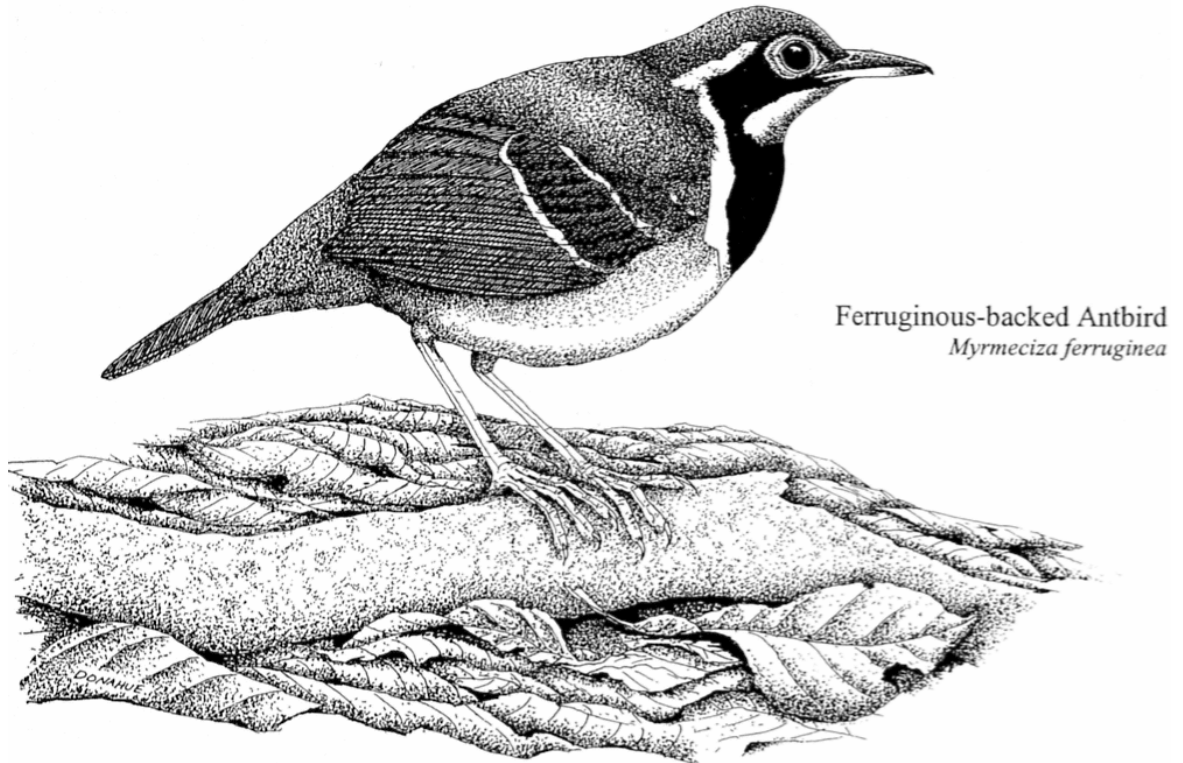


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Ferruginous-backed Antbird  
*Myrmeciza ferruginea*

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Tonk,tonk,tonk,tonk...BONK!.... Yes, this was the way our 2004 Summer Eastern Venezuela tour started in Sierra de Lema and, it was during one morning while looking for the Guianan Cock-of-the-Rocks that tour participants experienced the strange voice of the Bearded Bellbird. It was later in the trip, when we had views of an adult and a young male singing on the highest branches of the trees as if they were willing for a female to flight across into their territories.

Another morning we were blasted with another bell-like song: Clong-cling.....clong-CLINK!...and had a full view of another *Cotingidae*: the White Bellbird singing while expanding it's bizarre ornament. This one was singing atop dead branches and we enjoyed throughout the scope for several minutes.

Yes, as you may expect this list contain all the species reported in the tour, but let me say that it was much more than birds.

We explored the humid lowland forest of the Alto Cuyuni where the chain-saw vocalization of the Capuchinbird was admire with males displaying at the lek. We also spent good time at the amazing Sierra de Lema, with sightings of three different species of snakes as well as many endemic bird species (24 seen well). Also the Orinoco Delta forest of Rio Grande with army ants crossing our trail while Caica Parrots were vocalizing at flight above the forest. We also visited the Cuyuni Riverine Forest, the shrubs of the Grand Sabana and the wetlands of El Palmar with a beautiful sunset.

Rains were present some times at noon and only added more birding experiences within a single day. As you know by now, the rainy season in the tropics does not means a "rain all-day-long" and instead is usually a refreshing and powerful shower that activates the bird life for the afternoons. Tour participants mentioned several memorable times and favorites were the sunset at the wetlands of El Palmar, the views of White-plumed and Rufous-throated antbirds, the Rufous-winged Ground-Cuckoo glimpsed in the forest, a scope view of a Tiny Hawk feeding on a Pectoral Sparrow, the enchanting Musician Wren singing on a twig for several minutes, the Crimson Topaz displaying over the Rio Grande, two species of Crake



Sierra de Lema. D.Ascanio



seen well and the Harpy, yes the always-majestic Harpy Eagle observed for more than 30 minutes throughout the scope. Additional experience included an Indigo snake, a couple of Tayras running on the Gran Sabana, Jaguar tracks, Rhino Beetles, Agouties, Blue Morpho (in fact, the brightness of the Blue Morpho butterflies!), Spectacled Caymans and the always mysterious voice of the Red-howler Monkeys every morning in the lowlands.

We all thanks Javier for finding the Harpy Eagle and César for incredible driving skills. It was a great pleasure to be your leader and really ho-

pe to see you again in the tropics of America, a region with a tremendous ornithological history and still so much to be learned!



Moss-rich Tepui vegetation. D.Ascanio



White Bellbird in the scope. D.Ascanio

## THE BIRDLIST

Localities:

**A: Alto Cuyuni, Sierra de Lema and Gran Sabana.**

**B: Rio Grande national forest, El Palmar, Puerto Ordaz and Catia La Mar.**

Habitats: Tropical Dry, moist and lowland humid forests. Premontane humid and wet forests. Grasslands and scrub. Riverine forest, populated areas, secondary growth.

Endemics and near-endemics are marked in bold , rare or special interest species are underlined.

English name	Latin name	A	B	Remarks
Little Tinamou	<i>Crypturellus soui soui</i>	H	H	several heard records
<b>Tepui Tinamou</b>	<i>Crypturellus ptaritepui</i>	H		Once at premontane forest
Variiegated Tinamou	<i>Crypturellus variegatus</i>	H	H	common voice

Brown Pelican	<i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i>	6	Catia La Mar
Neotropic Cormorant	<i>P. brasilianus olivaceus</i>	15	8 Common on wetlands
Anhinga	<i>Anhinga anhinga anhinga</i>	1	Puerto Ordaz
<u>Capped Heron</u>	<i>Pilherodius pileatus</i>	3	Rio Grande
Great Blue-Heron	<i>Ardea herodias</i>	1	Catia La Mar
Cocoi Heron	<i>Ardea cocoi egretta</i>	1	6 near wetlands
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba egretta</i>	2	2 widespread
Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis ibis</i>	5	6 widespread
Snowy Egret	<i>Egretta thula</i>	9	Near wetlands
Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>		Common species
Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striatus striatus</i>	4	always in wetlands
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	<i>Nyctanassa violacea</i>	1	Catia La Mar
Rufescent Tiger-Heron	<i>Tigrisoma lineatum</i>	1	Rio Grande
Wood-Stork	<i>Mycteria americana</i>	1	2 near wetlands
Green Ibis	<i>Mesembrinibis cayennensis</i>	1	El Palmar wetland
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	<i>Dendrocygna autumnalis discolor</i>	6	near Upata
White-faced Whistling-Duck	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>	2	near El Palmar
Black Vulture	<i>Coragyps atratus brasiliensis</i>	300	100 several records
Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura ruficollis</i>	30	25 several records
Greater Y.-headed Vulture	<i>Cathartes melambrotus</i>	15	7 in forested lowlands
<u>King Vulture</u>	<i>Sarcoramphus papa</i>	5	adults and subadults
Swallow-tailed Kite	<i>Elanoides forficatus yetapa</i>	10	9 feeding insects on the air
Pearl Kite	<i>Gampsonyx swainsonii</i>	1	Puerto Ordaz
White-tailed Kite	<i>Elanus leucurus</i>	1	El Palmar
Double-toothed Kite	<i>Harpagus bidentatus</i>	1	Sierra de Lema
Plumbeous Kite	<i>Ictinia plumbea</i>	25	9 common and widespread
<u>Tiny Hawk</u>	<i>Accipiter superciliosus</i>		Feeding on a Pectoral Sparrow
Savanna Hawk	<i>Buteogallus meridionalis</i>	3	El Palmar
Harri's Hawk	<i>Parabuteo unicinctus</i>	1	Sub-adult plumage
Roadside Hawk	<i>Buteo magnirostris magnirostris</i>	7	2 Pair nesting in Puerto Ordaz
Short-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo brachyurus brachyurus</i>	1	900m asl in Sierra de Lema
White-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo albicaudatus colonus</i>	1	Dark morph
<u>Harpy Eagle</u>	<i>Harpia harpyja</i>	1	Huge sub-adult female in the scope for more than 30 minutes!

Black-and-white Hawk-Eagle	<i>Spizastur melanoleucus</i>	2	very clouded day!
Black Caracara	<i>Daptrius ater</i>	2	El Palmar
Red-throated Caracara	<i>Ibycter americanus</i>	6	H a wiard falconidae!
Northern Crested Caracara	<i>Caracara cheriway</i>	6	common and widespread in open areas
Yellow-headed Caracara	<i>Milvago chimachima cordatus</i>	7	4 common and widespread in open areas
Laughing Falcon	<i>Herpetotheres cachinnans</i>	1	Rio Grande
Lined Forest-Falcon	<i>Micrastur gilvicollis</i>	H	Rio Grande
American Kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius isabellinus</i>	1	2 in grasslands
<u>Spix's Guan</u>	<i>Penelope jacquacu</i>	2	Seen by Gerry and David
Crested Bobwhite	<i>Colinus cristatus sonnini</i>	3	El Palmar farmland
Limpkin	<i>Aramus guarauna guarauna</i>	H	El Palmar farmland
<u>Gray-winged Trumpeter</u>	<i>Psophia crepitans crepitans</i>	1	A single individual in Rio Grande
<u>Russet-crowned Crane</u>	<i>Anurolimnas viridis</i>	2	Gran Sabana
<u>Paint-billed Crane</u>	<i>Neocrex erythrops</i>	1	Superb views in Cuchima
Purple Gallinule	<i>Porphyryla martinica</i>	4	El Palmar wetland
Common Gallinule (Moorhen)	<i>Gallinula chloropus galeata</i>	2	common in El Palmar
Sunbittern	<i>Eurypyga helias</i>	2	Displaying on the road
Wattled Jacana	<i>Jacana jacana</i>	5	El Palmar wetland
Southern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus chilensis cayennensis</i>	4	common and widespread
Laughing Gull	<i>Larus atricilla</i>	23+	Catia La Mar
Black Skimmer	<i>Rynchops niger</i>	1	Catia La Mar
Pale-vented Pigeon	<i>C. cayennensis cayennensis</i>	6	common over scrubby habitat
Ruddy Pigeon	<i>C. subvinacea purpureotincta</i>	2	Common voice
Plumbeous Pigeon	<i>Columba plumbea wallacei</i>	H	Rio Grande
Eared Dove	<i>Zenaida auriculata</i>	2	El Palmar and Catia La Mar
Common Ground-Dove	<i>Columbina passerina</i>	3	Dry land
Ruddy Ground-Dove	<i>Columbina talpacoti rufipennis</i>	10	common in populated areas and farmlands
Scaled Dove	<i>Scardafella squammata ridgway</i>	5	common in populated areas
Gray-fronted Dove	<i>Leptotila rufaxilla dubusi</i>	1	Rio Grande by Mike
Red-and-green Macaw	<i>Ara chloroptera</i>	8	3 in Sierra de Lema and Rio Grande
Scarlet-fronted Parakeet	<i>Aratinga wagleri</i>	207	Catia La Mar
White-eyed Parakeet	<i>A. leucophthalmus leucophthalmus</i>	4	common near El Palmar
Brown-throated Parakeet	<i>Aratinga pertinax chrysophrys</i>	5	2 Gran Sabana and El Palmar

Painted Parakeet	<i>Pyrrhura picta picta</i>	30	Rio Grande
<b>Fiery-shouldered Parakeet</b>	<i>Pyrrhura egregia egregia</i>	17	3 groups in Sierra de Lema
Green-rumped Parrotlet	<i>Forpus passerinus viridissimus</i>	8	in open areas
Golden-winged Parakeet	<i>B.chrysopterus chrysopterus</i>	2	6 in lowland humid forest
<b>Tepui Parrotlet</b>	<i>Nannopsittaca panychlora</i>	5+	endemic. Sierra de Lema
Black-headed Parrot	<i>P.melanocephala melanocephala</i>	3	H in lowland humid forest
<u>Lilac-tailed Parrotlet</u>	<i>Touit batavica</i>	60	Rio Grande and El Palmar
Black-headed Parrot	<i>Pionites melanocephala</i>	6	2 adults and 4 subadults
<u>Caica Parrot</u>	<i>Pionopsitta caica</i>	5	Rio Grande. Fly by
Blue-headed Parrot	<i>Pionus menstruus menstruus</i>	4	2 Common species
Dusky Parrot	<i>Pionus fuscus</i>	5	Rio Grande
Orange-winged Parrot	<i>Amazona amazonica amazonica</i>	20	58 Common species
Mealy Parrot	<i>Amazona farinosa farinosa</i>	2	4 common and widespread in humid forest
Squirrel Cuckoo	<i>Piaya cayana cayana</i>	1	4 common and widespread
Smooth-billed Ani	<i>Crotophaga ani</i>	12	20 common and widespread
Striped Cuckoo	<i>Tapera naevia naevia</i>	1	El Palmar
<u>Rufous-winged Ground-Cuckoo</u>	<i>Neomorphus rufipennis</i>	1	Glimpsed with army ants!
Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl	<i>G. brasilianum olivaceum</i>	3	Puerto Ordaz and El Palmar
Lesser Nighthawk	<i>Chordeiles acutipennis</i>	1?	Catia La Mar
Pauraque	<i>Nyctidromus albicollis</i>	2	El Palmar
Blackish Nightjar	<i>C.nigrescens nigrescens</i>	1	Cuyuni road
<b>Tepui Swift</b>	<i>Cypseloides phelpsi</i>	30+	Gran Sabana
White-collared Swift	<i>S. zonaris albicincta</i>	126	large concentrations
Band-rumped Swift	<i>Chaetura spinicauda latirostris</i>	9	10+ in both locations
Short-tailed Swift	<i>Chaetura brachyura brachyura</i>	7	only in lowlands
<u>Vaux's Swift</u>	<i>Chaetura vauxi</i>	60+	Considered Ashy-tailed Swift in De Schauensee and Phelps. Further studies need.
<u>Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift</u>	<i>Panyptila cayennensis</i>	1	Rio Grande. Only D.Ascanio
Pale-tailed Barbthroat	<i>Threnetes niger</i>	2	Rio Grande
Eastern Long-tailed Hermit	<i>Phaethornissupercilliosus</i>	2	4 Common species
Straight-billed Hermit	<i>Phaethornis bourcierii</i>	2	Sierra de Lema
Reddish Hermit	<i>Phaethornis ruber episcopus</i>	3	humid lowland forest
<u>Blue-fronted Lancebill</u>	<i>Doryfera johannae guianensis</i>	1	a female building a nest;

Gray-breasted Sabrewing	<i>C. largipennis largipennis</i>	2	humid lowland forest
<b>Rufous-breasted Sabrewing</b>	<i>Campylopterus hyperythrus</i>	2	Sierra de Lema
White-necked Jacobin	<i>Florisuga mellivora mellivora</i>	2	1 Cuyuni and Rio Grande
Black-throated Mango	<i>A. nigricollis nigricollis</i>	1	a female Puerto Ordaz
<b>Peacock Coquette</b>	<i>L. pavonina punctigula</i>	1	Sierra de Lema. Great views!
Blue-tailed Emerald	<i>C.mellisugus subfurcatus</i>	2	Gran Sabana
Fork-tailed Woodnymph	<i>Thalurania furcata fissilis</i>	8	1 common in humid forest
White-chinned Sapphire	<i>Hylocharis cyanus viridiventris</i>	2	Rio Grande
<b>Tepui Goldenthrout</b>	<i>Polytmus milleri</i>	1	Only D.Ascanio
Versicolored Emerald	<i>Amazilia versicolor</i>	2	Rio Grande. Common voice
White-chested Emerald	<i>A. chionopectus chionopectus</i>	2	3 Common voice in June
<u>Crimson Topaz</u>	<i>Topaza pella pella</i>	1	1 Male displaying in Rio Grande!
Glittering-throated Emerald	<i>Amazilia fimbriata fimbriata</i>	1	Puerto Ordaz
<b>Copper-tailed Hummingbird</b>	<i>Amazilia cupreicauda</i>	2	Grand Sabana
<b>Velvet-browed Brilliant</b>	<i>Heliodoxa xanthogonys</i>	2	Sierra de Lema
<u>Black-eared Fairy</u>	<i>Heliothryx aurita aurita</i>	2	Sierra de Lema
Amazonian White-tailed Trogon	<i>Trogon viridis viridis</i>	H	1 Cuyuni and Rio Grande
Amazonian Violaceous Trogon	<i>Trogon violaceus violaceus</i>	H	Capuchinbird lek
Masked Trogon	<i>Trogon personatus ptaritepui</i>	2	Sierra de Lema
<u>Black-throated Trogon</u>	<i>Trogon rufus</i>	1	Sierra de Lema
Ringed Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle torquata torquata</i>	2	El Palmar
Amazon Kingfisher	<i>Chloroceryle amazona amazona</i>	3	El Palmar
Green Kingfisher	<i>C.americana americana</i>	1	El Palmar
Brown Jacamar	<i>Brachygalba lugubris</i>	3	Tumeremo and El Palmar
Green-tailed Jacamar	<i>Galbula galbula</i>	2	Rio Grande
Paradise Jacamar	<i>Galbula dea dea</i>	1	2 Always perched high in the trees
Russet-throated Puffbird	<i>Hypnelus ruficollis bicinctus</i>	2	Puerto Ordaz
Black Nunbird	<i>Monasa atra</i>	8	Rio Grande
Swallow-winged Puffbird	<i>C. tenebrosa tenebrosa</i>	11	4 common in open areas
<u>Black-spotted Barbet</u>	<i>Capito niger</i>	4	Rio Grande
<u>Chestnut-tipped Toucanet</u>	<i>A. derbianus whitelianus</i>	3	Sierra de Lema
Green Aracari	<i>Pteroglossus viridis viridis</i>	2	Alto Cuyuni road
Black-necked Aracari	<i>Pteroglossus aracari roraimae</i>	5	Rio Grande

<u>Guianan Toucanet</u>	<i>Selenidera culik</i>	1		Amazing views in Sierra de Lema
Channel-billed Toucan	<i>Ramphastos vitellinus vitellinus</i>	1	H	common in lowland humid forest
White-throated Toucan	<i>Ramphastos tucanus</i>	2	6	common in lowland humid forest
Golden-spangled Piculet	<i>Picumnus exilis clarus</i>	4	2	Common in lowlands
Yellow-tufted Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes cruentatus</i>	6	6	Common woodpecker in SE Venezuela
Red-crowned Woodpecker	<i>M. rubricapillus rubricapillus</i>		6	common and widespread
<u>Golden-collared Woodpecker</u>	<i>Veniliornis cassini cassini</i>	1		Rio Grande
Yellow-throated Woodpecker	<i>Piculus flavigula flavigula</i>	1		Male in Rio Grande
Golden-Olive Woodpecker	<i>Piculus rubiginosus guaianae</i>	4	1	Common in humid forest
Cream-colored Woodpecker	<i>Celeus flavus</i>		H	Rio Grande
Lineated Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus lineatus lineatus</i>	2	2	Alto Cuyuni and Rio Grande
Crimson-crested Woodpecker	<i>C. melanoleucos melanoleucos</i>		3	Rio Grande
Pale-breasted Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis albescens josephinae</i>	H	H	Gran Sabana and El Palmar
Plain-crowned Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis gujanensis</i>		2	Rio Grande
<b>Tepui Spinetail</b>	<i>Cranioleuca demissa</i>	2		Feeding flock in Sierra de Lema
Yellow-chinned Spinetail	<i>C. cinnamomea orenocensis</i>	4		El Palmar wetland
<b>Roraiman Barbtail</b>	<i>Premnoplex adusta adusta</i>	1		Amazing views!
Plain Xenops	<i>Xenops minutus</i>	1	2	Mostly with feeding flocks
<b>Tepui Foliage-Gleaner</b>	<i>Automolus roraimae roraimae</i>	2		Superb views!
Plain-brown Woodcreeper	<i>D. fuliginosa fuliginosa</i>		1	Largest race of this species
Wedge-billed Woodcreeper	<i>G. spirurus rufigularis</i>	3	10	Common everywhere
Black-banded Woodcreeper	<i>D. picumnus picumnus</i>		2	Rio Grande
Buff-throated Woodcreeper	<i>X. guttatus polysticus</i>	H	2	El Palmar area
Chestnut-rumped Woodcreeper	<i>X. pardalotus caurensis</i>	5	1	Mostly with feeding flocks
Streak-headed Woodcreeper	<i>Lepidocolaptes souleyetti</i>		1	Puerto Ordaz
Fasciated Antshrike	<i>Cymbilaimus lineatus lineatus</i>		H	Rio Grande
Black-throated Antshrike	<i>Fredericknea viridis</i>		H	Rio Grande
Great Antshrike	<i>Taraba major semifasciata</i>	H	H	Cuyuni river and Rio Grande
Black-crested Antshrike	<i>S. canadensis intermedius</i>	1		near Puerto Ordaz
Barred Antshrike	<i>T. doliatus fraterculus</i>		1	El Palmar
Mouse-colored Antshrike	<i>Thamnophilus murinus murinus</i>		H	Rio Grande
<b>Streak-backed Antshrike</b>	<i>Thamnophilus insignis</i>	2		Sierra de Lema
Plain Antvireo	<i>Dysithamnus mentalis</i>	2		Sierra de Lema



Dusky-throated Antshrike	<i>T.ardesiacus obidensis</i>	2	Rio Grande
Cinereous Antshrike	<i>Thamnomanes caesius glaucus</i>	1	Rio Grande
<u>Guianan Slaty-Antshrike</u>	<i>T. punctatus punctatus</i>	2	Rio Grande
<u>Rufous-bellied Antwren</u>	<i>Myrmotherula guttata</i>	1	Rio Grande
Brown-bellied Antwren	<i>Myrmotherula gutturalis</i>	1	1 Sierra de Lema and Rio Grande
White-flanked Antwren	<i>Myrmotherula axillaris</i>	1	Rio Grande
Gray Antwren	<i>Myrmotherula menetriesii</i>	4	Sierra de Lema
Spot-tailed Antwren	<i>Herpsilochmus sticturus</i>	2	Rio Grande
<b>Roraiman Antwren</b>	<i>Herpsilochmus roraimae</i>	4	Sierra de Lema
<u>Ash-winged Antwren</u>	<i>Terenura spodioptila spodioptila</i>	2	Sierra de Lema
Gray Antbird	<i>C. cinerascens immaculata</i>	H	Sierra de Lema
Dusky Antbird	<i>Cercomacra tyrannina tyrannina</i>	2	Rio Grande
Warbling Antbird	<i>Hypocnemis cantator</i>	2	Sierra de Lema
Spot-winged Antbird	<i>Pernocstola leucostigma</i>	H	Sierra de Lema. Future split from the lowland race
<u>Ferruginous-backed Antbird</u>	<i>M. ferruginea ferruginea</i>	2	Rio Grande, superb views!
<u>White-plumed Antbird</u>	<i>Pithys albifrons albifrons</i>	4	army ant swarm
<u>Rufous-throated Antbird</u>	<i>Gymnopithys rufigula pallida</i>	8	army ant swarm
<u>Wing-banded Antbird</u>	<i>Myrmornis torquata</i>	2	Superb views in Rio Grande for 6+ minutes!
Scaled-backed Antbird	<i>Hylophilax poecilonota</i>	1	Sierra de Lema
<u>Rufous-capped Antthrush</u>	<i>Formicarius colma colma</i>	1	Rio Grande
Short-tailed Antthrush	<i>Chamaeza campanisona</i>	H	Sierra de Lema-distant
Scaled Antpitta	<i>Grallaria guatemalensis</i>	H	Sierra de Lema
Thrush-like Antpitta	<i>M. campanisona campanisona</i>	H	Rio Grande
<b>Tepui Antpitta</b>	<i>Myrmothera simplex simplex</i>	H	Sierra de Lema. We tried several times to see without success
Cinereous Mourner	<i>Laniocera hypopyrra</i>	H	Rio Grande
<b>Red-banded Fruiteater</b>	<i>Pipreola whitelyi</i>	2	Amazing views of a pair
Screaming Piha	<i>Lipaugus vociferans</i>	2	Rio Grande
<b>Rose-collared Piha</b>	<i>Lipaugus streptophorus</i>	2	Excellent views, even in the scope!
<b>Red-banded Fruiteater</b>	<i>Pipreola whitelyi whitelyi</i>	1	Sierra de Lema, a male!
<u>Capuchinbird</u>	<i>Perissocephalus tricolor</i>	6	Scope views
<u>White Bellbird</u>	<i>Procnias alba</i>	2	Sierra de Lema
<u>Bearded Bellbird</u>	<i>Procnias averano carnobarba</i>	3	Sierra de Lema and Grand Sabana

<u>Guianan Cock-of-the-Rock</u>	<i>Rupicola rupicola</i>	3	Scope view of a male
<b>Olive Manakin</b>	<i>Chloropipo uniformis uniformis</i>	6	Sierra de Lema
White-crowned Manakin	<i>Pipra pipra</i>	3	Only D.Ascanio
<b>Scarlet-horned Manakin</b>	<i>Pipra cornuta</i>	2	Sierra de Lema. Male displaying
<u>Orange-bellied Manakin</u> (called Tepui Manakin on checklist)	<i>Pipra suavisissima</i>	2	Males and a female
Southern Beardless Tyrannulet	<i>C. obsoletum venezuelae</i>	4	common voice in lowlands
Mouse-colored Tyrannulet	<i>Phaeomyias murina incompta</i>	1	related with riverine forest
Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet	<i>Tyrannulus elatus elatus</i>	2	2 common voice in humid lowlands
Forest Elaenia	<i>Myiopagis gaimardii guianensis</i>	3	2 Sierra de Lema and Rio Grande
Yellow-bellied Elaenia	<i>Elaenia flavogaster flavogaster</i>	4	El Palmar area
Plain-crested Elaenia	<i>Elaenia cristata cristata</i>	2	Grand Sabana
<b>Great Elaenia</b>	<i>Elaenia dayi dayi</i>	1	Grand Sabana
<u>Sierran Elaenia</u>	<i>Elaenia pallatangae olivina</i>	10	Sierra de Lema
<b>MacConnell's Flycatcher</b>	<i>Mionectes macconelli</i>	4	Lek in Sierra de Lema. Cryptic species.
Sepia-capped Flycatcher	<i>Leptopogon amaurocephalus</i>	2	Sierra de Lema
<b>Black-fronted Tyrannulet</b>	<i>Phylloscartes nigrifrons</i>	3	a pair feeding a chick
<b>Chapman's Bristle-Tyrant</b>	<i>Phylloscartes chapmani</i>	1	Only D.Ascanio
Sooty-headed Tyrannulet	<i>P. griseiceps pallidiceps</i>	H	Rio Grande
Short-tailed Pygmy-Tyrant	<i>Myiornis eucaudatus</i>	H	Rio Grande
Helmeted Pygmy-Tyrant	<i>Lophotriccus galeatus</i>	H	Rio Grande
Pale-eyed Pygmy-Tyrant	<i>Lophotriccus pilaris</i>	1	near El Palmar
Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant	<i>Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer</i>	H	Gran Sabana
<b>Ruddy Tody-Flycatcher</b>	<i>Poecilotriccus russatum</i>	2	Sierra de Lema
Painted Tody-Flycatcher	<i>Todirostrum pictum</i>	H	common voice in Rio Grande
Common Tody-Flycatcher	<i>Todirostrum cinereum cinereum</i>	4	common in moist and dry forest
Yellow-olive Flycatcher ( Flatbill)	<i>Tolmomyias sulphurescens</i>	1	Puerto Ordaz
Yellow-margined Flycatcher (Zimmer's Flatbill)	<i>T. assimilis examinatus</i>	2	H Sierra de Lema and Ripo Grande
Gray-crowned Flycatcher ( Flatbill)	<i>T. poliocephalus klagesi</i>	3	Rio Grande
Ochre-lored Flycatcher ( Flatbill)	<i>T. flaviventris collingwoodi</i>	5	Puerto Ordaz
<u>White-crested Spadebill</u>	<i>Platyrinchus platyrhynchos</i>	2	Rio Grande
<u>Amazonian Royal Flycatcher</u>	<i>O. coronatus coronatus</i>	1	Rio Grande
Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher	<i>T. erythrus erythrus</i>	1	Rio Grande. Only D.Ascanio
<u>Whiskered Flycatcher</u>	<i>Myiobius barbatus barbatus</i>	1	Rio Grande

<u>Cinnamon Neopipo</u>	<i>Neopipo cinnamomea</i>	1	Only D.Ascanio. Rio Grande. Huge range extension
Cliff Flycatcher	<i>Hirundinea ferruginea ferruginea</i>	2	Sierra de Lema
Smoke-colored Pewee	<i>Contopus fumigatus virens</i>	5	Sierra de Lema
Pied Water-Tyrant	<i>Fluvicola pica pica</i>	2	El Palmar
White-headed Marsh-Tyrant	<i>Arundinicola leucocephala</i>	4	El Palmar wetlands
Long-tailed Tyrant	<i>Colonia colonus poecilonota</i>	5	always near wetlands in the forest
Cattle Tyrant	<i>Machetornis rixosus flavigularis</i>	2	Tumeremo and El Palmar
Cinnamon Attila	<i>Attila cinnamomea</i>	1	Rio Grande
Bright-rumped Attila	<i>Attila spadiceus</i>	H	Rio Grande
Grayish Mourner	<i>Rhytipterna simplex frederici</i>	1	common voice
Dusky-capped Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus tuberculifer</i>	4	Rio Grande. Needs confirmation. ID by voice.
Swainson's Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus swainsoni</i>	3	Sierra de Lema
Short-crested Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus ferox ferox</i>	3	Near El Dorado
Brown-crested Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus tyrannulus tyrannulus</i>	1	Puerto Ordaz
Great Kiskadee	<i>Pitangus sulphuratus trinitatis</i>	4	6 common and widespread
Boat-billed Flycatcher	<i>Megarhynchus pitangua pitangua</i>	H	Puerto Ordaz
Rusty-margined Flycatcher	<i>M. cayanensis cayanensis</i>	4	3 related with humid forest
Social Flycatcher	<i>Myiozetetes similis columbianus</i>	4	4 related with moist and dry forest
Yellow-throated Flycatcher	<i>Conopias parva parva</i>	4	TSierra de Lema
Streaked Flycatcher	<i>M. maculatus solitarius</i>	5	Common in lowlands
Piratic Flycatcher	<i>Legatus leucophaeus</i>	H	Rio Grande
Variegated Flycatcher	<i>Empidonomus varius</i>	2	possible migratory ssp.
Tropical Kingbird	<i>T. melancholicus melancholicus</i>	*	* common and widespread
Fork-tailed Flycatcher	<i>Tyrannus savana</i>	10	Tumeremo and Catia La Mar
Thrush-like Schiffornis	<i>Schiffornis turdinus olivaceus</i>	1	Rio Grande
White-winged Becard	<i>P. polychopterus tristis</i>	4	near Puerto Ordaz
Black-capped Becard	<i>Pachyramphus marginatus nanus</i>	2	Sierra de Lema
Cinereous Becard	<i>Pachyramphus rufus</i>	2	near Puerto Ordaz
Black-tailed Tityra	<i>Tityra cayana</i>	1	Rio Grande
<u>Sharpbill</u>	<i>Oxyruncus cristatus phelpsi</i>	2	great scope views
Brown-chested Martin	<i>Progne tapera</i>	2	Near Tumeremo
Gray-breasted Martin	<i>Progne chalybea</i>	*	Common in El Palmar, Rio Grande, etc.

White-winged Swallow	<i>Tachycineta albiventer</i>	12	Puerto Ordaz and El Palmar
Blue-and-white Swallow	<i>N. cyanoleuca cyanoleuca</i>	6	Sierra de Lema
<u>White-banded Swallow</u>	<i>Atticora fasciata</i>	4	Rio Cuyuni
<u>Black-collared Swallow</u>	<i>Atticora melanoleuca</i>	2	Rio Vuyuni
<u>Tawny-headed Swallow</u>	<i>Alopochelidon fucata</i>	6	Grand Sabana
Coraya Wren	<i>Thryothorus coraya ridgway</i>	3	Sierra de Lema. Pair with chick.
Buff-breasted Wren	<i>Thryothorus leucotis albipectus</i>	H	Tumeremo lowlands
House Wren	<i>Troglodytes aedon albicans</i>	3	populated areas
White-breasted Wood-Wren	<i>Henicorhina leucosticta leucosticta</i>	H	Rio Grande
<b>Flutist Wren</b>	<i>M. ustulatus obscurus</i>	1	Sierra de Lema. Superb views!
<u>Musician Wren</u>	<i>Cyphorhinus arada urbanoi</i>	2	Excelent views of one individual
Tropical Mockingbird	<i>Mimus gilvus melanopterus</i>	4	2 Gran Sabana and El Palmar
<u>Rufous-brown Solitaire</u>	<i>Cichlopsis leucogenys</i>	2	Sierra de Lema
Pale-breasted Thrush	<i>Turdus leucomelas albiventer</i>	2	Puerto Ordaz
Black-billed Thrush	<i>Turdus ignobilis murinus</i>	10	Sierra de Lema
Bare-eyed Thrush	<i>Turdus nudigenis nudigenis</i>	1	El Palmar area
White-necked Thrush	<i>Turdus albicollis phaeopygus</i>	H	Cuyuni lowlands
Tropical Gnatcatcher	<i>Polioptila plumbea innotata</i>	2	Pair nesting. Puerto Ordaz
Violaceous Jay	<i>Cyanocorax violaceus violaceus</i>	3	El Palmar
<u>Cayenne Jay</u>	<i>Cyanocorax cayanus</i>	6	Rio Grande
Red-eyed (Chivi) Vireo	<i>Vireo olivaceus vividior</i>	2	Puerto Ordaz
<b>Tepui Greenlet</b>	<i>Hylophilus sclateri</i>	2	Sierra de Lema
Buff-cheeked Greenlet	<i>Hylophilus muscicapinus muscicapinus</i>	2	Sierra de Lema
Tawny-crowned Greenlet	<i>Hylophilus ochraceiceps</i>	1	Sierra de Lema
<u>Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo</u>	<i>Vireolanius leucotis</i>	1	Sierra de Lema
Rufous-browed Peppershrike	<i>Cyclarhis gujanensis parvus</i>	1	H Sierra de Lema and Rio Grande
Hooded Siskin	<i>Carduelis magellanica</i>	H	Unconfirmed sound record
Tropical Parula	<i>Parula pitaiyumi elegans</i>	7	common and widespread
<b>Tepui Whitestart</b>	<i>Myioborus castaneocapillus</i>	4	Sierra de Lema
<b>Roraima Warbler</b> (also called Two-banded Warbler)	<i>Basileuterus roraimae (bivittatus)</i>	10	2 groups in Sierra de Lema
<u>Rose-breasted Chat</u>	<i>Granatellus pelzelni pelzelni</i>	2	Rio Grande
Bananaquit	<i>Coereba flaveola roraimae</i>	*	* common and widespread
Black-faced Tanager	<i>S. melanopis aterrima</i>	3	Gran Sabana

Magpie Tanager	<i>Cissopis leveriana leveriana</i>	2	near Rio Grande
Yellow-backed Tanager	<i>Hemithraupis flavicollis</i>	1	Rio Grande
<b>Olive-backed Tanager</b>	<i>Mitrospingus oleagineus</i>	24	Sierra de Lema
<u>Fulvous Shrike-Tanager</u>	<i>Lanio fulvus fulvus</i>	2	Sierra de Lema
Flame-crested Tanager	<i>Tachyphonus cristatus intercedens</i>	1	Rio Grande
Fulvous-crested Tanager	<i>T. surinamus surinamus</i>	1	Sierra de lema
Red-shouldered Tanager	<i>Tachyphonus phoenicius</i>	2	Sierra de Lema
White-lined Tanager	<i>Tachyphonus rufus</i>	1	2 common in moist and dry forest
Red-shouldered Tanager	<i>Tachyphonus phoenicius</i>	2	Sierra de Lema
Silver-beaked Tanager	<i>Ramphocelus carbo carbo</i>	20	14 common in secondary growth
Blue-gray Tanager	<i>Thraupis episcopus nesophila</i>	* *	common and widespread
Palm Tanager	<i>Thraupis palmarum melanoptera</i>	*	13 common and widespread
Trinidad Euphonia	<i>Euphonia trinitatis</i>	1	El Dorado
Violaceous Euphonia	<i>Euphonia violacea violacea</i>	2	2 common and widespread
<u>White-lored Euphonia</u>	<i>Euphonia chrysopasta</i>	1	Rio Grande
Orange-bellied Euphonia	<i>E. xanthogaster brevirostris</i>	3	Sierra de Lema
Turquoise Tanager	<i>Tangara mexicana media</i>	2	2 Cuyuni and Rio Grande
Paradise Tanager	<i>Tangara chilensis</i>	3	Alto Cuyuni
Yellow-bellied Tanager	<i>Tangara xanthogastra phelpsi</i>	2	Sierra de Lema
Spotted Tanager	<i>Tangara punctata punctata</i>	1	Rio Grande
Speckled Tanager	<i>Tangara guttata guttata</i>	8	Sierra de Lema
Bay-headed Tanager	<i>Tangara gyrola gyrola</i>	8	Sierra de Lema
Burnished-buff Tanager	<i>Tangara cayana cayana</i>	4	Gran Sabana
Black-headed Tanager	<i>Tangara cyanoptera whitelyi</i>	8	Sierra de Lema
<u>Opal-rumped Tanager</u>	<i>Tangara velia iridina</i>	3	Sierra de Lema. Only D.Ascanio
Blue Dacnis	<i>Dacnis cayana cayana</i>	2	Rio Grande
Green Honeycreeper	<i>Chlorophanes spiza spiza</i>	2	Alto Cuyuni
Purple Honeycreeper	<i>Cyanerpes caeruleus caeruleus</i>	10	23+ common and widespread
Red-legged Honeycreeper	<i>Cyanerpes cyaneus cyaneus</i>	8+	7 common and widespread
Blue-black Grassquit	<i>Volatinia jacarina splendens</i>	6	9 common in grasslands and pastures
Lesson's Seedeater	<i>Sporophila bouvronides</i>	7	Puerto Ordaz and El Palmar
Lined Seedeater	<i>Sporophila lineola</i>	4	Small roost in Rio Grande
Yellow-bellied Seedeater	<i>Sporophila nigricollis</i>	1	Alto Cuyuni. Only D.Ascanio

Ruddy-breasted Seedeater	<i>Sporophila minuta minuta</i>	4	2	common in grasslands
Lesser Seed-Finch	<i>Oryzoborus angolensis torridus</i>	2	3	related with swamp areas
<b>Greater Flower-Piercer</b>	<i>Diglossa major major</i>	2		Sierra de Lema
Saffron Finch	<i>Sicalis flaveola flaveola</i>	4	4	El Palmar
<u>Wedge-tailed Grass-Finch</u>	<i>E. herbicola sphenurus</i>	4		Gran Sabana
Red-capped Cardinal	<i>Paroaria gularis</i>	7		Puerto Ordaz
<b>Tepui Brush-Finch</b>	<i>Atlapetes personatus personatus</i>	14		Sierra de Lema
Pectoral Sparrow	<i>Arremon taciturnus taciturnus</i>		4	Rio Grande
Rufous-collared Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia capensis roraimae</i>	6		Grand Sabana
Southern Grayish-Saltator	<i>Saltator coerulescens</i>		2	Catia La Mar
Buff-throated Saltator	<i>Saltator maximus maximus</i>	2		Sierra de Lema
Slate-colored Grosbeak	<i>Saltator grossus</i>		2	Rio Grande
<b>Orinocan Saltator</b>	<i>S. orenocensis orenocensis</i>	2	H	Puerto Ordaz
Yellow-green Grosbeak	<i>C. canadensis canadensis</i>	10+	H	common in low humid forest
Blue-black Grosbeak	<i>Cyanocopsa cyanooides</i>		1	Rio Grande
Yellow-hooded Blackbird	<i>A. icterocephalus icterocephalus</i>	12		El Palmar
Red-breasted Blackbird	<i>Sturnella militaris</i>	4		El Palmar
Eastern Meadowlark	<i>Sturnella magna monticola</i>	3		El Palmar
Carib Grackle	<i>Quiscalus lugubris lugubris</i>		*	Catia La Mar and El Palmar
Shiny Cowbird	<i>Molothrus bonariensis venezuelensis</i>	4		Puerto Ordaz and El Palmar
Yellow Oriole	<i>Icterus nigrogularis nigrogularis</i>	3		Puerto Ordaz and El Palmar
Venezuelan Troupial	<i>Icterus icterus</i>	2		National bird of Venezuela
Red-rumped Cacique	<i>Cacicus haemorrhous haemorrhous</i>	14		Alto Cuyuni
Crested Oropendola	<i>P. decumanus decumanus</i>	2	9	common and widespread
Green Oropendola	<i>Psarocolius viridis</i>		9	Rio Grande
<b>Golden-tufted M.-Grackle</b>	<i>Macroagelaius imthurni</i>	40		Sierra de Lema

**Total species recorded:**

**356**

**A special remark.** While on Sierra de Lema we had the opportunity to enjoy a huge feeding flock. This was in the morning we saw the Guianan Cock-of-the-Rocks. The list of species observed is: Black-throated Trogon, Golden-spangled Piculet, Golden-olive Woodpecker, Plain Xenops, Wedge-billed Woodcreeper, Chestnut-rumped Woodcreeper, Brown-bellied Antwren, Gray Antwren, Roraiman Antwren, Ash-winged Antwren, Wing-barred Piprites, Forest Elaenia, Yellow-margined Flycatcher, Grayish Mourner, Yellow-throated Flycatcher, Black-capped Becard, Sharpbill, Tepui Greenlet, Buff-cheeked Greenlet, Tawny-crowned Greenlet, Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo, Tropical Parula, Bananaquit, Orange-bellied Euphonia, Bay-headed Tanager and a pair of Yellow-green Grosbeaks that joined the flock for a while. This makes a total of 26 species identified!

## MAMMALS, REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS LIST

**Red-howler Monkey** (*Alouatta sp.*) Alto Cuyuni and Rio Grande. **Weeping Capuchin** (*Cebus sp.*) 7 ind. near Puerto Ordaz. **Red-rumped Agouti** (*Dasyprocta agouti*) 1 ind, Rio Grande. **Tayra** (*Eira barbara*) 2 ind. Gran Sabana. **Tree Boa** (*Corallus sp.*) 1 ind. Sierra de Lema. **Racer** (*Masticophis sp.*) 1 ind. Sierra de Lema. **Indigo Snake** (*Clelia sp.*) 1 in Sierra de Lema. **Spectacled Cayman** (*Cayman crocodilus*) El Plamar wetland. **Side-necked Turtle** (*Podocnemis vogli*). El Plamar wetland. **Marine Toad** (*Bufo marinus*) Barquilla de Fresa.



Looking at the Harpy Eagle. D.Ascanio