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Black-faced Hawk
Leucopternis melanops
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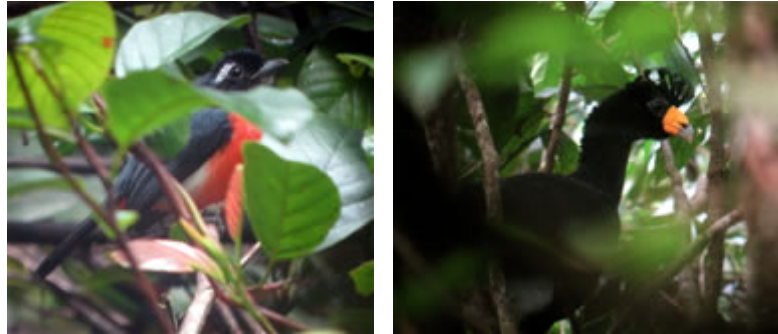
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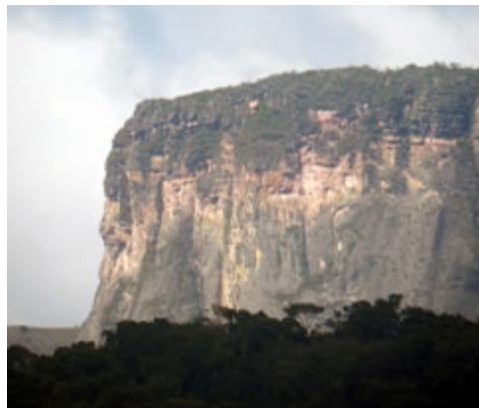


Our 2008 Eastern Venezuela tour started a day earlier with a visit to El Avila National Park. There, we had a good introduction of the avifauna of the tropics and enjoyed views of several tyrant-flycatchers, tanagers and few hummingbirds. The day after we took a flight over the vast llanos (plains) and landed in Puerto Ordaz, a city located at the south side of the Orinoco. Here, we started a drive that took us across tropical and premontane grasslands, wetlands and an impressive sort of forest types: dry, moist, humid and wet, gallery in addition to one of the most beautiful cloud forest of Venezuela.

In each habitat type we had chances of seeing similar species occupying different niches, one of the clues of understanding bird richness in the tropics of America. If you see old vines look for Rose-breasted Chat, but if you happen to be in primary forest then troll for Rufous-breasted Antwren. This is the kind of strategy we come along when dealing with countries harboring an impressive avifauna!

In addition with the number of habitats visited in the trip, we also had the opportunity to enjoy views of what is virtually a set of forested islands – the tepuis. Probably isolated since the last ice age, some of the ecological forces driving evolution in islands apply there, thus the number of endemic species becomes incredibly high. But such species would be a dream for most birdwatchers if it wasn't by the fact that many of these endemic species reaches the talus slope of an extensive and beautiful cloud forest, known as Sierra de Lema, crossed by an excellent road, and explored at depth in our tour. In addition, we also visited Pacaraima at the Venezuela-Brazil border and the Rio Grande forestry reserve, home for the Harpy Eagle.

One morning in the Sierra de Pacaraima was so good that we spent 4 hours birding without moving more than 30 feet. What a place! Tanagers, flycatchers, trogons, manakins, honeycreepers, cotingas and parakeets were part of what seemed like a continuous flow of birds. In Sierra de Lema the drama was slower, but being



home for the tepui endemics, we sacrificed richness for quality, having seen Rose-collared Piha, Roraiman Barbtail and Red-banded Fruiteater among the 22 pantepui endemic species seen in this tour.

The VENT Eastern Venezuela tour is the only one of its type offering birdwatching opportunities from the Orinoco river all the way south to Santa Elena de Uairen, at the Venezuelan-Brazil border. I hope you enjoyed this trip the way I have been doing for 25 years, since my first explorations to this challenging and still yet to-be-rediscovered region of my country.

I hope to see you again!



The Birdlist

Tinamous	Tinamidae	
Little Tinamou	<i>Crypturellus soui</i>	heard in southern Gran Sabana and Río Grande
Variegated Tinamou	<i>Crypturellus variegatus</i>	heard in southern Gran Sabana and Río Grande
Grebes	Podicipedidae	
Least Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus dominicus</i>	5 in wetlands of El Palmar
Egrets, Herons	Ardeidae	
Neotropic Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax brasilianus</i>	1 El Palmar wetland
Anhinga	<i>Anhinga anhinga</i>	1 El Palmar wetland
Whistling Heron	<i>Syrigma sibilatrix</i>	Pair near Tumeremo
Capped Heron	<i>Pilherodius pileatus</i>	1 Río Grande
Cocoi Heron	<i>Ardea cocoi</i>	pair of sights in southern Gran Sabana and El Palmar
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	pair of sights in southern Gran Sabana and El Palmar
Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	20¿ ind in El Palmar
Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striatus</i>	1 El Palmar wetland
Rufescent Tiger-Heron	<i>Tigrisoma lineatum</i>	1 imm in southern Gran Sabana
Pinnated Bittern	<i>Botaurus pinnatus</i>	1 near Tumeremo
Storks	Ciconiidae	
Maguari Stork	<i>Ciconia maguari</i>	1 flying over southern Gran Sabana represents a small range extension
Ibises	Threskiornithidae	
Green Ibis	<i>Mesembrinibis cayennensis</i>	pair in El Palmar wetland
Ducks	Anatidae	
Muscovy Duck	<i>Cairina moschata</i>	various ind flying over southern Gran Sabana
New World Vultures	Cathartidae	
Black Vulture	<i>Coragyps atratus</i>	many sights
Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	many sights
Greater Yellow-headed Vulture	<i>Cathartes melambrotus</i>	1 in Alto Cuyuni road
King Vulture	<i>Sarcoramphus papa</i>	1 in Alto Cuyuni road
Osprey	Pandionidae	
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	1 near El Palmar
Hawks, Eagles & Kites	Accipitridae	
Hook-billed Kite	<i>Chondrohierax uncinatus</i>	1 soaring near the border with Brazil
Swallow-tailed Kite	<i>Elanoides forficatus</i>	pairs and groups up to 8 soaring in various locations
Pearl Kite	<i>Gampsonyx swainsonii</i>	1 in southern Gran Sabana represents al altitudinal extension
White-tailed Kite	<i>Elanus leucurus</i>	1 in southern Gran Sabana
Double-toothed Kite	<i>Harpagus bidentatus</i>	1 near the border of Brazil
Plumbeous Kite	<i>Ictinia plumbea</i>	few records in comparison with previous years. sight mainly in Río Grande
Crane Hawk	<i>Geranospiza caerulescens</i>	1 in Río Grande

Black-faced Hawk	<i>Leucopternis melanops</i>	great views of a pair in the Alto cuyuni road
White Hawk	<i>Leucopternis albicollis</i>	sight in Lema and in Rio Grande
Savanna Hawk	<i>Buteogallus meridionalis</i>	pairs along the main road near Tumeremo
Gray Hawk	<i>Asturina (Buteo) nitida</i>	1 in southern Gran Sabana and another one in Rio Grande
Roadside Hawk	<i>Buteo magnirostris</i>	few pairs, mostly near El Palmar
Broad-winged Hawk	<i>Buteo platypterus</i>	1 in southern Gran Sabana
White-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo albicaudatus</i>	1 pale morph ind in southern Gran Sabana
Zone-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo albonotatus</i>	1 near El Palmar
<u>Harpy Eagle</u>	<i>Harpia harpyja</i>	1.8 months old chick in Codaima, near El Palmar
Ornate Hawk-Eagle	<i>Spizaetus ornatus</i>	1 in southern Gran Sabana
Caracaras & Falcons	Falconidae	
Red-throated Caracara	<i>Ibycter americanus</i>	heard in various locations
Crested Caracara	<i>Caracara cheriway</i>	pairs along the main road
Yellow-headed Caracara	<i>Milvago chimachima</i>	sight along the main road and in southern Gran Sabana
<u>Slaty-backed Forest-Falcon</u>	<i>Micrastur mirandollei</i>	
American Kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius</i>	
Aplomado Falcon	<i>Falco femoralis</i>	pair in southern Gran Sabana
Merlin	<i>Falco columbarius</i>	1 in El Palmar road
Bat Falcon	<i>Falco rufifularis</i>	pair in Lema
Guans, Chachalacas	Cracidae	
Little Chachalaca	<i>Ortalis motmot</i>	a small group seen near El Palmar
Spix's Guan	<i>Penelope jacquacu</i>	1 flying across the road in Lema
<u>Black Curassow</u>	<i>Crax alector</i>	pair at 700m in Lema, scoped!
New World Quail	Odontophoridae	
Crested Bobwhite	<i>Colinus cristatus</i>	couple of small groups in El Palmar
Crakes Gallinules	Rallidae	
Russet-crowned Crake	<i>Anurolimnas viridis</i>	heard in southern Gran Sabana
Ash-throated Crake	<i>Porzana albicollis</i>	heard in southern Gran Sabana
Purple Gallinule	<i>Porphyrio martinica</i>	6+ near El Palmar
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	20+ in El Palmar wetlands
Jacanas	Jacanidae	
Wattled Jacana	<i>Jacana jacana</i>	various ind in El Palmar wetlands
Thick-knees	Burhinidae	
Double-striped Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus bistriatus</i>	H in southern Gran Sabana
Plovers & Lapwings	Charadriidae	
Southern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus chilensis</i>	few pairs in southern Gran Sabana and in El Palmar
Sandpipers & Allies	Scolopacidae	
South American Snipe	<i>Gallinago paraguaiiae</i>	1 in El Palmar
Giant Snipe	<i>Gallinago undulata</i>	H in southern Gran Sabana
Solitary Sandpiper	<i>Tringa solitaria</i>	1 in El Palmar wetland

Pigeons & Doves	Columbidae	
Rock Pigeon (I)	<i>Columba livia</i>	few records in human populated areas
Band-tailed Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas fasciata</i>	3 ind in Lema
Pale-vented Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas cayennensis</i>	few sights in dry scrub near Tumeremo and north of it
Ruddy Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas subvinacea</i>	1 in Rio Grande
Eared Dove	<i>Zenaida auriculata</i>	1 (only one in the checklist!) in El Palmar.
Common Ground-Dove	<i>Columbina passerina</i>	few flushed in El Palmar
Ruddy Ground-Dove	<i>Columbina talpacoti</i>	various flushed in El Palmar
Gray-fronted Dove	<i>Leptotila rufaxilla</i>	1 in Rio Grande trails
Parrots, Macaws & Allies	Psittacidae	
Red-and-green Macaw	<i>Ara chloroptera</i>	pairs in Lema, Rio Grande and southern Gran Sabana
Red-bellied Macaw	<i>Orthopsittaca manilata</i>	40+ in southern Gran Sabana
Red-shouldered Macaw	<i>Diopsittaca nobilis</i>	60+ in southern Gran Sabana, smaller than previous
White-eyed Parakeet	<i>Aratinga leucophthalmus</i>	50+ in El Palmar savannas
Brown-throated Parakeet	<i>Aratinga pertinax</i>	pair in southern Gran Sabana
Painted Parakeet	<i>Pyrrhura picta</i>	a flock flying by in Rio Grande
<u>Fiery-shouldered Parakeet (E)</u>	<i>Pyrrhura egregia</i>	flocks of 6 to 7 ind flying over the road in Lema
Green-rumped Parrotlet	<i>Forpus passerinus</i>	small groups in El Palmar
Golden-winged Parakeet	<i>Brotogeris chrysopterus</i>	H in Rio Grande
Sapphire-rumped Parrotlet	<i>Touit purpurata</i>	pair near El Pauji, in southern Gran Sabana
Black-headed Parrot	<i>Pionites melanocephala</i>	5 in Altyo Cuyuni road
<u>Caica Parrot</u>	<i>Pionopsitta caica</i>	3 flying in Rio Grande
Blue-headed Parrot	<i>Pionus menstruus</i>	flocks from 3 to 12 in various locations
Dusky Parrot	<i>Pionus fuscus</i>	various sights including four flying in Rio Grande
<u>Blue-cheeked Parrot</u>	<i>Amazona dufresniana</i>	2 in Alto Cuyuni road
Yellow-crowned Parrot	<i>Amazona ochrocephala</i>	H near El Palmar
Orange-winged Parrot	<i>Amazona amazonica</i>	many flocks in various locations
Mealy Parrot	<i>Amazona farinosa</i>	4 in Rio Grande
Cuckoos	Cuculidae	
Squirrel Cuckoo	<i>Playa cayana</i>	varios ind in Lema and Rio Grande
Little Cuckoo	<i>Playa minuta</i>	1 in southern Gran Sabana
Smooth-billed Ani	<i>Crotophaga ani</i>	various in southern Gran Sabana and main road N of Tumeremo
Typical Owls	Strigidae	
Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl	<i>Glaucidium brasilianum</i>	heard in Las Claritas
Nightjars & Allies	Caprimulgidae	
Least Nighthawk	<i>Chordeiles pusillus</i>	5 ind at dawn in southern Gran Sabana
Swifts	Apodidae	
<u>Tepui Swift (E)</u>	<i>Cypseloides phelpsi</i>	1 ind (only one!) in southern Gran Sabana
Band-rumped Swift	<i>Chaetura spinicaudus</i>	common in the lowland forests

Gray-rumped Swift	<i>Chaetura cinereiventris</i>	5 ind in Lema
Ashy-tailed Swift	<i>Chaetura andrei</i>	2 ind in Rio Grande. Always difficult to identify, this sp. Took some time of observations
Fork-tailed Palm-Swift	<i>Tachornis squamata</i>	20+ in southern Gran Sabana
Hummingbirds	Trochilidae	
Eastern Long-tailed Hermit	<i>Phaethornis superciliosus</i>	pair in Lema at 900m
Straight-billed Hermit	<i>Phaethornis bourcierii</i>	more common than previous in Lema, we reported 7 ind
Sooty-capped Hermit	<i>Phaethornis augusti</i>	1 ind in southern Gran Sabana
Little Hermit	<i>Phaethornis longuemareus</i>	1 at Uairen river, in southern Gran Sabana. This species?
Gray-breasted Sabrewing	<i>Campylopterus largipennis</i>	1 in Alto Cuyuni road
Rufous-breasted Sabrewing	<i>Campylopterus hyperythrus</i>	4 ind in different locations in Lema
White-necked Jacobin	<i>Florisuga mellivora</i>	2 ind in Alto Cuyuni road
Brown Violet-ear	<i>Colibri delphinae</i>	various ind in Lema
Crimson Topaz	<i>Topaza pella</i>	1 male at Rio Grande
Tufted Coquette	<i>Lophornis ornatus</i>	1 juvenile in Rio Grande
Racket-tailed Coquette	<i>Discosura longicauda</i>	1 male in Rio Grande
Blue-chinned Sapphire	<i>Chlorostilbon notatus</i>	1 in Rio Grande
Blue-tailed Emerald	<i>Chlorostilbon mellisugus</i>	1 male in southern Gran Sabana
Fork-tailed Woodnymph	<i>Thalurania furcata</i>	various sights in Lema and Rio Grande
Rufous-throated Sapphire	<i>Hylocharis sapphirina</i>	1 juvenile in Rio Grande
White-chinned Sapphire	<i>Hylocharis cyanus</i>	1 male in Rio Grande
Tepui Goldenthrout (E)	<i>Polytmus milleri</i>	great views of an ind in southern Gran Sabana. Scarce this time of the year!
White-chested Emerald	<i>Agyrtria brevirostris</i>	1 in Rio Grande
Velvet-browed Brilliant (E)	<i>Heliodoxa xanthogonys</i>	various ind in female plumage. Juveniles?
Long-billed Starthroat	<i>Heliopteryx longirostris</i>	1 in southern Gran Sabana and another in Rio Grande
Trogons	Trogonidae	
White-tailed Trogon	<i>Trogon viridis</i>	pair near Pacaraima
Violaceous Trogon	<i>Trogon violaceus</i>	pair along the road to El Pauji
Masked Trogon	<i>Trogon personatus</i>	1 in Lema
Kingfishers	Alcedinidae	
Ringed Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle torquata</i>	pair in El Palmar wetland
Amazon Kingfisher	<i>Chloroceryle amazona</i>	pair in El Palmar wetland
Motmots	Momotidae	
Blue-crowned Motmot	<i>Momotus momota</i>	heard in Uairen river, southern Gran Sabana
Jacamars	Galbulidae	
Brown Jacamar	<i>Brachygalba lugubris</i>	4 in southern Gran Sabana
Yellow-billed Jacamar	<i>Galbula albirostris</i>	pair in Alto Cuyuni road
Paradise Jacamar	<i>Galbula dea</i>	1 in Alto Cuyuni road
Puffbirds	Bucconidae	
Black Nunbird	<i>Monasa atra</i>	3 in Alto Cuyuni road
Swallow-wing	<i>Chelidoptera tenebrosa</i>	

Barbets	Capitonidae	
Gilded Barbet	<i>Capito auratus</i>	pair in southern Gran Sabana
Toucans	Ramphastidae	
<u>Chestnut-tipped Toucanet</u>	<i>Aulacorhynchus derbianus</i>	1 at 900m in Lema
Green Aracari	<i>Pteroglossus viridis</i>	single ind in Rio Grande
Black-necked Aracari	<i>Pteroglossus aracari</i>	4 ind in Rio Grande
<u>Ivory-billed Aracari</u>		3 ind in southern Gran Sabana
Channel-billed Toucan	<i>Ramphastos vitellinus</i>	pair in Las Claritas
Red-billed Toucan (White-throated Toucan)	<i>Ramphastos tucanus</i>	many sights
Woodpeckers & Allies	Picidae	
Golden-spangled Piculet	<i>Picumnus exilis</i>	2 ind in southern Gran Sabana
Yellow-tufted Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes cruentatus</i>	4 in southern Gran Sabana and 3 in Alto Cuyuni road
Red-crowned Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes rubricapillus</i>	1 in El Palmar
<u>Golden-collared Woodpecker</u>	<i>Veniliornis cassini</i>	1 at 900m in Lema
Yellow-throated Woodpecker	<i>Piculus flavigula</i>	heard in Rio Grande
Golden-olive Woodpecker	<i>Piculus rubiginosus</i>	various sights in Lema
<u>Waved Woodpecker</u>	<i>Celeus undatus</i>	H in southern Gran Sabana
Lineated Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus lineatus</i>	pair in southern Gran Sabana and additional sights in Alto Cuyuni and Rio Grande
Red-necked Woodpecker	<i>Campephilus rubricollis</i>	heard in Rio Grande
Crimson-crested Woodpecker	<i>Campephilus melanoleucos</i>	pair in Rio Grande
Ovenbirds	Furnariidae	
Pale-breasted Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis albescens</i>	1 in southern Gran Sabana
<u>MacConnell's Spinetail</u>	<i>Synallaxis macconnelli</i>	pair in Lema
<u>Tepui Spinetail (E)</u>	<i>Cranioleuca demissa</i>	pair in Lema, a canopy dweller
Yellow-chinned Spinetail	<i>Certhiaxis cinnamomea</i>	4 in wetlands of El Palmar
<u>Roraiman Barbtail (E)</u>	<i>Roraimia adusta</i>	great views in Lema (4 ind)
Chestnut-crowned Foliage-gleaner	<i>Automolus rufipileatus</i>	1 in southern Gran Sabana, near the Uairen river
<u>White-throated Foliage-gleaner (Tepui Foliage-gleaner) (E)</u>	<i>Automolus roraimae</i>	superb views of a pair in Lema
Buff-throated Foliage-gleaner	<i>Automolus ochrolaemus</i>	2 in Rio Grande
Woodcreepers	Dendrocolaptidae	
Plain-brown Woodcreeper	<i>Dendrocincla fuliginosa</i>	1 with army ants in Rio Grande
Olivaceous Woodcreeper	<i>Sittasomus griseicapillus</i>	heard in Lema and southern Gran Sabana
Wedge-billed Woodcreeper	<i>Glyphorhynchus spirurus</i>	pair in Rio Grande
Cinnamon-throated Woodcreeper	<i>Dendrexetastes rufigula</i>	1 in Alto Cuyuni road, extends the distribution to the upper Cuyuni river
Amazonian Barred-Woodcreeper	<i>Dendrocolaptes certhia</i>	1 with army ants in Rio Grande
Black-banded Woodcreeper	<i>Dendrocolaptes picumnus</i>	pair with army ants in Rio Grande
White-chinned Wood	<i>Dendrocynchla merula</i>	1 with army ants in Rio Grande
Buff-throated Woodcreeper	<i>Xiphorhynchus guttatus</i>	1 in Lema
Chestnut-rumped Woodcreeper	<i>Xiphorhynchus pardalotus</i>	1 in southern Gran Sabana and an additional one with army ants in Rio

Grande

Streak-headed Woodcreeper	<i>Lepidocolaptes souleyetii</i>	heard in Uairen river
Lineated Woodcreeper	<i>Lepidocolaptes albolineatus</i>	1 in southern Gran Sabana
Red-billed Scythebill	<i>Campylorhamphus trochillostris</i>	1 in southern Gran Sabana
Typical Antbirds	Thamnophilidae	
Fasciated Antshrike	<i>Cymbilaimus lineatus</i>	heard in southern Gran Sabana
Great Antshrike	<i>Taraba major</i>	heard in southern Gran Sabana
Black-crested Antshrike	<i>Sakesphorus canadensis</i>	pair in southern Gran Sabana
Mouse-colored Antshrike	<i>Thamnophilus murinus</i>	heard in Alto Cuyuni road
Northern (Guianan) Slaty-Antshrike	<i>Thamnophilus punctatus</i>	pair in souther Gran Sabana
<u>Streak-backed Antshrike (E)</u>	<i>Thamnophilus insignis</i>	pair in Lema
Plain Antwreio	<i>Dysithamnus mentalis</i>	1 ind (male) in Lema
Dusky-throated Antshrike	<i>Thamnomanes ardesiacus</i>	1 ind with feeding flock in Rio Grande
Cinereous Antshrike	<i>Thamnomanes caesius</i>	1 ind with feeding flock in Rio Grande
Guianan (Streaked) Antwren	<i>Myrmotherula surinamensis</i>	pair in Rio Grande
Rufous-bellied Antwren	<i>Myrmotherula guttata</i>	1 in Rio Grande trails
Brown-bellied Antwren	<i>Myrmotherula gutturalis</i>	1 ind with feeding flock in Rio Grande
Gray Antwren	<i>Myrmotherula menetriesii</i>	1 ind with feeding flock in Rio Grande
Spot-tailed Antwren	<i>Herpsilochmus sticturus</i>	heard in Alto Cuyuni road
<u>Todd's Antwren</u>	<i>Herpsilochmus stictocephalus</i>	heard in Alto Cuyuni road
<u>Roraiman Antwren (E)</u>	<i>Herpsilochmus roraimae</i>	pair at 900m in Lema. A recent split from Spot-winged Antbird
Gray Antbird	<i>Cercomacra cinerascens</i>	heard in Rio Grande
Dusky Antbird	<i>Cercomacra tyrannina</i>	pair in southern Gran Sabana
<u>Roraiman Antbird (E)</u>	<i>Schistocichla saturata</i>	pair in Lema
White-bellied Antbird	<i>Myrmeciza longipes</i>	heard in Rio Grande (sandy soil area)
<u>Ferruginous-backed Antbird</u>	<i>Myrmeciza ferruginea</i>	great views in Rio Grande
Black-throated Antbird	<i>Myrmeciza atrothorax</i>	heard in southern Gran Sabana
<u>White-plumed Antbird</u>	<i>Pithys albifrons</i>	greta views of 3 ind with army ants in Rio Grande
<u>Rufous-throated Antbird</u>	<i>Gymnopithys rufigula</i>	greta views of 6 ind with army ants in Rio Grande
Spot-backed Antbird	<i>Hylophylax naevia</i>	2 ind in southern Gran Sabana
Scale-backed Antbird	<i>Hylophylax poecillinota</i>	1 male in Alto Cuyuni road
Ground Antbirds	Formicariidae	
<u>Tepui Antpitta (E)</u>	<i>Myrmothera simplex</i>	incredible views of 1 ind in Lema
Cotingas	Cotingidae	
<u>Guianan Red-Cotinga</u>	<i>Phoenicircus carnifex</i>	1 male perched for seconds was enjoyed by ben in the Alto Cuyuni road
<u>Red-banded Fruiteater (E)</u>	<i>Pipreola whitelyi</i>	great views of a male in Lema
Screaming Piha	<i>Lipaugus vociferans</i>	pair flying in southern Gran Sabana
<u>Rose-collared Piha (E)</u>	<i>Lipaugus streptophorus</i>	superb views of a pair in Lema
Spangled Cotinga	<i>Cotinga cayana</i>	1 male scoped in southern Gran Sabana
<u>Pompadour Cotinga</u>	<i>Xipholena punicea</i>	1 female in Lema

<u>Capuchinbird</u>	<i>Perissocephalus tricolor</i>	scope views of 3 ind in Alto Cuyuni road
<u>White Bellbird</u>	<i>Procnias alba</i>	many heard and 1 scoped in Lema
<u>Bearded Bellbird</u>	<i>Procnias averano</i>	many heard and 1 scoped in Lema
<u>Guianan Cock-of-the-rock</u>	<i>Rupicola rupicola</i>	sights of few ind flying and 1 scoped in Lema
Manakins	Pipridae	
<u>Olive Manakin (E)</u>	<i>Chloropipo uniformis</i>	pairs and single ind in Lema
White-bearded Manakin	<i>Manacus manacus</i>	3 ind in southern Gran Sabana
White-crowned Manakin	<i>Dixiphia pipra</i>	1 female nesting in southern Gran Sabana and a male singing in Rio Grande
Blue-crowned Manakin	<i>Lepidothrix coronata</i>	many heard in souther Gran Sabana and 3 ind seen
Golden-headed Manakin	<i>Pipra erythrocephala</i>	five males in a single lek in southern Gran Sabana
<u>Scarlet-horned Manakin</u>	<i>Pipra cornuta</i>	greta views of a male in Lema
Tepui Manakin (Orange-bellied Manakin)	<i>Lepidothrix suavissima</i>	pair in Lema. Please, do not follow the name given in Clements. Ia a greta mistake, as it is not endemic to the tepuis
<u>Striped Manakin</u>	<i>Machaeropterus regulus</i>	heard in southern Gran Sabana
Dwarf Tyrant-Manakin	<i>Tyrannutes stolzmanni</i>	superb viefs of a single ind in souther Gran Sabana
Tiny Tyrant-Manakin	<i>Tyrannutes virescens</i>	1 in Alto Cuyuni road. Heard many times in lowland forested habitats
Wing-barred Piprites	<i>Piprites chloris</i>	1 at 900m in Lema
Thrush-like Schiffornis	<i>Schiffornis turdinus</i>	1 ind was ibserved perched in Rio Grande. Recent DNA suggest this species not being a Manakin
Tyrant Flycatchers	Tyrannidae	
White-lored Tyrannulet	<i>Ornithion inerme</i>	1 ind sight surprisingly at low height in Alto cuyuni road
Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet	<i>Tyrannulus elatus</i>	2 ind in southern Gran Sabana
Forest Elaenia	<i>Myiopagis gaimardii</i>	pair in southern Gran Sabana
Yellow-bellied Elaenia	<i>Elaenia flavogaster</i>	various sights in scrubby vegetation in Gran Sabana and El Palmar
Plain-crested Elaenia	<i>Elaenia cristata</i>	two pairs in Gran Sabana
<u>Great Elaenia (E)</u>	<i>Elaenia dayi</i>	great views of a pair in Gran Sabana
Sierran Elaenia	<i>Elaenia pallatangae</i>	few ind in Lema
Ochre-bellied Flycatcher	<i>Mionectes oleagineus</i>	pair in Alto Cuyuni road
<u>Sierra de Lema Flycatcher (E)</u>	<i>Mionectes roraimae</i>	1 in Gran Sabana. A split of the previous species and a new pantepui endemic. Proposal submitted by Hilty & Ascanio
<u>Black-fronted Tyrannulet (E)</u>	<i>Phylloscartes nigrifrons</i>	pair in Lema
Sooty-headed Tyrannulet	<i>Phyllomyias griseiceps</i>	heard many times but not seen this time
Slender-footed Tyrannulet	<i>Zimmerius gracillipes</i>	pair in southern Gran Sabana
Short-tailed Pygmy-Tyrant	<i>Myiornis ecaudatus</i>	heard in Alto Cuyuni road
Helmeted Pygmy-Tyrant	<i>Lophotriccus galeatus</i>	1 in Rio Grande
<u>Ruddy Tody-Flycatcher</u>	<i>Poecilatriccus russatus</i>	what a beauty! 1 in Lema
<u>Painted Tody-Flycatcher</u>	<i>Todirostrum pictum</i>	great views of 1 ind in Rio Grande
Common Tody-Flycatcher	<i>Todirostrum cinereum</i>	seen in southern Gran Sabana and in El

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Yellow-olive Flycatcher	<i>Tolmomyias sulphureus</i>	1 ind in souther Gran Sabana
Yellow-margined Flycatcher (Zimmer's Flatbill)	<i>Tolmomyias assimilis</i>	1 ind in Rio Grande
Gray-crowned Flycatcher (Gray-crowned Flatbill)	<i>Tolmomyias poliocephalus</i>	1 in Rio Grande
<u>Whiskered Flycatcher</u>	<i>Myiobius barbatus</i>	1 ind with feeding flock in Rio Grande
Cliff Flycatcher	<i>Hirundinea ferruginea</i>	pair in Piedra de la Virgen, Lema
Smoke-colored Pewee	<i>Contopus fumigatus</i>	various ind sight in Lema
White-headed Marsh-Tyrant	<i>Arundinicola leucocephala</i>	1 male in El Palmar wetlands
Long-tailed Tyrant	<i>Colonia colonus</i>	1 ind in souther Gran Sabana
Cattle Tyrant	<i>Machetornis rixosus</i>	pair in El Palmar
Cinnamon Attila	<i>Attila cinnamomeus</i>	heard in Rio Grande
Bright-rumped Attila	<i>Attila spadiceus</i>	heard in southern Gran Sabana
Grayish Mourner	<i>Rhytipterna simplex</i>	1 in din Alto Cuyuni river
Dusky-capped Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus tuberculifer</i>	pair in southern Gran Sabana
Swainson's Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus swainsoni phaeonotus</i>	1 at 900m in Lema and an additional pair in Gran Sabana
Brown-crested Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus tyrannulus</i>	1 ind in El Palmar
Great Kiskadee	<i>Pitangus sulphuratus</i>	pair in El Palmar
Boat-billed Flycatcher	<i>Megarynchus pitangua</i>	pair nesting in Rio Grande
Rusty-margined Flycatcher	<i>Myiozetetes cayanensis</i>	pairs in Las Claritas, southern Gran Sabana and in Rio Rio Grande
Social Flycatcher	<i>Myiozetetes similis</i>	heard in El Palnar
Yellow-throated Flycatcher	<i>Conopias parva</i>	pair in southern Gran Sabana
Streaked Flycatcher	<i>Myiodynastes maculatus</i>	singles and pairs in Alto Cuyuni and Rio Grande
Piratic Flycatcher	<i>Legatus leucophaeus</i>	heard in edge of most lowland forests
<u>White-throated Kingbird</u>	<i>Tyrannus albogularis</i>	1 ind in Moriche stand in Gran Sabana
Tropical Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus melancholicus</i>	many sights of single ind along the main road
Fork-tailed Flycatcher	<i>Tyrannus savana</i>	few ind in Gran Sabana (resident race)
White-winged Becard	<i>Pachyrampus polychopterus</i>	1 male in Gran Sabana
Black-tailed Tityra	<i>Tityra cayana</i>	pairs in Gran Sabana, Alto Cuyuni and Rio Grande
Black-crowned Tityra	<i>Tityra inquisitor</i>	1 male in El Palmar
Swallows	Hirundinidae	
Gray-breasted Martin	<i>Progne chalybea</i>	many near rivers
White-winged Swallow	<i>Tachycineta albiventer</i>	20+ in El Palmar wetlands
Blue-and-white Swallow	<i>Notiochelidon cyanoleuca</i>	20+ in sandwall in Lema
<u>Tawny-headed Swallow</u>	<i>Alopochelidon fucata</i>	few ind n Gran Sabana
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	few in Gran Sabana
Wrens	Troglodytidae	
Bicolored Wren	<i>Campylorhynchus griseus</i>	pair in Gran Sabana
Coraya Wren	<i>Thryothorus coraya barrachloughiana</i>	varios ind sight in Lema

Buff-breasted Wren	<i>Thryothorus leucotis</i>	pair in Uairen river
House Wren	<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>	1 in Santa Elena de Uairen
White-breasted Wood-Wren	<i>Henicorhina leucosticta</i>	1 ind in Rio Grande
<u>Flutist Wren (E)</u>	<i>Microcerculus ustulatus</i>	missed in every time we tried. One did sing at about 3 meters from us but unfortunately we were in the wrong angle!
Wing-banded Wren	<i>Microcerculus bambla</i>	1 in southern Gran Sabana
Musician Wren	<i>Cyphorhinus aradus</i>	great views of 1 ind in Rio Grande
Mockingbirds	Mimidae	
Tropical Mockingbird	<i>Mimus gilvus</i>	many ind in Gran Sabana and El Palmar
Thrushes	Turdidae	
Black-hooded Thrush	<i>Turdus olivater</i>	1 male in Lema singing
Pale-breasted Thrush	<i>Turdus leucomelas</i>	1 ind in Gran Sabana
Black-billed Thrush	<i>Turdus ignobilis</i>	3 ind in Lema
Bare-eyed Thrush	<i>Turdus nudigenis</i>	pair in Gran Sabana
White-necked Thrush	<i>Turdus albicollis</i>	heard in Rio Grande
Gnatcatchers	Poliopitidae	
Long-billed Gnatwren	<i>Ramphocaenus melanurus</i>	heard in a couple of times, but not seen
Jays	Corvidae	
Cayenne Jay	<i>Cyanocorax cayanus</i>	heard but never got to see a group of them
Vireos & Allies	Vireonidae	
Red-eyed Vireo	<i>Vireo olivaceus</i>	1 in Gran Sabana
<u>Tepui Greenlet (E)</u>	<i>Hylophilus sclateri</i>	1 ind in Lema
Buff-cheeked Greenlet	<i>Hylophilus muscicapinus</i>	1 ind in Alto Cuyuni
Tawny-crowned Greenlet	<i>Hylophilus ochraceiceps</i>	2 ind with feeding flock in Rio Grande
Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo	<i>Vireolanus leucotis</i>	heard in Lema and Rio Grande
Rufous-browed Peppershrike	<i>Cyclarhis gujanensis</i>	heard in Gran Sabana, lema and Rio Grande
Siskins	Fringillidae	
Trinidad Euphonia	<i>Euphonia trinitatis</i>	heard in El Palmar
<u>Finsch's Euphonia</u>	<i>Euphonia finschi</i>	heard in southern Gran Sabana
Violaceous Euphonia	<i>Euphonia violacea</i>	2 ind in Rio Grande
White-lored Euphonia	<i>Euphonia chrysopasta</i>	1 ind in southern Gran Sabana
Orange-bellied Euphonia	<i>Euphonia xanthogaster</i>	1 ind in Lema
Hooded Siskin	<i>Carduelis magellanica</i>	3 ind in southern Gran Sabana
Lesser Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis psaltria</i>	pair in El Palmar
New World Warblers	Parulidae	
Tropical Parula	<i>Parula pitiayumi</i>	1 ind in Lema and an additional in Rio Grande
Yellow Warbler	<i>Dendroica petechia</i>	1 in El Palmar
American Redstart	<i>Setophaga ruticilla</i>	3 ind in Lema
Slate-throated Redstart (Whitestart)	<i>Myioborus miniatus</i>	pair in Lema at 900m
<u>Tepui Redstart (E) (Whitestart)</u>	<i>Myioborus castaneocapillus</i>	seen three times in Lema. Very vocal

<u>Two-banded Warbler (Roraiman Warbler)</u>	<i>Basileuterus bivittatus (roraimae)</i>	family group of 4 ind in Lema
Neotropical River Warbler	<i>Basileuterus rivularis</i>	1 in southern Gran Sabana
Rose-breasted Chat	<i>Granatellus pelzelni</i>	pair in Rio Grande
Bananaquit	Coerobidae	
Bananaquit	<i>Coereba flaveola roraimae</i>	various sightings of at least two races
Tanagers & Allies	Thraupidae	
Black-faced Tanager	<i>Schistochlamys melanopsis</i>	6+ ind in Gran Sabana
Guira Tanager	<i>Hemithraupis guira</i>	1 ind in southern Gran Sabana
Yellow-backed Tanager	<i>Hemithraupis flavicollis</i>	1 male in Uairen river
<u>Olive-backed Tanager (E)</u>	<i>Mitrospingus oleagineus</i>	various family(?) groups in Lema
Fulvous Shrike-Tanager	<i>Lanio fulvus</i>	pair with feeding flock in Lema
Fulvous-crested Tanager	<i>Tachyphonus surinamus</i>	1 male in southern Gran Sabana
White-lined Tanager	<i>Tachyphonus rufus</i>	1 ind carrying nesting material at El Palmar
Red-shouldered Tanager	<i>Tachyphonus phoenicius</i>	two pairs in Lema
Hepatic Tanager (Highland Hepatic Tanager)	<i>Piranga flava (lutea)</i>	1 male in southern Gran Sabana
Silver-beaked Tanager	<i>Ramphocelus carbo</i>	many ind along the road in Lema, Rio Grande, Alto Cuyuni and Gran Sabana
Blue-gray Tanager	<i>Thraupis episcopus</i>	common as the above species, but less numerous
Palm Tanager	<i>Thraupis palmarum</i>	ditto with the above species
Turquoise Tanager	<i>Tangara mexicana</i>	pair in Rio Grande
<u>Paradise Tanager</u>	<i>Tangara chilensis</i>	seen at least five times, in Lema, Gran Sabana and Rio Grande
<u>Green-and-gold Tanager</u>	<i>Tangara schrankii</i>	great views of a single ind in southern Gran Sabana
Yellow-bellied Tanager	<i>Tangara xanthogastra</i>	pair in Lema
Speckled Tanager	<i>Tangara guttata</i>	many sightings in Lema
Bay-headed Tanager	<i>Tangara gyrola gyrola</i>	pairs in Lema
Burnished-buff Tanager	<i>Tangara cayana</i>	seen various times in Gran Sabana. Very responsive to the pygmy-owl whistle
Masked Tanager	<i>Tangara nigrocincta</i>	pair in southern Gran Sabana
Black-headed Tanager	<i>Tangara cyanoptera whitelyi</i>	two pairs in Lema
Opal-rumped Tanager	<i>Tangara velia</i>	1 ind with the fruiting tree in southern Gran Sabana
Black-faced Dacnis	<i>Dacnis lineata</i>	couple of pairs in southern Gran Sabana
Blue Dacnis	<i>Dacnis cayana</i>	4 in fruiting tree in southern Gran Sabana
Green Honeycreeper	<i>Chlorophanes spiza</i>	like the above species, 4 ind in the fruiting tree
Purple Honeycreeper	<i>Cyanerpes caeruleus</i>	the list keeps growing with the fruiting tree: 6 ind of this species
Red-legged Honeycreeper	<i>Cyanerpes cyaneus</i>	and goes on with this species as well: 2 ind
Swallow-Tanager	<i>Tersina viridis</i>	pair in southern Gran Sabana
Sparrows, Seedeaters etc.	Emberizidae	
Blue-black Grassquit	<i>Volatinia jacarina</i>	pair in southern Gran Sabana
<u>Plumbeous Seedeater</u>	<i>Sporophila plumbea</i>	3 ind in female plumage in southern

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Ruddy-breasted Seedeater	<i>Sporophila minuta</i>	1 male singing in Gran Sabana
Chestnut-bellied Seed-Finch (Lesser Seed-Finch)	<i>Oryzoborus angolensis</i>	various sights in Gran Sabana, Lema and Rio Grande
Saffron Finch	<i>Sicalis flaveola</i>	few ind in El Palmar
<u>Wedge-tailed Grass-Finch</u>	<i>Emberizoides herbicola</i>	1 ind in Gran Sabana
<u>Tepui Brush-Finch (E)</u>	<i>Atlapetes personatus</i>	pairs in Lema
Pectoral Sparrow	<i>Arremon taciturnus</i>	2 ind in southern Gran Sabana
Rufous-collared Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia capensis</i>	few ind in Gran Sabana
Saltators, Cardinals & Allies	Cardinalidae	
Grayish Saltator	<i>Saltator coerulescens</i>	2 ind in hotel in El Palmar
Buff-throated Saltator	<i>Saltator maximus</i>	pair in southern Gran Sabana
Yellow-green Grosbeak	<i>Caryothraustes canadensis</i>	5+ (a group) in Alto Cuyuni road
Blue-black Grosbeak	<i>Cyanocompsa cyanoides</i>	1 female in southern Gran Sabana
Troupials & Allies (Icterids)	Icteridae	
Yellow-hooded Blackbird	<i>Chrysomus icterocephalus</i>	200+ ina roost near El Palmar
Red-breasted Blackbird	<i>Sturnella militaris</i>	pair in El Palmar
Eastern Meadowlark	<i>Sturnella magna</i>	pair in El Palmar
Carib Grackle	<i>Quiscalus lugubris</i>	pair in El Palmar
Giant Cowbird	<i>Molothrus oryzivorus</i>	5+ ind near El Palmar
<u>Moriche Oriole</u>	<i>Icterus chrysocephalus</i>	1 ind in southern Gran Sabana
Yellow Oriole	<i>Icterus nigrogularis</i>	1 ind in El Palmar
<u>Orange-crowned Oriole</u>	<i>Icterus auricapillus</i>	2 ind in El Palmar
Venezuelan Troupial	<i>Icterus icterus</i>	1 at El Palmar hotel feeder. The national bird of Venezuela
Yellow-rumped Cacique	<i>Cacicus cela</i>	3 ind in Rio Grande
Red-rumped Cacique	<i>Cacicus haemorrhous</i>	1 ind in Rio Grande
Crested Oropendola	<i>Psarocolius decumanus</i>	20+ in southern Gran Sabana
Green Oropendola	<i>Psarocolius viridis</i>	a small group in southern Gran Sabana
Golden-tufted Grackle	<i>Macroagelaius imthurni</i>	small groups in Lema

Other species

Guianan Saki Monkey, Capuchin Monkey and Red-howler Monkey were seen at Rio Grande. Jaguarundi was seen crossing the road near El Palmar. A Grison was enjoyed crossing the road silently in Sierra de Lema. A huge species of Scorpion was photographed in Sierra de Lema and Iguanas were seen in El Palmar. Regarding amphibians, two species of toad were seen, the widespread Marine Toad in Las Claritas and the *Bufo guttatus* in Rio Grande.