

Eastern Venezuela

Lowland Guianan Rainforests, Tepui, Gran Sabana, Junglaven and Llanos

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Tour Participants:

Private groups on two trips.

Jim Cone et al 2002 and Mark Cwynarski et al 2001

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ITINERARY

The 2001 and 2002 trips essentially followed the same itinerary with minor differences; starting at Rio Grande in the eastern lowlands and travelling south to Las Claritas and the Escalera before crossing the Gran Sabana to Santa Elena. The second leg of any Venezuela trip ideally takes in the Llanos at either Hato Cedral or El Frio as well as the famous Junglaven rainforest lodge.

It seems that late February into March is the best time for birding in this region with all the birds starting to sing.

- Day 1 Arrive Caracas late am Night Catia La Mar.
- Day 2 Fly to Puerto Ordaz. Drive Parador Taguapire.
- Day 3 Birding all day at Rio Grande. Night Parador Taguapire.
- Day 4 Birding all day at Rio Grande. Harpy Eagle.
- Day 5 Birding all day at Rio Grande. Night Parador Taguapire
- Day 6 Drive south to Barquilla de Fresa. Early morning birding at Rio Grande.
- Day 7 Birding the lowlands and mid-Escalera. Night Las Claritas
- Day 8 Birding the upper and mid- sections of the Escalera. Night Las Claritas
- Day 9 Birding the lower Escalera and lowlands again. Night Las Claritas
- Day 10 Birding the upper and mid-sections of the Escalera. Night Las Claritas
- Day 11 Depart for the upper Escalera and the Gran Sabana. Night Santa Elena.
- Day 12 Fly to San Fernando de Apure. Transfer to Hato El Frio or Hato Cedral
- Day 13 All day birding. Night in Hato.
- Day 14 All day birding. Night in Hato
- Day 15 Return to San Fernando, fly Puerto Ayacucho and charter to Junglaven.
- Day 16 Birding from lodge along jeep track. Night at lodge.
- Day 17 Birding Galapagos lagoon trail am. Jeep track am. Night at lodge
- Day 18 Birding Jeep track all day - near section am, far section pm. Night at lodge
- Day 19 Birding at Junglaven - big lagoon am, Guayage tyributary pm. Night at lodge.
- Day 20 Birding savanna edge am walk aback to lodge. Night at lodge.
- Day 21 Birding at Junglaven. Night at lodge.
- Day 22 Flight to Puerto Ayacucho and on to Caracas for international flights home.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

These tours were planned to visit a good cross section of sites in southern and eastern Venezuela in search of the many species endemic to the Tepui region and the specialities of Guianan rainforests. Although involving a lot of travel between the sites the itinerary allowed for most birding to be done near hotels and lodges and provided a good introduction to Venezuelan birding with some stunning target species to look for.

Eastern Venezuela provides a constant parade of birding spectacles. Starting in the Imataca forest reserve at Rio Grande we are focused on seeing the magnificent **Harpy Eagle**.



Immature Harpy Eagle at a nest

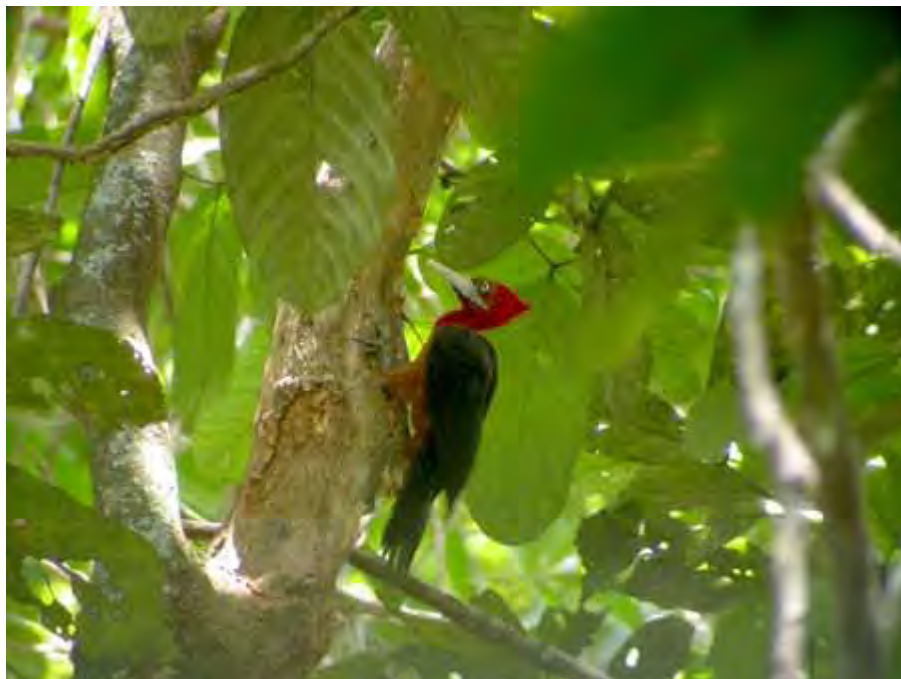
On all tours we manage to see this bird at one of the known nests in the area, with the able assistance of a local guide. We always spend time at the nest site watching the chick and waiting for one of the adults to return to feed it which is always a special moment. However, the area is generally superb for birds. There is a constant chorus of shrieking parrots including **Red-fan Parrot** and Dusky Parrots. On more than one occasion we have sat at fruiting trees watching Cotingas. In 2001, in a small tree by a forest track we saw a pair of **Pompadour Cotingas**, a pair of **Guianan Red-Cotingas**, three **Purple-breasted Cotingas** and four Spangled Cotingas together with a pair of Guianan Toucanets. The latter, very rare in the area. In 2001 we discovered Tepui Manakins in this area; previously unknown from this well studied site. In addition to these favorites we have a good chance of seeing **White-plumed** and Rufous-throated Antbirds at an Antswarm. In 2001 and 2002 we also saw **Grey-winged Trumpeters** together with these birds making this neotropical spectacle all the more memorable. In 2001 we found a large **Crimson Topaz** lek of about 25 birds at a small stagnant pond.

Travelling south, the first stop is at the Rio Cuyuni where we stop to look for Black-collared Swallows if we have not seen them in Puerto Ordaz. It was here, in 2002, that we found **Pale-headed Jacamar** along the river edge. The birds were taped and the record is the first for this part of Venezuela. At Las Claritas we are well placed to visit both the lowland rainforests nearby and the sub-montane forests of the Sierra de Lema on the Escalera. In the lowland forests near to Las Claritas we saw **Capuchinbirds** at their lek. Watching these birds is surely one of the birding highlights anywhere on the planet; the sound of their droning song reminiscent of a distant chainsaw.



Capuchinbird at lek

In the same area we found a large antswarm flock in 2002 which included a **Red-billed Woodcreeper** as well as numerous White-plumed Antbirds, Rufous-throated Antbirds and Black-banded Woodcreepers. The Red-billed Woodcreeper is recorded from this site fairly regularly but it is a rare bird and very poorly known. The area is generally good for birds and on both trips we have found **Crimson Topaz**, **Black-faced Hawk**, **Marail Guan** and a good variety of Antbirds. In the evening we give time to searching for **Blue-cheeked Amazon** and **Caica Parrot** both of which can be very difficult to see well. In both years we managed to see the rare Blue-cheeked Amazon very well.



Red-necked Woodpecker

Birding on the Escalera is always a fantastic experience with a tremendous list of endemics to look for and a beautiful landscape. At one of several favoured localities we usually find **Ruddy Tody-Flycatcher**, **Roraiman Foliage-Gleaner**, **Streak-backed Antshrike**, **Tepui Whitestart** and

Rufous-breasted Sabrewing. Oddly, this is how birds are distributed in this vast expanse of forest and scrub with much of time, as a consequence, spent at specific sites. Flowering bushes along the road in both years attracted impressive numbers of Sabrewings along with the superb **Peacock Coquette** and **Velvet-browed Brilliant**. In 2002 we managed to get great views of **Tepui Antpitta** and **Flutist Wren** at the same site. We always give these sites a lot of time and in the past have found Greater Flowerpiercer here as well. Constantly ringing out over the canopy during the day are the eerie songs of both **White** and **Bearded Bellbirds** which often prove harder to see well than might be imagined. At the fruiting brushes and trees along the Escalera we always find **Rufous-brown Solitaire**, Yellow-legged and Pale-eyed Thrushes along with **Tepui** and **Olive Manakins**. We had great luck in 2001 and 2002 finding pairs of **Red-banded Fruiteaters** accompanying mixed flocks at one such fruiting tree. The **Scarlet-horned Manakins** are easily seen at one of their numerous leks along the roadside.



Orange-bellied Manakin

On the upper Escalera on one memorable sunny morning we found a pair of displaying **Rose-collared Pihás** in an area with dozens of **Fiery-shouldered Parakeets**, **Golden-tufted Grackles** and Chestnut-tipped Toucanets. Overhead we kept a watch for **Tepui Swift** which we managed to get good views of, eventually. Although raptors are not numerous we usually see White Hawk and Black Hawk-Eagle. In 2001 and in 2002 in some taller thick forest we found the elusive **Roraiman Barbtail** in the company of a mixed flock which included **Roraiman Antwren**, **Tepui Whitestart**, McConnell's Flycatcher and **Black-fronted Tyrannulet**. The Barbtail is hard to find but with patience we have usually managed to do so. Walking along the road we found small flocks of **Olive-backed Tangers** and **Tepui Brush-Finches** which have been quite common on all visits. We have also always managed to find a pair of **McConnell's Spinetail** at a favoured locality. Lower down we see the **Guianan Cock-of-the-Rock** together with **Roraiman Warbler**, **Chapman's Bristle-Tyrant** and Sooty-capped Hermit. Up on the Gran Sabana we had great luck in 2001 and found a single adult **Great Eleania** along with **Tepui Spinetail**, **Tepui Goldenthrout** and had great views of the shy **Bearded Tachuri**. As we crossed the Gran Sabana on our way to Santa Elena we relaxed from the intensity of birding the Escalera forests and enjoyed the scenery.

On our way to Junglaven from Santa Elena we overflowed the stunning Angel Falls in the magical landscape of sheer walled Tepuis. At Junglaven we explored the 5km Jeep track and its extensive terra firma forests. Along this track in 2001 we found a pair of **Rufous-winged Ground-Cuckoos**.

This superb creature was lured in and we all obtained superb views as the bird circled us at about five metres - one of the all-time birding experiences of our lives. In 2002 the Ground-Cuckoo was only glimpsed. It is surely one of the hardest birds to see here. Along the track we always see good numbers of **Black** and **Lesser Razor-billed Currassows** together with **Grey-winged Trumpeters**. In both years we found several antswarm flocks and were able to watch Rufous-throated antbirds, White-chinned Woodcreepers and on one occasion a **Black-throated Antshrike**. Walking along the track we have found **Lined Forest-falcons** which can be readily seen with the assistance of a tape recorder and **Ringed Woodpeckers** which can be common. In the mid-canopy we watched White-crowned Manakins at a lek and in 2002 we located a **Cinnamon-crested Spoadebill** in thick undergrowth. The latter species is very rare and infrequently seen. On one afternoon we found **Great Jacamar**, **Tawny-tufted Toucanet** and a pair of **Brown-banded Puffbirds**. In the clearing around the lodge we usually see **Rose-breasted Chat**, **Plumbeous Euphonia** and Cocoa Thrush.



Paradise Jacamar

In 2002 there were large numbers of **Tepui Parrotlets** feeding in the tall trees behind the lodge buildings. Night birding can be good with **Rufous Nightjar** and **Band-tailed Nighthawk** seen every night. In 2002 we saw Slaty-backed Forest-Falcon and Spectacled Owl in the clearing as well. We always try to spend some time looking for Potoos and Owls along the jeep track which has produced Long-tailed Potoo and Crested Owl in the past. The Big Lagoon in front of the lodge is good for **Zig-zag Heron**. It is surrounded by Sandy belt forest which is good for **Lesser Razor-billed Currassows** which we usually see well here. Kingfishers are much in evidence at all times while along the banks we found **Green-tailed Jacamars** and **Rusty-breasted Nunlets**. Taking a boat along the Rio Ventuari to the Guayage tributary we saw Pink River Dolphins and Giant River Otters. Along the tributary we saw a **Zig-zag Heron** along with **Amazonian Black-Tyrant** and **Black-chinned Antbirds**. This area can also be good for Agami Heron. On one morning of our stay we visited a nearby savanna at dawn. It never disappoints, with tremendous numbers of Parrots, Macaws and Toucans in evidence. Once these birds started to move off to their daytime feeding areas we headed for the stunted sandy belt forests along the Galapagos lagoon trail. We have spent our mornings here watching **Yellow-crested Manakins** at their lek along with **Black Manakins**. The latter are common here. The distinctive song of the **Pale-bellied Mourner** always puts us on to this cryptic species which is more easily seen here than anywhere else. We caught up with **Brown-headed Greenlet**, **Cherrie's Antwren**, **Black-grey Antshrike** and many other species confined to these forests in this region. On all occasions we have also found **Spotted Puffbird** here.

Leaving this unforgettable place we departed for the Llanos and a stay at either Hato El Frio or Hato Cedral. These lodges are in the same area and differ only slightly in their birdlife. The landscape is 'huge' and the scale of the marshes unimaginable to Europeans. We divided our time between the marshes, scrubby woodlands and dry grasslands with both sites always providing us with an unbelievable spectacle of waterfowl. At Cedral we saw 10 Agami Herons and **Zig-zag Heron** as well as **Yellow-knobbed Currassow** in an area of freshwater mangroves on one afternoon. At Hato El Frio we saw Pinnated Bittern and had a good chance of seeing Anaconda. In the gallery woodlands at both lodges we found **Pale-headed Jacamar**, **Russet-throated Puffbird** and many Red-billed Scythebills.



Russet-throated Puffbird

In the marshes we found huge numbers of Jabiru, Roseate Spoonbills, Scarlet Ibis and smaller numbers of Sharp-tailed Ibises whilst all the while we were surrounded by huge numbers of whistling-ducks, Orinoco Geese, herons and egrets.



Striated Heron

In the marshes there were hundreds of Capybara, good numbers of White-tailed Deer and Caiman. Around the lodge buildings we had found nesting Great-horned Owls and roosting Great Potoo along with Plain Thornbirds, Shiny Cowbirds as well as **Dwarf Cuckoo** and **Bicoloured Wren**. Along the edges of smaller ponds we have found the elusive **Xenopsaris** along with Wattled Jacana and good numbers of wintering waders. In the evenings we saw **Giant Anteater**, **Crested Bobwhite** and **Double-striped Thick-knee** in the drier open grasslands at both El Frio and Cedral. The pleasant surroundings and easy birding with the spectacle of huge numbers of birds in these vast marshes ends this tour of highlights.

TRIP BIRD LIST

The following list follows taxonomy used by S. Hilty in Birds of Venezuela. Target species and specialities are highlighted. Records of endemic and rare species are given for specific years while common birds have no specific site information. A large proportion of all the following species and more are usually seen on the itinerary detailed above.

NON-PASSERINES

TINAMOUS.

Great Tinamou (*Tinamus major*) Heard throughout. Several seen at Junglaven

Cinereous Tinamou (*Crypturellus cinereus*) Commonly heard and occasionally seen at Junglaven.

Little Tinamou (*Crypturellus soui*) Commonly heard but rarely seen.

Undulated Tinamou (*Crypturellus undulatus*) Common at Junglaven. Absent from other sites.

Variegated Tinamou (*Crypturellus variegatus*) Several heard at Rio Grande and at Junglaven where also seen on three occasions.

GREBES

Least Grebe (*Tachybaptus dominicus*) A pair on a eutrophic pond adjacent to the Escalera road.

FRIGATEBIRDS

Magnificent Frigatebird (*Fregata magnificans*) Common along the coast.

CORMORANTS

Neotropic Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*) Fairly common throughout.

DARTERS

Anhinga (*Anhinga anhinga*) Fairly common in the Llanos

WILDFOWL.

White-faced Whistling-Duck (*Dendrocygna viduata*) Large numbers in the Llanos.

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck (*Dendrocygna autumnalis*) Large numbers in the Llanos

Orinoco Goose (*Neochen jubata*) Several large groups in the Llanos.

Muscovy Duck (*Cairina moschata*) Several seen at Junglaven along the Guayage tributary.

Brasilian Teal (*Amazonetta brasiliensis*) Smaller numbers seen in the Llanos

Blue-winged Teal (*Anas discors*). 150 seen at Hato Cedral.

HERONS

Whistling Heron (*Syrigma sibilatrix*). A few in the Llanos

Tricoloured Heron (*Egretta tricolor*) Recorded at Hato El Frio.

Little Blue Heron (*Ardea caerulea*) Up to 150 seen in the Llanos

Snowy Egret (*Egretta thula*) Common in the Llanos

Capped Heron (*Pilherodius pileatus*) A few seen along the Guayage tributary Junglaven.

Cocoi Heron (*Ardea coqoi*) Common in the Llanos.

Great Blue Heron (*Ardea herodias*) A single bird recorded at Hato Cedral.

Great Egret (*Ardea alba*) Common in the Llanos.

Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*) Common throughout.

Striated Heron (*Butorides striatus*) Small numbers in the Llanos and at Junglaven.

Agami Heron (*Agamia agami*) Up to 10 seen at Hato El Cedral.

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron (*Nyctanassa violacea*) 15 seen at Hato El Cedral in the Llanos

Black-crowned Night-Heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*) Common in the Llanos

Boat-billed Heron (*Cochlearius cochlearis*) Seen at Junglaven. 40 in the Llanos

Rufescent Tiger Heron (*Tigrisoma lineatum*) Common in the Pantanal.

Zig-zag Heron (*Zebrilus undulatus*) A single bird seen at Junglaven and another seen at Hato El Cedral.

Pinnated Bittern (*Botarus pinnatus*) Several seen at Hato El Frio, where apparently common..

IBISES

White Ibis (*Eudocimus albus*) Fairly common in the Llanos.

Scarlet Ibis (*Eudocimus ruber*) Common in the Llanos.

Bare-faced Ibis (*Phimosus infuscatus*) Abundant in the Llanos.

Glossy Ibis (*Theristicus caerulescens*) Abundant in the Llanos.

Sharp-tailed Ibis (*Cercibis oxycerca*) A few in the Llanos.

Buff-necked Ibis (*Theristicus caudatus*) Common in the Llanos.

Green Ibis (*Mesembrinibis cayenensis*) Good numbers in the Llanos and at Junglaven.

STORKS

Roseate Spoonbill (*Ajaia ajaia*) Common in the Llanos.

Wood Stork (*Mycteria americana*) Small numbers in the Pantanal.

Maguari Stork (*Ciconia maguari*) Up to 45 Llanos.

RAPTORS

Osprey (*Pandion halietus*) Small numbers seen throughout.

Grey-headed Kite (*Leptodon cayanensis*) A single bird seen at Imataca.

Swallow-tailed Kite (*Elanoides forficatus*) Small numbers throughout.

Pearl Kite (*Gampsonyx swainsonii*) 1 seen near Imataca, 1 seen Gran Sabana.
 Double-toothed Kite (*Harpagus bidentatus*) A single bird seen at Junglaven.
 Plumbeous Kite (*Ictinia plumbea*) Small numbers seen throughout.
 Black-collared Hawk (*Busarellus nigricollis*) A few in the Llanos
 Tiny Hawk (*Accipiter superciliosus*) A single bird seen along the Rio Cuyuni.
 Plain-breasted Hawk (*Accipiter ventralis*) A single bird seen above Hotel Avila in Caracas.
 Crane Hawk (*Geranospiza caerulscens flexipes*) 2 seen at Imataca forest.
Black-faced Hawk (*Leucopternis melanops*) A single bird seen at Junglaven. New for the lodge list.
 White Hawk (*Leucopternis albicollis*) A pair seen at Junglaven.
 Great Black-Hawk (*Buteogallus urubitinga*) Common in the Llanos.
 Savanna Hawk (*Buteogallus meridionalis*) Small numbers in suitable habitat throughout.
 Grey Hawk (*Buteo nitidus*) Singles recorded at Imataca forest.
 Roadside Hawk (*Buteo magnirostris*) Common throughout.
 Broad-winged Hawk (*Buteo platypterus*) Small numbers seen most days on the Escalera.
 Short-tailed Hawk (*Buteo brachyurus*) A single seen at Junglaven.
 White-tailed Hawk (*Buteo Albicaudatus*) Several seen in grasslands throughout.
Harpy Eagle (*Harpia harpyja*) Several adults seen and an immature bird watched at a nest at Imataca forest.
 Black Hawk-Eagle (*Spizaetus tyrannus*) A pair seen at Junglaven.
 Ornate Hawk-Eagle (*Spizaetus ornatus*) A pair at Imataca forest.

FALCONS

Northern Crested Caracara (*Caracara cheriway*) Common.
 Black Caracara (*Daptrius ater*) Recorded at most forest sites.
 Red-throated Caracara (*Daptrius americana*) Seen on all visits to Junglaven
 Yellow-headed Caracara (*Milvago chimchima*) Small numbers throughout.
 Laughing Falcon (*Herpetotheres cachinans*) Several heard at Junglaven and Imataca.
 Barred Forest Falcon (*Micrastur ruficollis*). 1 heard at Las Claritas.
Lined Forest Falcon (*Micrastur gilvicolis*). A total of four seen at Junglaven.
 Slaty-backed Forest Falcon (*Micrastur ruficollis*). 1 seen and another heard at Junglaven.
 Collared Forest Falcon (*Micrastur ruficollis*). 1 heard at Las Claritas and another on the Escalera.
 American Kestrel (*Falco sparverius*) Fairly common.
 Aplomado Falcon (*Falco femoralis*) 1 seen near Junglaven.
 Bat Falcon (*Falco ruficularis*) Seen over the Guayage tributary.
 Peregrine Falcon (*Falco ruficularis*) 1 in the Llanos.

AMERICAN VULTURES

Black Vulture (*Coragyps atratus*) Common throughout.
 Turkey Vulture (*Cathartes aura*) Common throughout
 Greater Yellow-headed Vulture (*Cathartes melambrotus*) Common at Imataca forest.
 Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture (*Cathartes burrovianus*). A few in the Llanos and on the Gran Sabana.
 King Vulture (*Sarcorhamphus papa*) Several pairs Imataca forest.

GUANS AND CURRASSOWS

Rufous-vented Chachalaca (*Ortalis ruficauda*). A few in the Llanos.
 Little Chachalca (*Ortalis motmot*) Several seen at Junglaven.
 Marail Guan (*Penelope marail*) A pair seen at Las Claritas. This is an uncommon bird here.
 Spix's Guan (*Penelope jacuacu*) A few pairs noted at Junglaven.
 'Blue-throated' Piping-Guan (*Pipile pipile*) Common at Junglaven.
Lesser Razor-billed Currassow (*Mitu tomentosa*) Fairly common at Junglaven.

Yellow-knobbed Currassow (*Crax daubentoni*) 4 seen at Hato Cedral.
Black Currassow (*Crax alector*) Several at Imataca forest. Common at Junglaven.

WOODQUAILS

Crested Bobwhite (*Colinus cristatus*) Fairly common at Hato El Frio.
Marbled Wood-quail (*Odontophorus gujanensis*) 1 seen at Imataca. Several at Junglaven

RAILS

Grey-necked Woodrail (*Aramides cajanea*) Common in the Llanos and at Junglaven.
Ash-throated Crake (*Porzana albicollis*) A single bird heard on the savanna at Junglaven.
American Purple Gallinule (*Porphyrio martinicus*) Seen on small ponds near Imataca forest.
Common Gallinule (*Gallinula chlorops*) A single bird seen near Imataca.

SUNBITTERN

Sunbittern (*Eurypyga helias*) Several seen at Junglaven.

LIMPKIN

Limpkin (*Aramus guarauna*) Commonly recorded throughout.

TRUMPETERS

Grey-legged Trumpeter (*Psophia crepitans*) A few small parties seen at Imataca and at Junglaven.
On one occasion up to 25 recorded along the jeep track.

JACANAS

Wattled Jacana (*Jacana jacana*) Common in the Llanos.

WADERS

South American Snipe (*Gallinago paraguaiiae*) 6 seen in the Llanos.
Greater Yellowlegs (*Tringa melanoleuca*) A few in the Llanos.
Lesser Yellowlegs (*Tringa flavipes*) Fairly common in the Llanos.
Solitary Sandpiper (*Tringa solitarius*) Small numbers in the Llanos.
Short-billed Dowitcher (*Limnodromus grisea*) A few in the Llanos.
Semipalmated Sandpiper (*Calidris pusilla*) A few in the Llanos.
Least Sandpiper (*Calidris minutilla*) A few in the Llanos.
Double-striped Thick-knee (*Burhinus bistriatus*) A few seen at Hato El Frio.
Black-necked Stilt (*Himantopus mexicanus*). Common in the Llanos.
Collared Plover (*Charadrius collaris*) Common in the Llanos. Also along the Ventuari river.
Pied Lapwing (*Tringa melanoleuca*) A few at Hato Cedral.
Southern Lapwing (*Vanellus chilensis*) Common throughout.

GULLS, TERNS AND SKIMMER

Gull-billed Tern (*Sterna nilotica*) 4 in the Llanos.
Large-billed Tern (*Phaetusa simplex*) Common in the Pantanal.
Yellow-billed Tern (*Sterna superciliosus*) Fairly common in the Llanos.
Black Skimmer (*Rhynchops niger*) A flock of 25 along the Rio Ventuari

PIGEONS AND DOVES

Rock Pigeon (*Columba livia*) Common in towns
Scaled Pigeon (*Columba speciosa*) a few seen at Imataca forest and on the Gran Sabana.
Pale-vented Pigeon (*Columba cayennensis*) Small numbers throughout.
Plumbeous Pigeon (*Columba plumbea*) Several observed on the Escalera.
Ruddy Pigeon (*Columba subvinacea*) Fairly common at the Imataca forest and on the Escalera.

Eared Dove (*Zenaida auriculata*) Common in the Llanos.
Scaled Dove (*Scardafella squammata*) Common in the Llanos and in Caracas.
Common Ground-Dove (*Columbina talpacoti*) Common around Caracas and near Imataca.
Plain-breasted Ground-Dove (*Columbina talpacoti*) Common at Junglaven.
Ruddy Ground-Dove (*Columbina talpacoti*) Common.
Blue Ground-Dove (*Claravis pretiosa*) A pair at Junglaven.
White-tipped Dove (*Leptotila verreauxi*). Several at Hato Cedral.
Grey-fronted Dove (*Leptotila rufaxilla*) Common throughout.
Ruddy Quail-Dove (*Geotrygon montana*) A pair seen at Imataca forest.

PARROTS

Scarlet Macaw (*Ara macao*). A few seen at Junglaven, several pairs at sites in the Llanos
Red and green Macaw (*Ara chloropterus*) Small numbers seen throughout.
Chestnut-fronted Macaw (*Ara severa*) A few pairs seen at Junglaven.
Red-shouldered Macaw (*Ara nobilis*) A few pairs seen in the Gran Sabana near Santa Elena.
Blue-crowned Parakeet (*Aratinga acuticaudata*) Seen around Puerto Ordaz.
White-eyed Parakeet (*Aratinga leucophthalmus*) Small numbers seen at Imataca forest.
Brown-throated Parakeet (*Aratinga aurea*) Small numbers seen near Puerto Ordaz. Fairly common at Junglaven on the savanna.
Painted Parakeet (*Pyrrhura frontalis*) A few seen at Imataca forest.
Fiery-shouldered Parakeet (*Pyrrhura egregia*) Fairly common on the upper parts of the Escalera on both trips.
Maroon-tailed Parakeet (*Pyrrhura melanura*) Small numbers seen at Junglaven.
Green-rumped Parrotlet (*Forpus passerinus*) Small numbers in the Llanos and at Imataca.
Orange-chinned Parakeet (*Brotogeris jugularis*) A few seen in the Llanos
Cobalt-winged Parakeet (*Brotogeris tirica*) Small numbers noted at Junglaven.
Golden-winged Parakeet (*Brotogeris chiriri*) Common at Imataca forest.
Tepui Parrotlet (*Nannopsittacus panychlora*) A flock of up to 25 seen at Junglaven around the clearing. The birds were present for two days in March 2002. This is an irregularly seen bird that can be abundant.
Black-headed Parrot (*Pionopsitta pileata*) Small numbers seen at Imataca and at Junglaven forest.
Orange-cheeked Parrot (*Pionopsitta barrabandi*) A few seen on the savanna at Junglaven.
Caica Parrot (*Pionopsitta caica*) A single bird observed at Las Claritas in 2001.
Blue-headed Parrot (*Pionus menstruus*) Common throughout.
Dusky Parrot (*Pionus maximillani*) Common at the Imataca forest.
Blue-cheeked Amazon (*Amazona aestiva*) A few seen at Las Claritas.
Yellow-crowned Amazon (*Amazona ochrocephala*) Small numbers at Junglaven.
Orange-winged Amazon (*Amazona amazonica*) Fairly common throughout.
Mealy Amazon (*Amazona farinosa*) Small numbers seen at Imataca and Junglaven.
Red Fan Parrot (*Derophtyx accipitrinus*) Fairly common at Imataca.

CUCKOOS

Dwarf Cuckoo (*Coccyzus pumilis*) Several pairs seen Hato El Frio.
Squirrel Cuckoo (*Piaya cayana*) Fairly common throughout
Black-bellied Cuckoo (*Piaya melanogaster*) Several pairs at Junglaven.
Groove-billed Ani (*Crotophaga sulcirostris*) Seen around Caracas and in the Llanos.
Smooth-billed Ani (*Crotophaga ani*) Common throughout.
Greater Ani (*Crotophaga major*) Very common in the Llanos.
Striped Cuckoo (*Tapera naevia*) Heard at Imataca.
RUFIOUS-WINGED GROUND-CUCKOO (*Dromococcyx phasianellus*) 1 heard and subsequently two birds taped in at Junglaven in 2001. These birds were very tape responsive and came right to our feet. We were all able to get unforgettable views of this stunning bird for about an hour.

Another bird was briefly seen the following year. This species has been recorded on previous trips on the Escalera forest and north of Las Claritas.

Hoatzin (*Opisthocomus hoazin*) Common at El Cedral.

OWLS

Very few Owls were heard calling at all except for *O. choliba*.

Tropical Screech-Owl (*Otus choliba*) Several heard at Junglaven.

Great-Horned Owl (*Bubo virginianus*) Several pairs with young at Hato El Frio.

Spectacled Owl (*Pulsatrix perspicillata*) 1 seen at Junglaven and heard on other occasions.

Crested Owl (*Lophotrix cristata*) Several heard at Junglaven and Las Claritas.

Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl (*Glaucidium brasiliensis*) Heard and seen at many sites.

Burrowing Owl (*Athene cunicularia*) Common throughout the Llanos.

NIGHTHAWKS, NIGHTJARS AND POTOOS.

It is noteworthy that very few Nightjars and Nighthawks were heard at all, presumably a seasonal phenomena.

Great Potoo (*Nyctibius grandis*) Several seen at roost at Hato El Frio and El Cedral in the Llanos. Birds also heard at Junglaven.

Common (Grey) Potoo (*Nyctibius griseus*) Heard at Junglaven and seen in the Llanos at Hato Cedral.

Least Nighthawk (*Chordeiles pusillus*) Several seen north of Las Claritas.

Lesser Nighthawk (*Chordeiles pusillus*) Common in the Llanos.

Band-tailed Nighthawk (*Caprimulgus longirostris*) Common at Junglaven and in the Llanos.

Nacunda Nighthawk (*Podager nacunda*) Several recorded at Hato El Frio.

Parake (*Nyctidromus albicollis*) Recorded throughout.

Rufous Nightjar (*Caprimulgus rufus*) Commonly heard and seen at Junglaven.

White-tailed Nightjar (*Caprimulgus cayanensis*) Several recorded at Hato El Frio and Cedral. in the Llanos.

Blackish Nightjar (*Caprimulgus nigrescens*) Several seen at Las Claritas and Imataca forest. also recorded at Junglaven on both trips.

SWIFTS

Tepui Swift (*Cypseloides phelpsi*) Small numbers recorded on the Escalera.

White-collared Swift (*Streptoprocne zonaris*) Flocks of this species seen throughout.

Band-rumped Swift (*Chaetura spinicauda*) Recorded at the 'Big Lagoon'.

Short-tailed Swift (*Chaetura brachyura*) A few at Imataca and near Las Claritas. also recorded at Junglaven.

Grey-rumped Swift (*Chaetura cinereiventris*). Small numbers seen throughout.

Fork-tailed Palm Swift (*Tachornis squamata*) a few recorded at Junglaven and near las Claritas.

Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift (*Panyptila cayanensis*) a few recorded at Imataca forest on both trips.

HUMMINGBIRDS

Rufous-breasted Hermit (*Phaethornis hirsuta*) Recorded throughout.

Eastern Long-tailed Hermit (*Phaethornis superciliosus*). Fairly common at Imataca forest.

White-bearded Hermit (*Phaethornis hispidus*) 1 Junglaven.

Rupurumi (Dusky-throated) Hermit (*Phaethornis rupurumii (augusti)*) 2, Junglaven on the edge of the savanna.

Stright-billed Hermit (*Phaethornis boucieri*) Recorded on the Escalera

Sooty-capped Hermit (*Phaethornis pretrei*) Fairly common on the Escalera and at Imataca.

Little Hermit (*Phaethornis longuemareus*) Several identified at Imataca forest.

Reddish Hermit (*Phaethornis ruber*) Common at Imataca forest.

Blue-fronted Lancebill (*Doryfera johannae*) Recorded on the Escalera. This is a good area to find

this very local species.

Grey-breasted Sabrewing (*Campylopterus largipennis*) Recorded at Las Claritas.

Rufous-breasted Sabrewing (*Campylopterus hyperythrus*). Fairly common at certain locations on the Escalera. **Up to 24 recorded at one locality in 2002!!**

'Buff-breasted Sabrewing' (*Campylopterus duidae*) A bird resembling this species was observed at length in roadside vegetation on the Escalera at km 113 near the mast. As it is out of range either the bird was an aberrant form of the above species or a genuine vagrant.

White-necked Jacobin (*Florisuga mellivora*) Fairly common at the Imataca forest and at Las Claritas.

Brown Violetear (*Colibri delphinae*) Good numbers on the Escalera.

Sparkling Violetear (*Colibri coruscans*) Small numbers on the Escalera.

Black-throated Mango (*Anthracothorax nigricollis*) a few at the Imataca forest.

Crimson Topaz (*Topaza paella*) Large lek at the Imataca forest. Also recorded at Las Claritas.

Ruby Topaz Hummingbird (*Chrysolampis moquitus*) Several seen in vicinity of Puerto Ayacucho and in the Llanos

Tufted Coquette (*Lophornis ornatus*) Several seen at Imataca.

Peacock Coquette (*Lophornis pavoninus*) Fairly common on the Escalera.

Blue-tailed Emerald (*Chlorostilbon mellisugus*) Fairly common throughout.

Fork-tailed Woodnymph (*Thalurania furcata*) A few at sites throughout.

Rufous-throated Sapphire (*Hylocharis sapphirina*) Single birds recorded at Imataca and Las Claritas.

White-chinned Sapphire (*Hylocharis cyanus*) Small numbers throughout.

Copper-tailed Hummingbird (*Amazilia cupreicauda*) A single bird recorded on the lower section of the Escalera.

White-tailed Goldenthrout (*Polytmus gainumbi*) A few on the savanna at Junglaven.

Tepui Goldenthrout (*Polytmus milleri*) Several birds found on the gran sabana at the top of the Escalera near the soldiers monument.

White-chested Emerald (*Amazilia chionopectus*) A single bird recorded at Junglaven.

Versicoloured Hummingbird (*Amazilia versicolor*) Small numbers throughout.

Glittering-throated Emerald (*Amazilia fimbriata*) A few at Las Claritas and at Hato Cedral.

Copper-rumped Hummingbird (*Amazilia tobaci*) Small numbers throughout.

Velvet-browed Brilliant (*Heliodoxa xanthogonys*) Small numbers seen on the Escalera, often in the company of Rufous-breasted Sabrewing.

Black-eared Fairy (*Heliothrix aurita*) Small numbers throughout.

Amethyst Woodstar (*Calliphlox amethystina*) Several found along the side of the road on the Escalera.

TROGONS

Black-tailed Trogon (*Trogon melanurus*) Small numbers throughout.

White-tailed Trogon (*Trogon viridis*) Small numbers at the Imataca forest and Junglaven.

Masked Trogon (*Trogon personatus*) Small numbers on the Escalera.

Violaceous Trogon (*Trogon curucui*) A pair seen at Las Claritas and another at Junglaven.

KINGFISHERS

Ringed Kingfisher (*Megaceryle torquata*) Small numbers at many sites but abundant in the Llanos.

Amazon Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle amazona*) Fairly common throughout with big numbers in the Llanos.

Green and Rufous Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle inda*) A few at Junglaven.

Green Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle americana*) Fairly common throughout with big numbers in the Llanos

American Pygmy Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle aenea*) Fairly common at Junglaven.

MOTMOTS

Blue-crowned Motmot (*Momotus momota*) Several at sites throughout.

JACAMARS

Pale-headed Jacamar (*Brachygalba goeringi*) Several pairs at Hato El Frio. A pair north of Las Claritas. The record from eastern Venezuela represents a range extension.

Brown Jacamar (*Brachygalba lugubris*) Small numbers on the Gran Sabana.

Yellow-billed Jacamar (*Galbula albirostris*) Several seen at Junglaven.

Rufous-tailed Jacamar (*Galbula ruficauda*) Small numbers in the Llanos.

Green-tailed Jacamar (*Galbula galbula*) Small numbers at Junglaven and Imataca forest.

Paradise Jacamar (*Galbula dea*) Fairly common at Imataca forest and the base of the Escalera.

Great Jacamar (*Jacamerops aurea*) A pair at Junglaven.

PUFFBIRDS

White-necked Puffbird (*Nothocercus macrorhynchos*). Several pairs at Imataca and near Las Claritas.

Brown-banded Puffbird (*Nothocercus ordii*) A pair at traditional site at Junglaven.

Spotted Puffbird (*Bucco tamatia*) Several pairs found at Junglaven.

Russet-throated Puffbird (*Hypnelus ruficollis*). A pair north of Las Claritas. Also common at Hato El Frio and Cedral in the Llanos

Rusty-breasted Nunlet (*Nonnula rubecula*). Several pairs found at Junglaven.

Black Nunbird (*Monassa atra*) Fairly common throughout.

Swallowing (*Chelidoptera tenebrosa*) Common.

WOODPECKERS

Golden-spangled Piculet (*Picumnus exilis*) Common.

Yellow-tufted Woodpecker (*Melanerpes cruentatus*) Common.

Red-crowned Woodpecker (*Melanerpes rubricapillus*) Common in open areas.

Red-rumped Woodpecker (*Veniliornis kirkii*) Seen on the Escalera.

Golden-collared Woodpecker (*Veniliornis cassini*) Common on the Escalera.

Yellow-throated Woodpecker (*Piculus flavigula*) Several seen at Imataca. Heard and seen at Junglaven.

Golden-olive Woodpecker (*Piculus rubiginosus*) Fairly common on the Escalera.

Spot-breasted Woodpecker (*Colaptes punctigula*) A few seen at Imataca.

Scaly-breasted Woodpecker (*Celeus grammicus*) Fairly common at Junglaven.

Waved Woodpecker (*Celeus undulatus*) Common at Imataca forest.

Chestnut Woodpecker (*Celeus elegans*) A few at Imataca. Common at Junglaven.

Ringed Woodpecker (*Celeus torquatus*) Relatively numerous at Junglaven.

Cream-coloured Woodpecker (*Celeus flavus*) Several pairs at Junglaven and at sites in the Llanos.

Lineated Woodpecker (*Dendrocopus lineatus*) Common throughout.

Crimson-crested Woodpecker (*Campephilus melanoleucos*) A few seen at most sites.

Red-necked Woodpecker (*Campephilus rubricollis*) Fairly numerous at Junglaven.

TOUCANS AND BARBETS

Black-spotted Barbet (*Capito niger*) Commonly seen at Imataca fores.

Gilded Barbet (*Capito auratus*) Common at Junglaven

Chestnut-tipped Toucanet (*Aulacorhynchus derbianus*). Fairly common on the Escalera.

Green Aracari (*Pteroglossus viridis*) Fairly common at forest sites.

Ivory-billed Aracari (*Pteroglossus azara*) Several pairs seen at Junglaven.

Black-necked Aracari (*Pteroglossus castanotis*) Several pairs seen at Chapada.

Many-banded Artacari (*Pteroglossus pluricinctus*) Several seen at Junglaven.

Tawny-tufted Toucanet (*Selenidera nattereri*) A few seen at Junglaven.

Yellow-ridged Toucan (*Rhamphastos culminatus*) Fairly common at Junglaven. The form 'osculans' is common at Junglaven. This beautiful form is considered an intermediate form with *culminatus* and *vitellinus* sub-species of an expanded Channel-billed group.

Channel-billed Toucan (*Rhamphastos vitellinus*) Common at the Imataca forest.

White-throated Toucan (*Rhamphastos tucanus*) Common in forested areas. *cuvieri* and *tucanus* are lumped here. Previously considered sister species.

SUB-OSCINE PASSERINES

FURNARIDS

Pale-breasted Spinetail (*Synallaxis albescens*) A few on the Gran Sabana and in the Llanos. A single bird seen on the savanna at Junglaven.

McConnell's Spinetail (*Synallaxis moesta*) Several pairs of this uncommon species located along the Escalera.

Plain-crowned Spinetail (*Synallaxis gujanensis*) Fairly common. Quite distinctive vocally within *gujanensis*

Ruddy Spinetail (*Synallaxis rutilans*) several pairs at Junglaven. An occupied nest was found by the jeep track about 4km from the lodge.

Tepui Spinetail (*Cranioleuca demissa*) Several birds found on the Gran Sabana at the soldiers' monument.

Rusty-backed Spinetail (*Cranioleuca vulpina*) Several pairs recorded at Hato Cedral.

Yellow-chinned Spinetail (*Cranioleuca cinnamomea*) Fairly common in the Llanos.

Plain Thornbird (*Phacellodomus inornatus*) Fairly common in the Llanos. This form is often called Common Thornbird.

Roraiman Barbtail (*Roraima adusta*) 2 seen on the Escalera. This is a rare and easily missed species.

Rufous-tailed Foliage-Gleaner (*Phylidor ruficauda*) A few at Las Claritas and Junglaven.

Cinnamon-rumped Foliage-Gleaner (*Phylidor pyrrhodes*) Several seen at Junglaven.

Buff-throated Foliage-Gleaner (*Automolus ochrolaemus*) Fairly common.

Olive-backed Foliage-Gleaner (*Automolus infuscatus*) Fairly common at Imataca forest. The form here is vocally distinct from Amazonian forms.

Tepui (White-throated) Foliage-Gleaner (*Automolus roraimae*) 1 seen in mixed flock on the Escalera in both years. Another bird seen in a mixed flock near the top of the Escalera.

Chestnut-crowned Foliage-Gleaner (*Automolus rufipiliatus*) Seen and heard at Las Claritas.

Plain Xenops (*Xenops minutus*) Seen at las Claritas and Junglaven.

Slender-billed Xenops (*Xenops tenuirostris*) Recorded at Junglaven.

WOODCREEPERS

Plain-brown Woodcreeper (*Dendrocincla fuliginosa*). Seen at Imataca, Las claritas and Junglaven.

White-chinned Woodcreeper (*Dendrocincla merula*) Several seen at army ant swarms at Junglaven.

Long-tailed Woodcreeper (*Deconychura longicauda*) A single bird recorded Imataca forest. A range extension.

Olivaceous Woodcreeper (*Sittasomas griseicapillus*) Common.

Wedge-billed Woodcreeper (*Glyphorhynchus spirurus*) Common.

Long-billed Woodcreeper (*Nasica longirostris*) Fairly common at Junglaven.

Red-billed Woodcreeper (*Xhylexatastes perrotii*) A pair found in 2002 at an army ant swarm near Las Claritas. An uncommon species that is rarely seen.

Amazonian Barred Woodcreeper (*Dendrocolaptes certhia*) A few at Imataca and Junglaven.

Black-banded Woodcreeper (*Dendrocolaptes picumnus*) Several pairs found at army ant swarms at Las Claritas and at Junglaven.

Straight-billed Woodcreeper (*Xiphorynchus picus*) Fairly common at Junglaven.
Striped Woodcreeper (*Xiphorynchus obsoletus*) Commonest *Xiphorynchus* Woodcreeper at Junglaven.
Chestnut-rumped Woodcreeper (*Xiphorynchus pardalotus*) A few on the Escalera.
Buff-throated Woodcreeper (*Xiphorynchus guttoides*) Several seen in the Pantanal and at Chapada.
Streak-headed Woodcreeper (*Lepidocolaptes souleyetii*) Common in the Llanos and south along route to Las Claritas
Red-billed Scythebill (*Campylorhamphus trochilirostris*) A few at Junglaven and several at Hato El Frio.

ANTBIRDS

Fasciated Antshrike (*Cymbilaimus lineatus*) Several seen at Las Claritas.
Black-throated Antshrike (*Frederikena viridis*) 1 female seen superbly along the jeep track at Junglaven. Several birds heard but not seen at Imataca forest.
Great Antshrike (*Taraba major*) Several seen in the Imataca forest.
Black-crested Antshrike (*Sakesphorus candensis*) Seen in the Llanos and at Junglaven.
Barred Antshrike (*Thamnophilus doliatus*) Common.
Blackish-grey Antshrike (*Thamnophilus nigrocinereus*) Fairly common in the sandy belt forests at Junglaven.
White-shouldered Antshrike (*Thamnophilus aethiops*) Common in terra firma forest at Junglaven.
Mouse-coloured Antshrike (*Thamnophilus murinus*) Common at Imataca forest and at Las Claritas.
Guianan Slaty-Antshrike (*Thamnophilus punctatus*) Common at Junglaven.
Streak-backed Antshrike (*Thamnophilus insignis*) Seen on the Escalera where quite common although very local.
Amazonian Antshrike (*Thamnophilus amazonicus*) Common at Junglaven.
Spot-winged Antshrike (*Pygiptila stellaris*) Fairly common at Junglaven.
Plain Antwren (*Dysithamnus mentalis*) Recorded on the Escalera.
Dusky-throated Antshrike (*Thamnomanes ardesiacus*) Several seen at Imataca and Las Claritas.
Cinereous Antshrike (*Thamnomanes caesius*) Common at Imataca and Junglaven.
Pygmy Antwren (*Myrmotherula brachyura*) Common at Las Claritas and Junglaven.
Guianan Streaked Antwren (*Myrmotherula surinamensis*) Recorded at Las Claritas.
Cherrie's Antwren (*Myrmotherula cherriei*) Common at Junglaven.
Rufous-bellied Antwren (*Myrmotherula guttata*) Several at Las Claritas.
Brown-bellied Antwren (*Myrmotherula gutturalis*) Several at Las Claritas.
Stipple-throated Antwren (*Myrmotherula haematonota*) Several at Las Claritas.
White-flanked Antwren (*Myrmotherula axillaris*) Common Junglaven.
Long-winged Antwren (*Myrmotherula longipennis*) Several at Las Claritas.
Grey Antwren (*Myrmotherula menetriesii*) Several at Las Claritas and Junglaven.
Spot-backed Antwren (*Herpsilochmus sticturus*) Common at Las Claritas.
Todd's Antwren (*Herpsilochmus stictocephalus*) Fairly common at Las Claritas.
Roraiman Antwren (*Herpsilochmus roraimae*) Fairly common on the Escalera.
Northern White-fringed Antwren (*Formicivora intermedia*) Seen at las Claritas and in the Llanos.
Ash-winged Antwren (*Terenura spodioptila*) Common at the Imataca forest.
Grey Antbird (*Cercomacra cinerascens*) Fairly common at most forest sites.
Dusky Antbird (*Cercomacra tyrannina*) Several seen in the Imataca forest.
White-browed Antbird (*Myrmoborus leucophrys*) A few seen at Junglaven.
Warbling Antbird (*Hypocnemis cantator*) Commonly recorded at Junglaven.
Black-chinned Antbird (*Hypocnemoides melanopogon*) Fairly common at Junglaven along the Guayage tributary and along the edge of the Big Lagoon
Silvered Antbird (*Sclateria naevia*) Recorded at Junglaven where uncommon.
White-bellied Antbird (*Myrmeciza longipes*) Recorded at Junglaven and in the vicinity of Puerto Ayacucho.

Black-throated Antbird (*Mrymeciza atrothorax*) Recorded at Junglaven.

White-plumed Antbird (*Pithys albifrons*) Several parties recorded at ant swarms at Las Claritas and at Imataca.

Rufous-throated Antbird (*Gymnopithys rufigula*) Commonly recorded at Imataca, Las Claritas and Junglaven at army ant swarms. In both years we encountered army ant swarms at these locations with attendant antbirds and woodcreepers..

Spot-backed Antbird (*Hylophylax naevia*) Recorded Junglaven.

Scale-backed Antbird (*Hylophylax poecilonota*) A few recorded at Imataca and Junglaven in association with army ant swarms.

GROUND ANTBIRDS

Rufous-capped Antthrush (*Formicarius colma*) Heard at Imataca and Junglaven where also seen.

Black-faced Antthrush (*Formicarius analis*) Heard and seen at Imataca forest.

Short-tailed Antthrush (*Chamaeza campanisoma*) Heard and seen on the Escalera.

Thrush-like Antpitta (*Myrmothera campanisona*) Heard at Imataca forest.

TEPUI ANTPITTA (*Myrmothera simplex*) Commonly heard on the Escalera. With patience in both years we got superb views of this shy species.

FLYCATCHERS

Amazonian Scrub Flycatcher (*Sublegatus obscurior*) A pair at Junglaven.

Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet (*Tyrannulus elatus*) Common throughout. Heard far more often than seen.

Forest Eleania (*Myiopagis gaimardii*) Many birds heard and seen at Junglaven.

Grey Eleania (*Myiopagis caniceps*) Heard at Junglaven flying over the clearing.

Yellow-bellied Elaenia (*Elaenia flavogaster*) A few seen in the Llanos and near Rio Grande.

Plain-crested Eleania (*Elaenia cristata*) Common on the savanna at Junglaven.

Rufous-crowned Eleania (*Elaenia ruficeps*) Several seen on the Gran Sabana and at Junglaven.

Lesser Eleania (*Elaenia chiriquensis*) A single bird recorded on the savanna at Junglaven.

Great Eleania (*Elaenia dayi*) Single bird recorded at the top of the Escalera in the forest edge scrub. This is a rarely seen bird.

Sierran Eleania (*Elaenia pallatangae*) A single bird seen on the Escalera.

Sooty-headed Tyrannulet (*Phyllomyias griseiceps*) Fairly common at Imataca.

Slender-footed Tyrannulet (*Zimerius gracilipes*) Heard at Imataca.

White-lored Tyrannulet (*Ornithion inermis*) One at Imataca. Heard elsewhere.

Southern Beardless Tyrannulet (*Camptostoma obsoletum*) Common.

Mouse-coloured Tyrannulet (*Capsiempis flaveola*) A pair at El Frio and seen at Hato Cedral. Ochre-bellied Flycatcher (*Phaeomyias murina*) Seen Junglaven.

McConnell's Flycatcher (*Mionectes mcconnelli*) Several seen on the Escalera.

Ruddy Tody-flycatcher (*Todirostrum russatum*) Fairly common.

Slate-headed Tody-Flycatcher (*Todirostrum sylvia*) Several pairs in the Llanos.

Common Tody-Flycatcher (*Todirostrum cinereum*) A few seen at Canastra.

Painted Tody-Flycatcher (*Todirostrum pictum*) Seen at Junglaven.

Ringed Antpipit (*Corythopis torquata*) Recorded at Junglaven.

Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant (*Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer*) Heard on the Gran Sabana.

White-throated Tyrannulet (*Mecocerculus leucophrys*) Several seen on the Escalera.

Pale-tipped Inezia (*Inezia subflava*) Several pairs seen in the Llanos. This and the following species were previously considered conspecific.

Amazonian Inezia (*Inezia subflava*) A pair seen along the Guayage tributary.

Bearded Tachuri (*Polystictus pectoralis*) Several singles seen on the Gran Sabana.

Black-fronted Tyrannulet (*Phylloscartes nigrifrons*) Fairly common along the Escalera.

Chapman's Bristle-Tyrant (*Pogonotriccus chapmani*) A few seen along lower sections of the Escalera. This is a rare species and easily missed.

Short-tailed Pygmy-Tyrant (*Myiornis ecaudatus*) Fairly common at Rio Grande.

Helmeted Pygmy-Tyrant (*Lophotriccus galeatus*) Common at forest sites.

Pale-eyed Pygmy-Tyrant (*Lophotriccus pilaris*) A few pairs at Hato Cedral.

Rufous-tailed Flatbill (*Rhamphotrigon ruficauda*) Several pairs at Junglaven.

Olivaceous Flatbill (*Rhynchocyclus olivaceus*) Recorded at Imataca forest reserve.

Zimmer's (Flatbill) Flycatcher (*Tolmomyias assimilis*) Recorded at Junglaven.

Yellow-olive (Flatbill) Flycatcher (*Tolmomyias sulphurescens*) Common.

Grey-crowned (Flatbill) Flycatcher (*Tolmomyias poliocephalus*) Common at Junglaven

Ochre-lore (Flatbill) Flycatcher (*Tolmomyias flaviventris*) Common near Puerto Ordaz and at Hato Cedral. Split from Yellow-breasted Flycatcher.

Cinnamon-crested Spadebill (*Platyrinchus saturatus*) A single bird recorded and taped at Junglaven. A very rare terra firma species that is infrequently seen anywhere.

Golden-crowned Spadebill (*Platyrinchus coronatus*) Heard at Junglaven.

White-crested Spadebill (*Platyrinchus platyrhynchos*) A pair seen and taped at Junglaven.

Bran-coloured Flycatcher (*Myiophobus fasciatus*) One seen at Hato Cedral.

Whiskered (Sulphur-rumped) Flycatcher (*Myiobius barbatus*) Fairly common at Las Claritas.

Cliff Flycatcher (*Hirundinea ferruginea*) Small numbers throughout.

Smoke-coloured Pewee (*Contopus fumigatus*) Recorded on the Escalera.

Vermillion Flycatcher (*Pyrocephalus rubinus*) Several in the Llanos

Fuscous Flycatcher (*Cnemotriccus fuscus*) Common at Hato Cedral.

Drab Water-Tyrant (*Ochthornis littoralis*) Seen along the Rio Ventuari at Junglaven.

Amazonian Black Tyrant (*Knipolegus pocilocercus*) Recorded at Junglaven and in the Llanos at Hato Cedral.

Rufous-tailed Tyrant (*Knipolegus poecilurus*) Fairly common on the Escalera.

Pied Water-Tyrant (*Fluvicola pica*) Several in the Llanos.

White-headed Marsh-tyrant (*Arundinicola leucocephala*) Several in the Pantanal.

Yellow-browed Tyrant (*Satrapa icterophrys*) A single at Hato Cedral.

Long-tailed Tyrant (*Colonia colonus*) Seen throughout.

Cattle Tyrant (*Machetornis rixosus*) Common Puerto Ordaz and the Llanos.

Cinnamon Attila (*Attila cinnamomeus*) Fairly common at Junglaven.

Bright-rumped Attila (*Attila spadiceus*) Heard at Junglaven.

Greyish Mourner (*Rhytipterna simplex*) Heard at forest sites throughout.

Pale-bellied Mourner (*Sirystes sirystes*) Fairly common at Junglaven, where found in the stunted sandy belt forest.

Dusky-capped Flycatcher (*Myiarchus tuberculifer*) A few in the Llanos.

Swainson's Flycatcher (*Myiarchus swainsoni*) Small numbers throughout.

Short-crested Flycatcher (*Myiarchus ferox*) Small numbers throughout.

Brown-crested Flycatcher (*Myiarchus tyrannulus*) A pair at Imataca.

White-throated Kingbird (*Tyrannus albogularis*) Several pairs at Santa Elena.

Tropical Kingbird (*Tyrannulus melancholicus*) Common

Fork-tailed Flycatcher (*Tyrannus savana*) Common throughout.

Grey Kingbird (*Tyrannus dominicensis*) Common in the Llanos at Hato Cedral.

Boat-billed Flycatcher (*Megarhynchus pitangua*) Fairly common throughout.

Yellow-throated Flycatcher (*Conopias parva*) Common at Imataca and La Claritas in open forest edge areas.

Rusty-margined Flycatcher (*Myiozetetes cananensis*) Seen throughout.

Streaked Flycatcher (*Myiodynastes maculatus*) Seen throughout.

Social Flycatcher (*Myiozetetes similis*) Common.

Dusky-chested Flycatcher (*Myiozetetes luteiventris*) Several seen and heard at Junglaven.

Piratic Flycatcher (*Legatus leucophaeus*) Common.

Variegated Flycatcher (*Empidonotus varius*) Several at Rio Grande.

Lesser Kiskadee (*Phylidior lictor*) Small numbers throughout.

Greater Kiskadee (*Pitangus sulphuratus*) Common.

White-bearded Flycatcher (*Phelpsia inornata*) Seen in the Llanos.

Thrush-like Schiffornis (*Schiffornis turdinus*) Heard throughout.

White-naped Xenopsaris (*Xenopsaris albinucha*) 2 seen at Hato El Frio, 2 at Hato El Frio.

White-winged Becard (*Pachyrhamphus polychopterus*) Seen throughout.

Black-capped Becard (*Pachyrhamphus marginatus*) Several at Junglaven.

Cinereous Becard (*Pachyrhamphus vallidus*) 2 at Hato Cedral.

Pink-throated Becard (*Pachyrhamphus minor*) A pair at Imataca. A pair nest building at Junglaven.

Black-tailed Tityra (*Tityra semifaciator*) A pair at Las Claritas, a single at Junglaven.

Black-crowned Tityra (*Tityra inquisitor*) Several seen at sites throughout.

MANAKINS

Golden-headed Manakin (*Pipra erythrocephala*) Common at many sites.

Scarlet-horned Manakin (*Pipra cornuta*) Fairly common on the Escalera.

White-crowned Manakin (*Dixiphia pipra*) Fairly common at Junglaven.

Blue-crowned Manakin (*Lepidothrix coronata*) Several on the Escalera.

Tepui (Orange-bellied) Manakin (*Pipra suavisissima*) Common on the Escalera and at the Imataca forest reserve.

White-bearded Manakin (*Manacus manacus*) Common.

Black Manakin (*Xenopipo atronitens*) Common at Junglaven in the Sandy belt forest.

Olive Manakin (*Chloropipo uniformis*) Small numbers along the Escalera road.

Yellow-crested Manakin (*Heterocercus flavivertex*) A lek along the Galapagos lagoon trail.

Displaying birds near lodge in sandy belt forest.

Dwarf Tyrant-Manakin (*Tyanneutes stolzmanni*) Regularly found at Junglaven.

Wing-barred Piprites (*Piprites chloris*) Found at Junglaven.

COTINGAS

The following list shows this tour to be 'the' Cotinga trip. In addition to those listed below Red-ruffed Fruitcrow, White-browed and Dusky Purpletufts may also be seen.

Guianan Red-Cotinga (*Phoenicercus carnifex*) A pair at the Imataca forest at a fruiting tree.

Red-banded Fruiteater (*Pipra whiteleyi*) A pair along the Escalera. Quite hard to find.

Screaming Piha (*Lipaugas vociferans*) Fairly common at Imataca and at Junglaven.

Rose-collared Piha (*Lipaugus streptophorus*) A pair found along the upper section of the Escalera.

Purple-breasted Cotinga (*Cotinga cotinga*) Several birds found in the Imataca forest reserve.

Spangled Cotinga (*Cotinga cayana*) Several birds found in the Imataca forest.

Pompadour Cotinga (*Xipholena punicea*) A pair seen in the Imataca forest. Another bird seen at Junglaven.

Purple-throated Fruitcrow (*Querula purpurata*) Several seen at Junglaven.

Bare-necked Fruitcrow (*Gymnoderus foetidus*) Singles seen along the Rio Ventuari at Junglaven.

Amazonian Umbrellabird (*Cephalopterus ornatus*) Several birds seen at Junglaven.

Capuchinbird (*Perissocephalus tricolor*) Up to 15 watched at a lek near Las Claritas.

White Bellbird (*Procnias alba*) Several seen on the Escalera

Bearded Bellbird (*Procnias averano*) Seen on the Escalera.

Guianan Cock-of-the-Rock (*Rupicola rupicola*) Common on the Escalera.

Sharpbill (*Oxyrunchus cristata*) Several seen and heard on the Escalera.

OSCINE PASSERINES

JAYS

Violaceous Jay (*Cyanocorax violaceus*) Small numbers at Junglaven.

Cayenne Jay (*Cyanocorax cayanus*) Recorded at Imataca forest and near La Claritas.

THRUSHES

Rufous-brown Solitaire (*Cichlopsis leucogenys*) Good numbers found along the Escalera at fruiting trees.

Yellow-legged Thrush (*Platycichla flavipes*) Good numbers along the Escalera.

Pale-eyed Thrush (*Turdus leucops*) A single seen on the Escalera.

Black-hooded Thrush (*Turdus olivater*) Common on the Escalera.

Pale-breasted Thrush (*Turdus leucomelas*) Fairly common throughout

Black-billed Thrush (*Turdus amaurochalinus*) Fairly common throughout

Lawrence's Thrush (*Turdus lawrencii*) A single bird heard in tall forest near Santa Elena.

Cocoa Thrush (*Turdus fumigatus*) Seen at Junglaven and in the Imataca forest.

Bare-eyed Thrush (*Turdus nudigenis*) Seen in Caracas and the Llanos.

White-necked Thrush (*Turdus albicollis*) Several seen at Junglaven.

MOCKINGBIRDS

Tropical Mockingbird (*Mimus gilvus*) Fairly common on the Gran Sabana and in the Llanos.

WRENS

Black-capped Donacobius (*Donacobius atricapillus*) Common at Hato El Frio.

Bicoloured Wren (*Campylorhynchus griseus*) Several pairs in the Llanos.

Stripe-backed Wren (*Campylorhynchus nuchalis*) Heard and seen in the Llanos.

Coraya Wren (*Thryothorus coraya*) Common on the Escalera.

Buff-breasted Wren (*Thryothorus leucotis*) 1 pair at Junglaven. Common in the Llanos.

White-breasted Wood-Wren (*Henicorhina leucosticta*) Fairly common at Imataca forest.

House Wren (*Troglodytes aedon*) Fairly common throughout

Flutist Wren (*Microcerculus ustulatus*) Commonly heard on the Escalera but hard to see.

Wing-banded Wren (*Microcercula bambla*) 1 heard on the Escalera.

Musician Wren (*Cyphorinus aradus*) 1 seen and heard at Imataca.

GNATCATCHERS

Tropical Gnatcatcher (*Polioptila plumbea*) Seen in Caracas, Llanos sites and Rio Grande.

Long-billed Gnatwren (*Rhamphocaenus melanurus*) Several pairs seen throughout.

SWALLOWS

White-winged Swallow (*Tachycineta albiventer*) Fairly numerous throughout.

Brown-chested Martin (*Progne tapera*) Fairly common at Junglaven.

Grey-breasted Martin (*Progne chalybea*) Fairly common throughout.

Blue and White Swallow (*Notiochelidon cyanoleuca*) Fairly common on the Escalera.

Black-collared Swallow (*Atticora melanoleuca*) Fairly common near Puerto Ordaz.

White-banded Swallow (*Atticora fasciata*) A few at Puerto Ordaz and along the Rio Ventuari at Junglaven.

Tawny-headed Swallow (*Stelgidopteryx fucata*) A few seen on the Gran Sabana.

Southern Rough-winged Swallow (*Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*) Fairly common throughout

Barn Swallow (*hirundo rustica*) A few at most sites.

PIPITS

Yellowish Pipit (*Anthus lutescens*) Several in the Llanos.

FINCHES

Hooded Siskin (*Carduelis magellanica*) A few on the Escalera.

Lesser Goldfinch (*Carduelis psaltria*) A pair at Imataca.

VIREOS

Rufous-browed Peppershrike (*Cyclarhis gujanensis*) Fairly common throughout

Red-eyed (Chivri)Vireo (*Vireo chivri*) Small numbers at Las Claritas.

Tepui Greenlet (*Hylophilus brunneiceps*) Fairly common on the Escalera.

Buff-cheeked Greenlet (*Hylophilus muscicapinus*)

Brown-headed Greenlet (*Hylophilus pectoralis*) Not uncommon at Junglaven in the stunted sandy belt forest.

WOOD WARBLERS

Tropical Parula (*Parula pitiayumi*) Fairly common throughout

Yellow Warbler (*Dendroica petechia*) A few found on the Escalera and in the Llanos.

Blackburnian Warbler (*Dendroica fusca*) A few found on the Escalera.

Cerulean Warbler (*Dendroica cerulea*) 1 seen on the Escalera.

American Redstart (*Setophaga ruticilla*) Small numbers found on the Escalera.

Northern Waterthrush (*Seiurus noveboracensis*) A few found at Imataca, Las Claritas and the Llanos at Hato Cedral.

Masked Yellowthroat (*Geothlypis aequinoctialis*) Found in the Llanos at Hato El Frio and Cedral.

Canada Warbler (*Wilsonia canadensis*) A couple found on the Escalera.

Slate-throated Whitestart (*Myioborus miniatus*) Common on the Escalera

Tepui Whitesatart (*Myioborus castaneocapillus*) Small numbers on the Escalera.

Roraiman Warbler (*Basileuterus roraimae*) Fairly common on the Escalera.

River Warbler (*Basileuterus rivularis*) A few pairs found in lowland forest areas.

Rose-breasted Chat (*Granatellus pelzelni*) A pair at Junglaven. Heard at Junglaven in several locations

TANAGERS

Banaquit (*Coereba flaveola*) Fairly common throughout.

Black-faced Tanager (*Schistoclamys melanopis*) Small numbers found.

Magpie Tanager (*Cissopis leveriana*) Fairly common throughout.

Guira Tanager (*Hemithraupis guira*) A few at Imataca.

Yellow-backed Tanager (*Hemithraupis flavicollis*) Fairly common at Imataca and Junglaven.

Hooded Tanager (*Nemosia pileata*) Several in the Llanos.

Olive-backed Tanager (*Mitrospingus oleaginous*) Fairly common on the Escalera.

Flame-crested Tanager (*Tachyphonus cristatus*) Fairly common throughout.

Fulvous-crested Tanager (*Tachyphonus surinamus*) Smaller numbers seen at Imataca and Junglaven.

White-shouldered Tanager (*Tachyphonus luctuosus*) A few seen at Junglaven and Imataca.

White-lined Tanager (*Tachyphonus rufus*) Common at Rio Grande.

Red-shouldered Tanager (*Tachyphonus phoenicius*) Fairly common on the Escalera.

Summer Tanager (*Piranga rubra*) A few at Imataca and Junglaven.

White-winged Tanager (*Piranga leucoptera*) Several on the Escalera.

Black-goggled Tanager (*Trichothraupis melanops*) Fairly common in Atlantic rainforests.

Silver-beaked Tanager (*Rhamphocelus carbo*) Fairly common throughout.

Blue-grey Tanager (*Thraupis episcopus*) Fairly Common throughout.

Glaucous Tanager (*Thraupis glaucocolpa*) Fairly common in the Llanos.

Palm tanager (*Thraupis palmarum*) Fairly common throughout.

Plumbeous Euphonia (*Euphonia plumbea*) Fairly common at Junglaven where seen feeding in Bromeliads around the clearing on several occasions.

Purple-throated Euphonia (*Euphonia chlorotica*) Fairly common throughout.

Trinidad Euphonia (*Euphonia trinitatis*) Several seen in Imataca forest.

Violaceous Euphonia (*Euphonia violacea*) Fairly common in the Imataca forest and at Las Claritas.

Golden-sided Euphonia (*Euphonia cayannensis*) Small numbers at Rio Grande.

Orange-bellied Euphonia (*Euphonia xanthogaster*) Fairly common on the Escalera.

White-vented Euphonia (*Euphonia minuta*) Several pairs at Imataca forest.
 White-lored Euphonia (*Euphonia chrysopasta*) Several pairs at Junglaven.
 Rufous-bellied Euphonia (*Euphonia pectoralis*) Recorded from Las Claritas.
 Blue-naped Chlorophonia (*Chlorophonia cyanea*) A few on the Escalera.
 Turquoise Tanager (*Tangara mexicana*) Not uncommon at Imataca.
 Paradise Tanager (*Tangara chilensis*) Found at Imataca and Las Claritas.
 Yellow-bellied Tanager (*Tangara xanthogastra*) Found on the Escalera.
 Spotted Tanager (*Tangara punctata*) Found on the Escalera and one at Imataca forest.
Speckled Tanager (*Tangara guttata*) A few on the Escalera.
 Bay-headed Tanager (*Tangara gyrola*) Fairly common on the Escalera and at Imataca.
 Burnished-buff Tanager (*Tangara cyana*) Fairly common throughout.
 Black-headed Tanager (*Tangara cyanoptera*) Common on the Escalera.
 Opal-rumped Tanager (*Tangara velia*) Seen at Imataca and Las Claritas
 Blue Dacnis (*Dacnis cayana*) Fairly common throughout.
 Green Honeycreeper (*Chlorophanes spiza*) Fairly common throughout.
 Purple Honeycreeper (*Chlorophanes spiza*) Fairly common throughout.
 Short-billed Honeycreeper (*Chlorophanes spiza*) Fairly common throughout.
 Red-legged Honeycreeper (*Chlorophanes spiza*) A few at Imataca.
 Swallow Tanager (*Tersina viridis*) A few at Las Claritas.

EMBERIZINE FINCHES

Rufous-collared Sparrow (*Zonotrichia capensis*) Common on the Gran Sabana and near Caracas.
 Grassland Sparrow (*Ammodramus humeralis*) Fairly common in the Llanos
 Yellow-browed Sparrow (*Ammodramus aurifrons*) Fairly common in the Llanos
 Pectoral Sparrow (*Arremon taciturnus*) Common at Imataca and Las Claritas.
Tepui Brush-Finch (*Atlapetes personatus*) Fairly common on the Escalera.
 Red-capped Cardinal (*Paroaria gularis*) Fairly common in the Llanos.
 Orange-fronted Yellow-Finch (*Sicalis citrina*) Common in the Llanos.
 Saffron Finch (*Sicalis flaveola*) Fairly common in the Llanos.
 Wedge-tailed Grass-finch (*Emberizoides herbicola*) A few in grasslands on the Gran Sabana.
 Blue-black grassquit (*Volatina jacarina*) Fairly common throughout.
 Grey Seedeater (*Sporophila intermedia*) Common in open areas.
 Yellow-bellied Seedeater (*Sporophila nigricollis*) A few at Imataca.
 Ruddy-breasted Seedeater (*Sporophila minuta*) Small numbers found throughout.
 Lesser Seed-Finch (*Oryzoborus angolensis*) Several in the Imataca forest.

CARDINALS

Yellow-green Grosbeak (*Caryothraustes casnadensis*) Common in the Imataca forest and at Las Claritas.
 Slate-coloured Grosbeak (*Pitylus grossus*) Several seen at Imataca forest.
 Buff-throated Saltator (*Saltator maximus*) Four seen in the Imataca forest
 Greyish Saltator (*Saltator coerulscens*) Several seen in the Imataca forest.
 Orinocan Saltator (*Saltator orenocensis*) Fairly common in the Llanos.
 Black-throated Saltator (*Saltator atricollis*) Common in Cerrado areas.
 Blue-black Grosbeak (*Cyanocompsa cyanoides*) Heard at most sites.

AMERICAN BLACKBIRDS

Crested Oropendola (*Psarocolius decumanus*) Fairly common throughout.
 Green Oropendola (*Psarocolius viridis*) Fairly common at Imataca forest.
 Olive Oropendola (*Psarocolius decumanus*) A few at Junglaven.
 Yellow-rumped Cacique (*Cacicus cela*) Several colonies in the Pantanal.
 Red-rumped Cacique (*Cacicus haemorrhous*) Common at Rio Grande.

Moriche Oriole (*Icterus chryscephalus*) A few seen at site throughout.
Yellow Oriole (*Icterus nigrogularis*) Fairly common in the Llanos.
 Orange-backed Troupial (*Icterus icterus*) Common in the Llanos.
 Oriole Blackbird (*Gymnomystax mexicanus*) Small flocks in the Llanos.
 Yellow-headed Blackbird (*Agelaius icterocephalus*) Small flocks in the Llanos.
 Red-breasted Blackbird (*Leistes militaris*) Fairly common throughout.
 Eastern Meadowlark (*Sturnella magna*) Good numbers in the Llanos.
Golden-tufted Grackle (*Macroagalius imthurmi*) Fairly common on the Escalera.
 Carib Grackle (*Quiscalus lugubris*) Common on the coast.
 Shiny Cowbird (*Molothrus bonariensis*) Common throughout.

TRIP MAMMAL LIST

Common Opossum (*Didelphis marsupialis*) 1 Las Claritas.
 Southern two-Toed Sloth (*Choloepus didactylus*) 1 animal on the Escalera along the roadside.
Giant Anteater (*Myrecophaga tridactyla*) 3 animals in the Llanos.
 Red Howler-Monkey (*Alouetta seniculus*) several troops seen in the Pantanal at Hato Cedral and El Frio.
Brown-bearded Saki-Monkey (*Chiropoted satanus*). 2 troops of approximately 25-30 individuals seen. A rare and local monkey.
 Squirrel Monkey (*Saimiri sciurus*) A few at Junglaven.
 Savanna Fox (*Pseudalopex vetulus*) Several individuals of this pretty fox at Hato El Frio and Cedral.
Giant River Otter (*Pteronura brasiliensis*) Several seen along the Rio Ventuari at Junglaven.
 Tayra (*Eira barbara*) Several individuals seen at Junglaven and on the Escalera.
 White-tailed Deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*) Common in the Llanos.
 Brown Agouti (*Dasyprocta variegata*) A single animal seen at Fazenda Intervalles.
 Guianana Squirrel (*Sciurus aetuanus*) Fairly common throughout.
 North Amazon Red Squirrel (*Sciurus igniventris*) Fairly common at Junglaven.
 Capybara (*Hydrochaeris hydrochaeris*) Abundant in the Llanos.
 Collared Peccary (*Tayassu tajacu*) A few at Junglaven and at Imataca.
 Brazilian Rabbit (*Sylvilagus brasiliensis*) A single animal seen in the Pantanal.
 White Caiman (*Caiman crocodilus*) Abundant in the Pantanal.
 Southern Coati (*Nasua nasua*) A few small groups at Junglaven.
 Nine-banded Long-nosed armadillo (*Dasypus novemcinctus*) 1 seen at Hato Cedral.
 Pink River Dolphin (*Inia geoffrensis*) Several in the Guayage tributary at Junglaven. Also several seen at Hato El Frio. .
 White Caiman (*Caiman crocodilus*) Common in the Llanos

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