western Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis* Seen around Georgetown

Cocoi Heron *Ardea cocoi* Seen along the Dadanawa River in good numbers

Great Egret *Ardea alba* Seen around Georgetown

Capped Heron *Pilherodius pileatus* Seen at Karanambu

Snowy Egret *Egretta thula* Several sightings

Pelecanidae

Brown Pelican *Pelecanus occidentalis* Seen at the coast near Georgetown

Cathartidae

Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura* Common

Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture *Cathartes burrovianus* Several sightings in the Rupununi grasslands

Greater Yellow-headed Vulture *Cathartes melambrotus* Seen at Atta

Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus* Several sightings

King Vulture *Sarcoramphus papa* Great views of two perched individuals on the way to Surama Eco-Lodge

Pandionidae

Western Osprey *Pandion haliaetus* Great views along the Dadanawa River

Accipitridae

Swallow-tailed Kite *Elanoides forficatus* Nice views in Karanambu

Pearl Kite *Gampsonyx swainsonii* Seen in the Rupununi Savanna

Double-toothed Kite *Harpagus bidentatus* Seen in the Iwokrama Forest

Tiny Hawk *Accipiter superciliosus* An amazing sighting in the Karanambu Forest. A hard species to see

Long-winged Harrier *Circus buffoni* A great encounter with one flying-by individual at Karanambu

Plumbeous Kite *Ictinia plumbea* A couple of sightings at Surama Eco-Lodge

Black-collared Hawk *Busarellus nigricollis* Seen along the Dadanawa River

Snail Kite *Rostrhamus sociabilis* Seen in Georgetown Botanical Gardens
Savanna Hawk *Buteogallus meridionalis* Seen in the Rupununi grasslands
Great Black Hawk *Buteogallus urubitinga* Seen on the way to Surama Eco-Lodge
Rufous Crab Hawk *Buteogallus aequinoctialis* Great views near Georgetown. The species is classified as Near Threatened.

Roadside Hawk *Rupornis magnirostris* Seen along the Dadanawa River
White-tailed Hawk *Geranoaetus albicaudatus* Seen in the Rupununi Savanna
Black-faced Hawk *Leucopternis melanops* Great views at Atta Rainforest Lodge
Grey-lined Hawk *Buteo nitidus* Seen in Karanambu
Zone-tailed Hawk *Buteo albonotatus* Seen in the Rupununi area

Strigidae

Tropical Screech Owl *Megascops choliba* Seen at Atta Rainforest Lodge
Tawny-bellied Screech Owl *Megascops watsonii* Great views at Atta Rainforest Lodge
Crested Owl *Lophotrix cristata* It took some time, but finally we were rewarded with great views at Surama Eco-Lodge.

Spectacled Owl *Pulsatrix perspicillata* Good views at Surama Eco-Lodge

Trogonidae

Guianan Trogon *Trogon violaceus* Good views at Atta Rainforest Lodge
Green-backed Trogon *Trogon viridis* Seen at several locations

Alcedinidae

Ringed Kingfisher *Megaceryle torquata* Seen at Karanambu
Green Kingfisher *Chloroceryle americana* Seen at Karanambu
Amazon Kingfisher *Chloroceryle amazona* Seen at Karanambu

Momotidae

Amazonian Motmot *Momotus momota* Seen at Surama Eco-Lodge

Galbulidae

Green-tailed Jacamar *Galbula galbula* Seen along the road to Atta Rainforest Lodge
Paradise Jacamar *Galbula dea* Seen near Surama Eco-Lodge

Bucconidae

Guianan Puffbird *Notharchus macrorhynchos* Excellent views from the canopy walkway at Atta Rainforest Lodge
Spotted Puffbird *Bucco tamatia* Seen at Karanambu
Black Nunbird *Monasa atra* Great views at Atta Rainforest Lodge
Swallow-winged Puffbird *Chelidoptera tenebrosa* Several sightings

Ramphastidae

Green Aracari *Pteroglossus viridis* Great views from the canopy walkway at Atta Rainforest Lodge
Black-necked Aracari *Pteroglossus aracari* Good views at the Surama road
Guianan Toucanet *Selenidera piperivora* Great views at Atta Rainforest Lodge
Channel-billed Toucan *Ramphastos vitellinus* Several sightings. The species is classified as Vulnerable.

White-throated Toucan *Ramphastos tucanus* Seen at Atta, Iwokrama, and Surama

Toco Toucan *Ramphastos toco* Seen in the Georgetown Botanical Gardens

Picidae

White-bellied Piculet *Picumnus spilogaster* Good views in the Georgetown Botanical Gardens. The species is classified as Vulnerable.

Blood-colored Woodpecker *Veniliornis sanguineus* Great views of one pair in the Georgetown Botanical Gardens. One of the targets of this trip. Endemic to Guyana, French Guyana, and Surinam on the Atlantic shoreline region in a narrow coastal strip 140-180 kilometers wide

Lineated Woodpecker *Dryocopus lineatus* Several sightings on the tour

Ringed Woodpecker *Celeus torquatus* Seen at Surama Eco-Lodge. The species is classified as Near Threatened.

Chestnut Woodpecker *Celeus elegans* Seen at Atta Rainforest Lodge

Yellow-tufted Woodpecker *Melanerpes cruentatus* Seen between Atta and Surama

Golden-collared Woodpecker *Veniliornis cassini* Great views from the Iwokrama Canopy Walkway

Red-necked Woodpecker *Campephilus rubricollis* Seen at Atta Rainforest Lodge

Crimson-crested Woodpecker *Campephilus melanoleucos*

Waved Woodpecker *Celeus undatus* Great views at Atta Rainforest Lodge. Northeastern Amazonia specialty

Falconidae

Red-throated Caracara *Ibycter americanus* Seen at Iwokrama River Lodge

Yellow-headed Caracara *Milvago chimachima* Common

Northern Crested Caracara *Caracara cheriway* Abundant in the Rupununi

Laughing Falcon (H) *Herpetotheres cachinnans* Heard only

Collared Forest-Falcon (H) *Micrastur semitorquatus* Heard only

Bat Falcon *Falco ruficularis* Seen at Surama Eco-Lodge

Orange-breasted Falcon *Falco deiroleucus* Fantastic views in Kaieteur National Park flying and perching from the main waterfall view point. The species is classified as Near Threatened.

American Kestrel *Falco sparverius* Seen on the way to Karanambu

Psittacidae

Golden-winged Parakeet *Brotogeris chrysoptera* Seen at Atta

Caica Parrot *Pyrilia caica* Seen at Surama Eco-Lodge. Caica from the Carib (Haitian) Indian name *caica* for a parrot. The species is classified as Near Threatened.

Blue-headed Parrot *Pionus menstruus* Seen at several places

Festive Amazon *Amazona festiva* Great views in the Georgetown Botanical Gardens

Southern Mealy Amazon *Amazona farinosa* Seen at Atta Rainforest Lodge. The species is classified as Near Threatened.

Orange-winged Amazon *Amazona amazonica* Seen at Karanambu

Yellow-crowned Amazon *Amazona ochrocephala* Several sightings throughout the trip

Black-headed Parrot *Pionites melanocephalus* Seen at Atta Rainforest Lodge

Painted Parakeet *Pyrrhura picta* Great views near Surama Eco-Lodge

Red-fan Parrot *Deroptryus accipitrinus* Seen at Atta Rainforest Lodge

Brown-throated Parakeet *Eupsittula pertinax* Seen at the coast and around Georgetown

Blue-and-yellow Macaw *Ara ararauna* Seen on the way to Iwokrama River Lodge

Scarlet Macaw *Ara macao* Quite a few sightings

Red-and-green Macaw *Ara chloropterus* Several views throughout the trip

Red-shouldered Macaw *Diopsittaca nobilis* Seen in the Georgetown Botanical Gardens

Furnariidae

White-chinned Woodcreeper *Dendrocincla merula* Seen in a mixed flock at Atta

Olivaceous Woodcreeper *Sittasomus griseicapillus* A couple of sightings

Wedge-billed Woodcreeper *Glyphorhynchus spirurus* Seen at Karanambu

Red-billed Woodcreeper *Hylexetastes perrotii* Seen in the white-sand forest near Atta Rainforest Lodge

Cinnamon-throated Woodcreeper *Dendrexetastes rufigula* Seen at Atta Rainforest Lodge

Straight-billed Woodcreeper *Dendroplex picus* A few sightings on the way to Karanambu

Striped Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus obsoletus* Seen at Karanambu

Chestnut-rumped Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus pardalotus* Seen at Atta Rainforest Lodge

Buff-throated Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus guttatus* Seen at Surama Eco-Lodge

Streak-headed Woodcreeper *Lepidocolaptes souleyetii* Seen in the Georgetown Botanical Gardens

Guianan Woodcreeper *Lepidocolaptes albolineatus* Seen at Atta Rainforest Lodge

Yellow-chinned Spinetail *Certhiaxis cinnamomeus* Seen in the Georgetown Botanical Gardens

Olive-backed Foliage-gleaner *Automolus infuscatus* Brief views at Atta Rainforest Lodge

Plain Xenops *Xenops minutus* Seen at Atta Rainforest Lodge

Thamnophilidae

Black-crested Antshrike *Sakesphorus canadensis* Good views on the way to Karanambu

Barred Antshrike *Thamnophilus doliatus* Seen in the grasslands around Karanambu

Great Antshrike *Taraba major* Brief views in the gallery forest near Karanambu

Dusky-throated Antshrike *Thamnomanes ardesiacus* Seen at Atta Rainforest Lodge

Northern Slaty Antshrike *Thamnophilus punctatus* Seen at Karanambu

Mouse-colored Antshrike *Thamnophilus murinus* Seen at Surama Eco-Lodge

Guianan Streaked Antwren *Myrmotherula surinamensis* Seen at Atta Rainforest Lodge. The species is classified as Vulnerable.

White-flanked Antwren *Myrmotherula axillaris* Seen at Karanambu, Surama, and Atta

Brown-bellied Antwren *Epinecrophylla gutturalis* Seen at Atta Rainforest Lodge. The species is classified as Near Threatened.

Rufous-bellied Antwren *Iseria guttata* Seen at Atta Rainforest Lodge

Grey Antwren *Myrmotherula menetriesii* Seen at Atta Rainforest Lodge

Long-winged Antwren *Myrmotherula longipennis* Seen at Atta Rainforest Lodge

Spot-tailed Antwren *Herpsilochmus sticturus* Good views at Atta Rainforest Lodge

Todd's Antwren *Herpsilochmus stictocephalus* Good views from the canopy walkway at Atta Rainforest Lodge. Named after Walter Edmond Clyde Todd 1874 –1969, American ornithologist

Southern White-fringed Antwren *Formicivora grisea* Seen in the grasslands near Karanambu

Dusky Antbird *Cercomacroides tyrannina* Seen at Karanambu Lodge

White-browed Antbird *Myrmoborus leucophrys* Seen at Karanambu Lodge

Guianan Warbling Antbird *Hypocnemis cantator* Seen at Iwokrama River Lodge

Black-chinned Antbird *Hypocnemoides melanopogon* Seen at Karanambu Lodge

Ferruginous-backed Antbird *Myrmoderus ferrugineus* Good views at Atta Rainforest Lodge

White-plumed Antbird *Pithys albifrons* A wonderful encounter with at least three individuals in the army ant swarm at Atta Rainforest Lodge

Rufous-throated Antbird *Gymnopithys rufigula* Great views at Atta Rainforest Lodge

Common Scale-backed Antbird *Willisornis poecilinotus* Seen at Atta Rainforest Lodge

Tyrannidae

Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet *Tyrannulus elatus* Quite of few sightings

Forest Elaenia *Myiopagis gaimardii* Seen at Karanambu Lodge and Surama Eco-Lodge

Yellow-bellied Elaenia *Elaenia flavogaster* Seen at Karanambu Lodge

Rufous-crowned Elaenia *Elaenia ruficeps* Good views not far from Atta Rainforest Lodge

Pale-tipped Inezia *Inezia caudata* Seen on the way to Karanambu
Mouse-colored Tyrannulet *Phaeomyias murina* Several sightings
Guianan Tyrannulet *Zimmerius acer* Seen at Atta Rainforest Lodge
Bearded Tachuri *Polystictus pectoralis* Superb views in the grasslands near Karanambu. The species is classified as Near Threatened.
Northern Scrub Flycatcher *Sublegatus arenarum* Seen on the way to Karanambu
Crested Doradito *Pseudocolopteryx sclateri* Seen near Karanambu
Helmeted Pygmy Tyrant *Lophotriccus galeatus* Brief views at Atta Rainforest Lodge
Slaty-headed Tody-Flycatcher *Poecilatriccus sylvia* Seen at Karanambu Lodge and Surama Eco-Lodge
Spotted Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum maculatum* Seen in the Georgetown Botanical Gardens
White-crested Spadebill *Platyrinchus platyrhynchos* Seen at Atta Rainforest Lodge
Vermilion Flycatcher *Pyrocephalus obscurus* Seen at Lethem
Pied Water Tyrant *Fluvicola pica* Seen in aquatic habitats and marshes
White-headed Marsh Tyrant *Arundinicola leucocephala* Seen in the same habitats as the previous species
Rusty-margined Flycatcher *Myiozetetes cayanensis* Widespread in Guyana
Great Kiskadee *Pitangus sulphuratus* Common
Lesser Kiskadee *Philohydor lictor* Seen at the giant water lilies lake
Piratic Flycatcher *Legatus leucophaeus* Seen at Surama Eco-Lodge
Streaked Flycatcher *Myiodynastes maculatus* Seen at Surama Eco-Lodge
Boat-billed Flycatcher *Megarynchus pitangua* Several seen throughout the tour
Fork-tailed Flycatcher *Tyrannus savana* Seen on the way to Karanambu
Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus* Common
Greyish Mourner *Rhytipterna simplex* Seen at Atta Rainforest Lodge
Short-crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus ferox* Several sightings
Brown-crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus tyrannulus* Seen near Karanambu Lodge
Bright-rumped Atilla *Attila spadiceus* Seen at Atta Rainforest Lodge

Cotingidae

Guianan Cock-of-the-rock *Rupicola rupicola* Great views at Kaieteur National Park
Spangled Cotinga *Cotinga cayana* Good views at the canopy walkway at Atta Rainforest Lodge
Pompadour Cotinga *Xipholena punicea* Great views near Atta Rainforest Lodge
Screaming Piha *Lipaugus vociferans* Seen at Karanambu Lodge and Atta Rainforest Lodge
Purple-throated Fruitcrow *Querula purpurata* Seen at Atta Rainforest Lodge
Crimson Fruitcrow *Haematoderus militaris* We had fantastic scope views of one individual around the Atta Rainforest Lodge clearing and distant views of one from the canopy walkway.
Capuchinbird *Perissocephalus tricolor* Probably one of the top moments of the whole trip was to reach the lek after a predawn start, experience the dawn with the display chorus, and then to be able to watch the display and photograph it. It was magical indeed! A most-wanted species seen fantastically at Karanambu

Pipridae

Tiny Tyrant-Manakin *Tyranneutes virescens* Seen at Surama Eco-Lodge
Saffron-crested Tyrant-Manakin *Neopelma chrysocephalum* Great views in the white-sand forest near Atta Rainforest Lodge
Black Manakin *Xenopipo atronitens* Good views at the same place as the previous species

White-crowned Manakin *Pseudopipra pipra* Seen well at the same place as the previous species

Golden-headed Manakin *Ceratopipra erythrocephala* Good views

Tityridae

Black-crowned Tityra *Tityra inquisitor* Seen along the Atta road

Black-tailed Tityra *Tityra cayana* Seen along the Atta road

Guianan Schiffornis *Schiffornis olivacea* Excellent views near Atta Rainforest Lodge

Vireonidae

Red-eyed Vireo *Vireo olivaceus* Seen on the way to Surama Eco-Lodge

Lemon-chested Greenlet *Hylophilus thoracicus* Seen at Atta Rainforest Lodge

Ashy-headed Greenlet *Hylophilus pectoralis* Seen near Lethem

Buff-checked Greenlet *Hylophilus muscicapinus* Seen at Atta Rainforest Lodge

Hirundinidae

Brown-chested Martin *Progne tapera* Seen at Karanambu

Grey-breasted Martin *Progne chalybea* Several sightings

White-winged Swallow *Tachycineta albiventer* Seen along rivers

Southern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis* Several sightings

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica* Seen on the way to Karanambu

Donacobiidae

Black-capped Donacobious *Donacobius atricapilla* Seen in the Georgetown Botanical Gardens

Troglodytidae

House Wren *Troglodytes aedon* Several sightings

Coraya Wren *Pheugopedius coraya* Brief views near Atta Rainforest Lodge

Buff-breasted Wren *Cantorchilus leucotis* A few on the way to Karanambu

Poliophtidae

Trilling Gnatwren *Ramphocaenus melanurus* Seen at Karanambu. Change (9.1) species name of *R. melanurus* from Long-billed Gnatwren to Trilling Gnatwren with split of Chattering Gnatwren (SACC 790A)

Tropical Gnatcatcher *Poliophtila plumbea* Seen on the way to Karanambu

Mimidae

Tropical Mockingbird *Mimus gilvus* Seen around Lethem

Turdidae

Pale-breasted Thrush *Turdus leucomelas* Several sightings

White-necked Thrush *Turdus albicollis* Seen at Atta Rainforest Lodge

Fringillidae

Finsch's Euphonia *Euphonia finschi* Seen on the way to Karanambu. Named after Friedrich Hermann Otto Finsch, a 19th century German ethnographer, naturalist and colonial explorer

Violaceous Euphonia *Euphonia violacea* Seen in the Georgetown Botanical Gardens

Golden-sided Euphonia *Euphonia cayennensis* Seen at Atta Rainforest Lodge

Passerellidae

Grassland Sparrow *Ammodramus humeralis*

Icteridae

Red-breasted Blackbird *Leistes militaris* Seen in the grasslands on the way to Karanambu Lodge

Crested Oropendola *Psarocolius decumanus* Seen along the road between Surama Eco-Lodge and Atta Rainforest Lodge

Green Oropendola *Psarocolius viridis* Seen at Atta Rainforest Lodge
 Yellow-rumped Cacique *Cacicus cela* Seen at Surama Eco-Lodge
 Red-rumped Cacique *Cacicus haemorrhous* Seen at Iwokrama River Lodge
 Moriche Oriole *Icterus chryscephalus* Seen at Iwokrama River Lodge
 Yellow Oriole *Icterus nigrogularis* Seen on the way to Karanambu Lodge
 Giant Cowbird *Molothrus oryzivorus* Several sightings
 Shiny Cowbird *Molothrus bonariensis* Several sightings
 Carib Grackle *Quiscalus lugubris* Seen at the coast near Georgetown

Cardinalidae

Yellow-green Grosbeak *Caryothraustes canadensis* Seen at Atta Rainforest Lodge
 Red-and-black Grosbeak *Periporphyrus erythromelas* Great views along the Atta road. The species is classified as Near Threatened.

Thraupidae

Red-capped Cardinal *Paroaria gularis* Seen at Karanambu
 Hooded Tanager *Nemosia pileata* Good views on the way to Surama Eco-Lodge
 Fulvous Shrike-Tanager *Lanio fulvus* Great views at Atta Rainforest Lodge
 White-shouldered Tanager *Tachyphonus luctuosus* Seen at Atta Rainforest Lodge
 Fulvous-crested Tanager *Tachyphonus surinamus* Seen at Atta Rainforest Lodge
 Silver-beaked Tanager *Ramphocelus carbo* Common
 Blue-grey Tanager *Thraupis episcopus* Common
 Palm Tanager *Thraupis palmarum* Common
 Turquoise Tanager *Tangara mexicana* Seen at Surama Eco-Lodge
 Burnished-buff Tanager *Tangara cayana* Seen in Lethem
 Bay-headed Tanager *Tangara gyrola* Seen at Atta Rainforest Lodge
 Black-faced Dacnis *Dacnis lineata* Seen at Atta Rainforest Lodge
 Blue Dacnis *Dacnis cayana* Seen at Karanambu Lodge
 Purple Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes caeruleus* Seen at Karanambu
 Red-legged Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes cyaneus* Good views at Karanambu
 Grassland Yellow Finch *Sicalis luteola* Seen near Karanambu
 Wedge-tailed Grass Finch *Emberizoides herbicola* Seen near Karanambu
 Greyish Saltator *Saltator coerulescens* Good views at a few places
 Buff-throated Saltator *Saltator maximus* Several sightings on the tour
 Blue-black Grassquit *Volatinia jacarina* Seen in the Georgetown Botanical Gardens
 Grey Seedeater *Sporophila intermedia* Seen on the way to Karanambu
 Ruddy-breasted Seedeater *Sporophila minuta* Seen in the grasslands on the way to Karanambu
 Chestnut-bellied Seedeater *Sporophila castaneiventris* Seen at Surama Eco-Lodge
 Yellow-bellied Seedeater *Sporophila nigricollis* Seen at Surama Eco-Lodge
 Bananaquit *Coereba flaveola* Seen at Lethem

WILDLIFE

Mammals

Guianan Weeper Capuchin *Cebus olivaceus* Seen at Atta Rainforest Lodge
 Guianan Brown Capuchin *Sapajus apella* Seen at Karanambu
 Common Squirrel Monkey *Saimiri sciureus* Seen at Surama Eco-Lodge
 Guiana Spider Monkey *Ateles paniscus* Seen at Atta Rainforest Lodge

Guianan Bearded Saki *Chiropotes sagulatus* Amazing views along the boat trips in Karanambu

Guianan Red Howler Monkey *Alouatta macconnelli* Seen near Karanambu

Red-rumped Agouti *Dasyprocta leporina* Seen at Atta Rainforest Lodge

Small Red Brocket *Mazama bororo* Seen on the boat trips near Karanambu

Puma *Puma concolor* Two fantastic and unexpected encounters with this most-wanted cat. We saw a juvenile crossing the stream in front of us by the Atta road and disappearing in the bush to be followed by a full-grown mother and two juveniles crossing the road in front of us. Out of this world!!

Proboscis Bat *Rhynchonycteris naso* Several sightings

Lesser Bulldog Bat *Noctilio albiventris* Seen along rivers after dusk

West Indian Manatee *Trichechus manatus* Seen in the Georgetown Botanical Gardens

Reptiles

Spectacled Caiman *Caiman crocodilus* Seen at Karanambu

Black Caiman *Melanosuchus niger* Seen at Karanambu

Golden Tegu *Tupinambis teguixin* Seen around Atta Rainforest Lodge

Black-spotted Skink *Mabuya nigropunctata* Seen at Atta Rainforest Lodge