

BIRDFINDERS ATLANTIC RAINFOREST TOUR AT ITORORÓ LODGE



Black-necked Aracari

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MONDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER

The group landed at 20.00 on the Sunday evening and took the 5 minute transfer to the Linx hotel where they spent the night, prior to being picked up at 07.00 by one of the lodge drivers and taking the 2.5 hour drive out of Rio to Itororó Lodge. A few birds were observed along the way including Magnificent Frigatebird, Cocoli Heron, Great Egret, Cattle Egret and some Guira Cuckoos. During a brief bathroom stop en-route the group also saw a Masked Water Tyrant; the group arrived at the lodge at 09.45.

Whilst the bags were being unloaded and rooms allocated, tea, coffee and cake were served whilst we started to get to grips with some of the birds at the feeders and around the lodge that

included Ruby-crowned Tanager, Crested Oropendola, White-throated Hummingbird, Dusky-legged Guan, Bananaquit, Rufous-collared Sparrow, Great Kiskadee, Violet-capped Woodnymph, Sayaca Tanager, Rufous-bellied Thrush and thankfully, 6 Saffron Toucanets that responded well to playback, giving excellent views!



Saffron Toucanet

After this burst of excitement, we had a quick briefing of what we would be doing during the tour before taking a short walk around the lodge gardens where we had an incredibly successful couple of hours seeing many great birds with highlights including White-eyed Parakeet, Amethyst Woodstar, Surucua Trogon, great views of a White-rumped Hawk, Giant Cowbird, Yellow-eared Woodpecker, Chestnut-crowned Becard, Cliff Flycatcher, stunning views of Brassy-breasted Tanagers, Southern Beardless Tyrannulet, Burnished-buff Tanager, a pair of Rufous-headed Tanagers, Olivaceous Woodcreeper, Green-backed Becard, Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner, Planalto Tyrannulet, Rufous-browed Peppershrike, Golden-chevroned Tanager, Maroon-bellied Parakeet and a Green-winged Saltator to finish off the morning, prior to a delicious lunch being served at 13.00.

We had a short break after lunch before taking a walk up onto the White Trail within the Itororó Lodge grounds. As we departed, light rain started to fall but thankfully it didn't turned into anything heavier and we had a mostly dry afternoons birding. Our first new bird was a Slaty-breasted Wood-Rail followed shortly afterwards by a beautiful male Gilt-edged Tanager on the lodge feeders, improved views of Maroon-bellied Parakeet, White-collared swift, Bertoni's Antbird, great views of a White-browed Woodpecker, Ochre-faced Tody Flycatcher, Rufous-capped Spinetail, our first Bare-throated bellbird of the trip and a pair of Pallid Spinetails.



Yellow (white)-browed Woodpecker

We finally reached the end of the White Trail and entered the hide. The fruit feeder was very productive with Azure-shouldered Tanager, Chestnut-headed Tanager, Brassy-breasted Tanager, Black-goggled Tanager and Sayaca Tanager all showing well. Next up we focussed on the corn feeder and used some playback for one of our main targets, Such's Antthrush. We instantly got a response and after about 10 minutes, the Antthrush finally put in an appearance, showing well for the whole group, what a great bird! Next up we tried for Spot-winged Wood Quail and got a response, but despite trying several more times, they unfortunately didn't appear. We did however get great views of a male Brazilian Ruby, a pair of Spot-billed Toucanets, Sharp-billed Treehunter, White-throated Woodcreeper and a stunning male Atlantic Black-throated Trogon with our last new bird of the day being an Orange-eyed Thornbird.

We arrived back at the lodge just as light levels were falling and went into the lodge to complete our first checklist of the tour, it had been a great days birding and an excellent start to the tour!

TUESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER

Our first full day of the tour saw us heading off after an early breakfast for a full days birding along the Macae de Cima trail. This is a trail that leads through good quality forest and bamboo

stands with lots of great birding potential! Prior to departing from the lodge we managed to see some Magpie Tanagers and one of the group had also been lucky enough to see a Rufous Gnateater before breakfast.



Bare-throated Bellbird

Unfortunately, with what appeared to be a weather front approaching, the wind was really quite strong throughout the morning which made birding conditions pretty hard, however, thankfully we did manage to find some sheltered spots along the way and soon started to pick up some of our targets.

One of our first new birds of the day was a real mega in the shape of a Half-collared Sparrow, a good Atlantic Rainforest endemic, this was followed by Mottled-cheeked Tyrannulet, much improved views of a pair of Pallid Spinetails, Turkey Vulture and then a rather uncooperative Drab-breasted Pygmy Tyrant and a Yellow-legged Thrush for some of the group. Next up was a male Uniform Finch, Golden-crowned Warbler, Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner, Yellow-olive Flatbill, Rufous-browed Peppershrike, Ruby-crowned Tanager, Plain Antvireo, Ochre-faced Tody-Flycatcher and our first views of a beautiful male Blue (Swallow-tailed) Manakin, such a stunning bird! Our next new bird was a Buff-browed Foliage-gleaner followed by a Rough-legged Tyrannulet, Yellow-eared Woodpecker, White-browed Foliage-gleaner and a Sepia-capped Flycatcher.

We drove on further up the road before stopping at our Green-crowned Plovercrest lek, thankfully it didn't disappoint giving everyone fabulous views of this great little endemic hummingbird! We drove on for a further 15 minutes, trying to find a calm spot out of the wind and finally pulled up alongside a good patch of forest...without any wind!

This next spot was excellent producing the most amazing views of a male Bare-throated Bellbird feeding on Euterpe palm fruits, a White-collared Foliage-gleaner, Lesser Woodcreeper

and a Streaked Xenops. Our next stop was equally productive as we used some playback to lure in a Scale-throated Hermit and a rather tricky Spotted Bamboowren, this was followed by a Long-tailed Tyrant, Yellow Tyrannulet and a couple of Cliff Flycatchers. A White-barred Piculet called in the forest behind us and with a little playback, we soon had this great little piculet at eye level giving very good views for everyone and our last bird at this spot was an Ochre-rumped Antbird.



Star-throated Antwren

After eating our packed lunch, we drove on further where we managed to get good views of a male Pin-tailed Manakin and even better views (amazingly) of a Star-throated Antwren that sat right out in the open! Just before 14.30 we started our drive back with several stops along the way with the only notable new species included Hooded Siskin, Blue-billed Black-Tyrant and after a lot of effort, a perched Variegated Antpitta that sat still for 10 minutes, allowing almost walk away views for the group, what a real treat to end the days birding on!

We arrived back at the lodge and completed our checklist over some tea, coffee and cake before heading out just before dusk to look for the Long-trained Nightjar, a real speciality at Itororó lodge! This beautiful bird didn't disappoint and showed exceptionally well. After success with the nightjar we used some playback for Rusty-barred Owl, getting a good few responses, but unfortunately it refused to come close enough to show itself.

We arrived back at the lodge with dinner being served at 18.30, what a great days birding!

WEDNESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER

We departed after breakfast for a full days high altitude birding at Pico da Caledonia. It was a beautiful day as we took the 40 minute drive from the lodge up to an altitude of 1700m (picking

up great views of a Red-legged Seriema on the way). We parked the minibus and set off for the walk to the summit at 2300m.

It was quite a breezy start to the days birding and a little quiet to start off with, but we soon got some action and started picking up some great high altitude birds. It's all about quality rather than quantity birding at Caledonia and we managed to see all but one of our target birds! Highlights were many and included Velvety-black Tyrant, Diademed Tanager, Black and Gold Cotinga, Rufous-capped Spinetail, Rufous-tailed Antbird, White-tailed Hawk, a rather uncooperative Serra do Mar Tapaculo, Rufous Gnateater, Thick-billed Saltator, Scaled Woodcreeper and half way up the mountain, a couple of Bay-chested Warbling Finches.



Itatiaia Thistletail

At the half way point we started to use some playback for one of our main targets, the very rare and range restricted Grey-winged Cotinga. We had a couple of distant responses but nothing close. We continued on up the road picking up an Olivaceous Elaenia, Rufous-tailed Antthrush, White-throated Hummingbird, Mottle-cheeked Tyrannulet and then finally reached the 360 degree viewpoint where we hoped to scan and find a Grey-winged Cotinga. Within minutes we had located the Cotinga on one of its favourite perches, which gave excellent scope views for the group, a truly great bird and somewhat of a relief finding it so quickly! We continued on up towards the security guard hut and the 620+ steps that would take us all the way to the top of the mountain with hopefully an Itatiaia Thistletail on the way! Around the next corner we came across another great little endemic, a Serra do Mar Tyrannulet.

We started our walk up the steps, playing the Thistletail on and off in the hope we wouldn't have to walk all the way to the top! At around step 500 we had a good response from the bird, but frustratingly it simply vanished! We continued on up to the most incredible viewpoint overlooking the Tres Picos State Park, Serra dos Orgaos National Park and Rio in the distance.

We had our packed lunch and shortly afterwards used some playback for the Thistletail, suddenly there it was, right in front of us, giving great views!



Bay-chested Warbling Finch

We enjoyed the view for a few minutes before heading back down the mountain, with only a few target birds to find on the way back. We had repeat and improved views of a few species and also managed to pick up another endemic, a pair of Rufous-backed Antvireos before we arrived back at the minibus and took the 40 minute drive back to the lodge where we had a very welcomed homemade apple cake, tea and coffee. We completed our daily checklist and prepared ourselves mentally (!) for the next days birding, another very successful day!

THURSDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER

Today we departed the lodge and headed straight down to the Tres Picos headquarters to spend the morning birding the lower Park. What an amazing morning we had with one new bird after another, simply brilliant. Highlights at our first stop included Violaceous Euphonia, Versicoloured Emerald, Violet-capped Woodnymph, Swallow Tanager, Burnished-buff Tanager, Green-headed Tanager, Red-necked Tanager, Chestnut-crowned Becard, Chivi Vireo, Glittering-bellied Emerald, Sombre Hummingbird, Black Jacobin, Red-rumped Cacique, Palm Tanager, Gray-rumped Swift, Scaly-headed Tanager, Long-tailed Tyrant, Plain Parakeet, White-collared Swift and a distant Mantled Hawk, a very good start!

We drove on for a further 5 minutes and spent the next 2 hours in the parks car park, again, a very productive session with many new birds and improved looks at others, including Planalto Woodcreeper, Maroon-bellied Parakeet, a beautiful male Frilled Coquette, Black Hawk Eagle, Orange-bellied Euphonia, Brassy-breasted Tanager, Spot-breasted Antvireo, Saw-billed Hermit, great views of a Sharp-tailed Streamcreeper, White-throated Spadebill, Blue Manakin, White-bearded Manakin, 3 more Mantled Hawks (!!), White-necked Thrush and heading into

the forest on a short trail we picked up a pair of Blue-naped Chlorophonias, Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner, Whiskered Flycatcher, Rufous-margined Antwren, Streak-capped Antwren, White-barred Piculet, Olivaceous Woodcreeper, fantastic views of a Rufous-capped Motmot, Black-cheeked Gnateater and a Chestnut-bellied Euphonia!



Rufous-capped Motmot

We took a short break, taking advantage of the facilities at the park before taking another trail into the forest where we picked up Gray-headed Tody-Flycatcher, another Rufous-capped Motmot, Flame-crested Tanager, Streaked Xenops and a Scaled Woodcreeper. Suddenly we heard a Buff-bellied Puffbird calling above us and after a short search, we managed to locate it, giving great scope views. Next up was a Plain-winged Woodcreeper and then Ali picked up a very rare King Vulture!

We had our picnic lunch at the Park before taking the 30 minute drive up to the Theodoro Trail where we spent the rest of the afternoon birding, again picking up some truly great species that included Bertoni's Antbird, Black-billed Scythebill, an amazing male Giant Antshrike, Eared Pygmy-Tyrant, a male Bare-throated Bellbird, Plain Antvireo, White-browed Foliage-gleaner, Whiskered Flycatcher, Lesser Woodcreeper, Ochre-breasted Foliage-gleaner, Black-goggled Tanager, Rufous-headed Tanager, Channel-billed Toucan and after a lot of effort, a Sharpbill!! Our last new bird of the day was a Greenish Schiffornis, and what a great day it had been! We arrived back at the lodge in time for tea, coffee and cake and completed our daily checklist just before dinner was served.

FRIDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER

Today was a full day birding the lodge grounds. We had quite a specific list of birds left to see and spent the morning targeting these harder to see species. It was a successful morning with many new birds and better looks at birds we had already seen. Highlights started before we

had even left the lodge with Gilt-edged Tanagers, Maroon-bellied Parakeets and Brassy-breasted Tanagers on the lodge feeders. We used a little playback to try and lure in a Blond-crested Woodpecker, thankfully the plan worked and some 5 minutes later we were watching a beautiful male Blond-crested Woodpecker feeding at eye level just off of the deck in the avocado tree, a great start! Next up we used some playback to bring in a Grey-capped Tyrannulet, a good Atlantic Rainforest endemic which showed well for everyone. We were also lucky enough to have a Black Jacobin appear for 30 seconds to feed on one of the hummingbird feeders in front of the lodge. In the trees behind the lodge we had a Yellow-eared Woodpecker, White-eyed Parakeets, Crested Oropendola and a Creamy-bellied Thrush. Scanning the forest opposite the deck we had a couple of Saffron Toucanets and further along the track, surprisingly a couple of Curl-crested Jays. One of the group spotted a Pale-vented Pigeon perched on a dead snag which gave good scope views, as did a pair of Shear-tailed Gray-Tyrants.



Long-trained Nightjar

Suddenly, we spotted a Swallow-tailed Cotinga in a nearby tree which thankfully stuck around just long enough for everyone to see, a real quality bird! As we headed off towards the White Trail we used some playback for Serra do Mar Tyrant Manakin which thankfully showed well for the group, this was followed by a Grey-hooded Attila, Blue Manakin and a Fawn-breasted Tanager, another new bird! Euler's Flycatcher put in a brief appearance followed by very brief views for some of the group of 3 Spot-winged Wood-Quails as they scurried off down the slope.

Comfortably sat in the hide we managed to see a Chestnut-headed Tanager, Grey-bellied Spinetail and several common Tanager species coming into feed on the fruit. Heading back to the lodge for a quick coffee we encountered a small mixed flock which held Sharp-billed Treehunter, Olivaceous Woodcreeper, Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner and a couple of Yellow-browed Woodpeckers.

After refreshing ourselves with tea, cake and coffee we set off onto the Yellow Trail after a few more target species, thankfully we were successful in picking up Spix's Spinetail, White-shouldered Fire-eye, Scale-throated Hermit and a White-browed Warbler. Prior to lunch back at the lodge we managed to pick up a pair of Campo Flickers from the deck which was a nice way to end the morning.



Blond-crested Woodpecker

After lunch we took a short break before some of the group headed off onto the Brown Trail for the afternoon, whilst the rest of the group set off towards the hide in the hope of seeing some Spot-winged Wood-Quail! Unfortunately, it was a very quiet afternoon, probably due to the pending weather front that was forecast for tomorrow. We did however get good views of some lekking Blue Manakins, a Drab-breasted Bamboo Tyrant, Chestnut-crowned Becard, Rufous-browed Peppershrike and a Giant Cowbird. The "hide team" were successful in their quest for the Wood-Quail, seeing one incredibly well coming in to feed on the corn. They also had brief but close up views of a Blond-crested Woodpecker that came in to feed on the bananas!

We all met back at the lodge at 17.30 to complete our daily checklist, although it had been a quiet afternoon, overall it was a very successful and enjoyable days birding.

SATURDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER

Today saw us heading off to the Regua wetlands and lowland forest. As we left the lodge the forecasted rain had slowly started to fall and as we neared the pass over the top of the mountains we encountered thick cloud and more rain. Thankfully as we neared the base of the mountains the weather improved and it wasn't long before we were in dry conditions, which thankfully remained with us for the rest of the day!

It was an incredibly productive day and as soon as we arrived at the wetlands we started racking up new species, some of course, commoner than others. We spent the first hour or so birding around the wetlands, species here included Wattled Jacana, Black-bellied Whistling Duck, Cocoi Heron, Masked Water-Tyrant, Amazon Kingfisher, Rufescent Tiger-Heron, Greater Ani, Capped Heron, Anhinga, Yellow-chinned Spinetail, Purple Gallinule, White-headed Marsh-Tyrant, Common Gallinule, Great Egret and along the forest edge we also picked up a stunning male Brazilian Tanager, Green-headed Tanager, White-eyed Parakeet, White-flanked Antwren, Yellow-lored Tody Flycatcher, Channel-billed Toucan, White-bearded Manakin, Blond-crested Woodpecker and at long last, a Black and White Hawk-Eagle.



White-bibbed Antbird

Having already picked up many new species, we headed off onto the Brown and Purple Trails at the back of the wetlands, this too was very productive and we managed to see many new species that included Unicoloured Antwren, Sooretama Slaty-Antshrike, good views of the usually difficult to see Rufous-capped Antthrush, Ochre-bellied Flycatcher, Rufous-tailed Jacamar, Chestnut-bellied Euphonia, incredibly good views of a White-bibbed Antbird (a good “claw back” from the Macae de Cima trail earlier in the week), Moustached Wren, Yellow-backed Tanager, a beautiful male Scaled Antbird, brief views of a Reddish Hermit, Euler’s Flycatcher and after a lot of effort, an Eye-ringed Tody-Tyrant. We had lunch at the one of the hides before retracing our steps back towards the wetlands, with rain approaching the activity had dropped off but we did manage to see a Southern Antpipit and Steve also spotted a Sungrebe, which gave great views for the group. We arrived back the minibus at 16.00 and started to take the 1.5 hour journey back towards the lodge, although a couple of stops en-route produced a pair of Brazilian Teal, fantastic views of a small group of Toco Toucans followed by several Channel-billed Toucans, the perfect end to a tiring but great days birding!

We arrived back at the lodge just in time to complete our daily checklist prior to dinner being served.



Scaled Antbird

SUNDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER

Another cloudy day as we departed shortly after breakfast for a full days birding around Duas Barras and Sumidouro in search of open country birds, including the very range restricted Three-toed Jacamar, being cloudy meant the conditions couldn't have been better! Our first stop was incredibly productive producing Grey-breasted Martin, Green-barred Woodpecker, Golden-chevroned Tanager, Short-crested Flycatcher, Pale-breasted Thrush, White-eyed Parakeet, Rufous Hornero, Toco Toucan, Chalk-browed Mockingbird, Campo Flicker, Blue-winged Macaw, female Ultramarine Grosbeak, Blue-black Grassquit, White-eared Puffbird, Gray-headed Kite, Magpie Tanager, Curl-crested Jay, Swallow-tailed Hummingbird, Chopi Blackbird, Smooth-billed Ani and finally a Hooded Siskin.



Green-barred Woodpecker

After a short drive the next stop was equally good with highlights including Rufous-fronted Thornbird, 3 Red-legged Seriema, Bran-coloured Flycatcher, White-tailed Hawk, Chestnut-capped Blackbird, Savanna Hawk, Roadside Hawk, Shiny Cowbird, Yellow-bellied Elaenia, Black-necked Aracari, Sapphire-spangled Emerald and brief views of a Planalto Hermit that flew through at break neck speed, stopping briefly to feed on a flower.



Blue-winged Macaw

We drove on for another 10 minutes before stopping at a beautiful viewpoint that produced Firewood Gatherer, Grassland Sparrow, Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture, White-rumped Monjita, Crested Black-Tyrant, White-rumped Swallow and a Cliff Flycatcher. We drove down the hill into the quaint town of Duas Barras where we stopped at a local bakery for coffee and cake and to take advantage of the facilities.



Sapphire-spangled Emerald

Feeling refreshed we took a dirt road that we would bird until lunch time, it was a wonderful few hours of birding producing lots of new birds with highlights including Wing-banded Hornero, Cattle Tyrant, Amazon Kingfisher, Swallow-tailed Kite, Lineated Woodpecker, Social Flycatcher, Gray-eyed Greenlet, Wedge-tailed Grassfinch, Scaly-headed Parrot, Guira Cuckoo, Yellow-rumped Marshbird, a pair of Black-capped Donacobius that put on a wonderful display, Whistling Heron, Fork-tailed Flycatcher, a very cooperative Crescent-chested Puffbird, Golden-crowned Warbler, Scaled Woodcreeper, Long-tailed Tyrant, Rufous-headed Tanager, several Gilt-edged Tanagers and finally a Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl.

We had our picnic lunch and then rejoined the main road towards Sumidouro and half an hour later arrived at our Three-toed Jacamar spot. Amazingly, one of the group located one within about a minute and we all enjoyed good views through the telescope, in total we ended up seeing 4 Jacamars! We took advantage of the extra time and also managed to pull in a Chestnut-backed Antshrike, Chestnut-vented Conebill, Striped Cuckoo, Swallow Tanager and a Squirrel Cuckoo.

We had seen just under 90 species today, very productive indeed! We took the 1.5 hour drive back to the lodge where we enjoyed fresh tea, coffee and cake whilst completing a rather long checklist!



Three-toed Jacamar

MONDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER

Our last full day of the tour was suddenly upon us, time had literally flown by!! Having studied the checklist of the birds that we had already seen I decided we should go birding on the Cedae Trail and then along the Lumiar road as these were the two locations that held the most new species for us. After a 40 minute drive from the lodge we arrived at the start of the Cedae Trail and instantly stumbled upon a small group of Red-necked Tanagers, a great start! Suddenly a female Frilled Coquette popped up which was then joined briefly by a male. We used some mixed flock playback and managed to pull in a Violaceous Euphonia, Violet-capped Woodnymph, Oustalet's Tyrannulet, Creamy-bellied Thrush, Rufous-headed Tanager and a couple of Scaly-headed Parrots flew high above us. Further down the trail we used a little playback to lure in a couple of Black-throated Grosbeaks followed by a pair of Spot-billed Toucanets.

We had few targets for this trail and ended up doing really well with our next new bird being a Spot-backed Antshrike followed by a raptor that we flushed from a nearby tree, thankfully it landed in the distant canopy and we were able to scope it and finally managed to identify it as a juvenile Black Hawk-Eagle. Next up was an Eared Pygmy-Tyrant, White-thighed Swallow and a pair of Red-crowned Ant-Tanagers. We were then lucky enough to have better views of an Ochre-breasted Foliage-gleaner, Lesser Woodcreeper and then cracking views of a male Black-cheeked Gnateater followed by another new bird, a White-eyed Foliage-gleaner, Gray-hooded Flycatcher, Blue-naped Chlorophonia, a pair of Streaked Xenops and to top the morning off, another great endemic, a Pale-browed Treehunter!

Arriving back at the minibus shortly before 12.00 we took a 30 minute drive up to the start of the Lumiar Road where we spent the next 4 hours birding. It was fairly quiet but we did manage

to get good views of several birds, species of note included a male Giant Antshrike, Hooded Berryeater, Dusky-tailed Antbird, a female Brazilian Ruby, Bare-throated Bellbird, Channel-billed Toucan, Shear-tailed Gray-Tyrant, White-bearded Antshrike (a mega Atlantic Rainforest endemic) and then to finish the afternoon off, a beautiful male Swallow-tailed Cotinga in the most amazing light!



Black-cheeked Gnateater



Hooded Berryeater

We set off back towards the lodge and arrived just in time to complete our daily checklist before heading out for repeat views of the stunning Long-trained Nightjar in the Itororó Lodge grounds and then our last new bird of the day with great views of a Rusty-barred Owl that came in very quickly to a little playback, another great days birding complete!

TUESDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER

The last day of the tour was sadly upon us as we set off for a few hours birding within the lodge grounds. It was a clear morning to begin with but suddenly the temperature dropped and we were surrounded by cloud with very light rain. Birding was very slow and we only had a handful of the most difficult birds left to find!

The feeders were busy with the usual suspects including Magpie Tanager, Brassy-breasted Tanager, Golden-chevroned Tanager, Dusky-legged Guan, Gilt-edged Tanager, Maroon-bellied Parakeet and Great Kiskadee. We set off towards the White Trail using some playback for White-breasted Tapaculo and Tufted Antshrike along the way, but unfortunately due to the cold conditions we had no response. We did however get good views of a female Atlantic Black-throated Trogon and then headed up towards the hide, hoping to get views of Spot-winged Wood-Quail.



Gilt-edged Tanager

Upon arrival at the hide, I peaked around the corner and could see a Wood-Quail feeding on the corn, we all crept quietly (!) into the hide and there in front of us was our target bird, some minutes later we had a total of 4 Spot-winged Wood-Quails feeding on the corn, giving the group fantastic views!

We made our way slowly back to the lodge and completed our final checklist of the tour. It had been an amazing tour with fantastic company, excellent birds and many many laughs along the way!

The group departed back to Rio at 15.00, arriving at the airport at 18.00 for their flights home.



Spot-winged Wood-Quail



Brassy-breasted Tanager

Tour totals were as follows:

Total number of species seen: 281

Total number of Atlantic Rainforest endemics: 101

Total number of species heard only: 13