

Guyana

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Kaieteur Falls, one of the world's highest free-falling waterfalls

Diary

This tour was booked with the local company Ron Allicook Birding Tours.

Guyana

What did I know about Guyana? As a young kid I had glimpsed through some nature books by adventurer Jan Lindblad, and became impressed by his photos. I'll guess that's when I initially got fascinated by the rainforest.



National flag of Guyana

Guyana is bordered by the Atlantic Ocean to the north, Brazil to the south-west and south-east, Suriname to the east and Venezuela to the north-west. With 215,000 square kilometres Guyana is the fourth-smallest country on mainland South America.

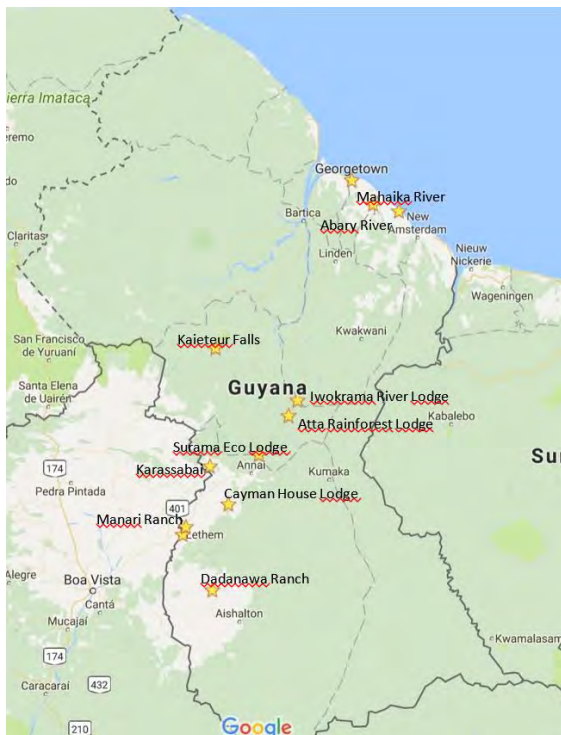
Most of Guyana's population, only 740,000 inhabitants, 90% lives in a narrow coastal strip which makes up approximately 10% of the nation's total land area. The rest of the country is extremely low densitated. More than 80% of Guyana is still covered by pristine forests, from dry evergreen and seasonal forests to montane and lowland evergreen rain forests.

There are hard to find another country with so many species of Cotingas, Macaws, Amazons and other Parrots.

And the different pristine habitats hold a lots, lots of birds!

Top birds include Sun Parakeet, Red Siskin, Rufous-winged Ground-cuckoo, Guinean Cock-of-the-Rock, Crimson Fruitcrow, Capuchinbird, Crested Doradito (all new to me) and of course the Harpy Eagle.

We start our trip by me going up to Stockholm Arlanda Airport, on 16 September, meeting up with Fredrik Rudzki for our first, short, leg. A flight to London Heathrow airport where we meet the third participant Michael Johansson. Then a continued flight to Toronto and some waiting hours there before the final leg via Port-of-Spain to Georgetown, the capital of Guyana. Afterwards I learned that the optimal flight would have been London-Bermuda-Georgetown with British Airways/Caribbean Airlines.



Guianan map with visited birding sites

17/9 Georgetown and Botanical Garden

We landed in Georgetown in the late morning and were met by Ron Allicock. He took us for check-in to the Status International Hotel. After a Brazilian style lunch there and some rest we were picked-up by Ron and his wife at mid-afternoon.



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Then we spent 3 hours birding the Botanical Garden. I've learnt that Costanera Sur in Buenos Aires holds the best birding site of any big city. Now I can revise that!



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The Botanical Garden is larger, holds more species and much more birds, and it is free and open the day around. We observed almost 60 species during those few hours, among them Blue-headed and Orange-winged Parrots, Red-shouldered Macaw, White-throated Toucan, Crimson-crested and Lineated Woodpecker, White-bellied Piculet, Scarlet Ibis and Great Horned Owl.



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Greater Kiskadee, Botanical Garden



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Lineated Woodpecker, Botanical Garden

We did also distinguish an Amazonian Manatee in the wetland. What a start! Dinner at the hotel with the Allicock couple. Nice.

18/9 Mahaika River and coastal lowland



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Hope Beach outside Georgetown

Early morning away to coastal Hope Beach close eastways outside Georgetown.



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Scarlet Ibis, Hope Beach outside Georgetown

Hundreds of Scarlet Ibis flew up from their roosting site along the coastal line. As the sun did rise we were stunned as we by their colors.



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Mahaika River boat ride

After a short transport out in the silent Mahaika river system we changed vehicle to a boat. Soon we had our first Hoatzins, nesting in the reed. This prehistoric bird is Guyana's national bird and is nice meeting this way.



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Hoatzin, Mahaika River

Other birds from the boat: Green-rumped Parrotlet, Green-tailed Jacamar, Red-bellied Macaw, Laughing Falcon and Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture.



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At the captain's villa along Mahaika River (Fredrik, Ron, Michael)

After a couple of hours we were invited to the captain's villa by the river for some refreshments.



Green-tailed Jacamar, Mahaika River

A short walk there gave Ruby-topaz Hummingbird, White-tailed Goldenthrout and Plain-breasted Spinetail. Changing vehicle back to Ron's SUV we drove eastwards to Abary River, not far from the Surinam border. On our forest walk in the rising heat we could study a 'colony' of almost 10 Crab Hawks and a pair of the rare and elusive Blood-colored Woodpecker, which is restricted to the narrow coastal plains and is considered one of the Guianan Shield endemics.



Crab Hawk, Abary River



Blood-coloured Woodpecker, Abary River

Turning back to the west for another stop at Hope Beach we found a first American

Black Skimmer and some Pied Water-tyrants. And more Scarlet Ibises.



Orange-winged Amazon, Botanical Garden

We decided to make another visit to the Botanical Garden. We were rewarded with Black-capped Donacobius, Limpkin, Toco Toucan and Festive Amazon, a species in serious decline due to the illegal pet trade. Another night at Status Hotel, Georgetown.

19/9 Flying to Kaieteur Falls and Surama



Take-off from Eugene F. Correia Airport

After breakfast we entered a chartered and quite spectacular flight some 75 minutes over endless unspoilt pristine forest to the Kaieteur Falls, one of the world's highest free-falling waterfalls.

Kaieteur is a single massive, thundering cataract 100 meters wide, created as the Potaro River makes a sheer drop of 228 meters, nearly three times the height of Niagara Falls and twice the height of Victoria Falls.



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Flight over the pristine forest

The spectacle is even more impressive for its remoteness and we were the only persons viewing it.



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Beside the fall we saw a male Tufted Coquette, a female Guinan Cock-of-the-Rock, Cliff Flycatcher and a pair of the rare Roraiman Antbird.

We also glimpsed the rare Golden Frog that lives in water held in the leaves of Bromeliad plants.

After some enchanted hours we did continue our flight in the compact aircraft for an hour. During the flight we could look down to our first King Vulture.



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Welcome committee at Surama airstrip

Landing in the small Surama village (Ron's home) where we were greeted by a bunch of children in their school dresses.



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Surama Eco Lodge

After checking in to Suramo Eco Lodge we headed out to the grasslands, forest and swamps of Surama. Snail Kite, Common Parakeet, White-tailed Nightjar, Great Potoo, Swallow-winged and Pied Puffbird, Scarlet and Red-and-green Macaw, Black Manakin, Moriche (Epaulet) Oriole were some of the birds seen until darkness fell upon us.



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Surama surroundings



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Great Potoo, Surama



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Red-and-green Macaw, Surama

A nice dinner and a really ice-cold beer before going to bed after a full day.



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Greater Yellow-headed Vulture, Iwokrama Forest

No success with the Ground-cuckoo but well Greater Yellow-headed Vulture, Black Nunbird, Marail Guan, Purple-throated Fruitcrow, Spangled Cotinga, Black-headed and Dusky Parrot, Green Oropendula, Long-tailed Potoo, Ash-winged Antwren, Rufous-throated and White-browed Antbird. Also we heard both Barred and Slaty-backed Forest-falcon. We reached the known Harpy Eagle's huge nesting tree but without any eagles seen.

20/9 Iwokrama Forest



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Michael and Ron birding trans-Guyana main road

This day should become one of the highlights of the tour. Starting early going east to the trans-Guianan main road (a gravel road going from Atlantic Ocean down to Brazil in the south) and then taking north into the Iwokrama's beautiful rainforest. We started the walk on the Harpy Eagle trail while listening for the Ground-cuckoo.



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Male Harpy Eagle with Capuchin Monkey prey

After some 15 minutes we saw the male coming in perching with a headless Capuchin Monkey in the claws. He then handed over the prey to the larger female.



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Black-headed Parrot, Iwokrama Forest



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Juvenile Harpy Eagle, Iwokrama Forest

We could also see the juvenile eagle, who was born 6-8 weeks ago. This is the 4th eagle chick brought up since 2008 when Chris Collins together with Ron discovered the nesting tree.

Returning on the trail new species came in like the Blackspotted Barbet, the only Barbet in Guyana, Red-rumped Cacique, Todd's and White-rumped Antwren, Dusky-throated Antshrike and Guianan Red Cotinga.



In the afternoon we walked another trail in the forest trying to see the lek of Guianan Cock-of-the-Rock. We reached a high with huge boulders and there it was. A splendid orange male Cock-of-the-Rock defending its territory.



Guianan Cock-of-the-Rock

On the way back we found a Tawny-bellied Screech-owl in its nesting hole and a Paradise Jacamar.

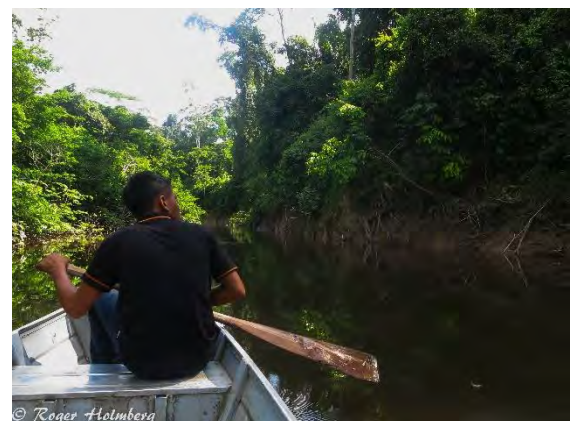
Dinner and night again at Surama Eco Lodge.

21/9 Surama area, Burro-Burro River and trail



Burro-Burro Camping site

After an early breakfast a quite long but slow walk along the Burro-Burro River trail through grassland and lowland forest from the Surama Eco Lodge. Still searching for the Ground-cuckoo without result but instead Guianan Trogon, Grey-lined Hawk, Cinerous Antshrike, Rufous-tailed Foliage-gleaner, Painted Tody-flycatcher and Yellow-throated Flycatcher. After some 3 hours we reached the camping site by the Burro-Burro River and had a second breakfast and refreshments.



Burro-Burro River

Boarding the boat we paddled the stream upstreams. Short-crested Flycatcher, Guianan Streaked Antwren, Blue-chinned Sapphire and Cocoli Heron.



Cocoi Heron, Burro-Burro River



White-banded Swallow, Burro-Burro River



Ringed Kingfisher, Burro-Burro River

We landed after a couple of hours at a research station for a walk. Ron could show a Yellow-banded (Bumble-bee) Poison Dart Frog hiding under a log.



Yellow-banded (Bumblebee) Poison Dart Frog, Burro-Burro River



Butterflies, Burro-Burro River

Among birds we saw Black-faced Hawk and some nice-looking Blue-backed Manakins. Returning to the boat we returned downstreams the Burro-Burro. A single Giant River Otter show up as did several Screaming Pihas, Spotted Puffbird and Dusky Antbird. A tasteful dinner and excellent juice/beers as usual rounded up the day in Surama Eco Lodge.

**22/9 To Iwokrama River Lodge
Essequibo river**



Iwokrama River Lodge



My 'Harpy' bungalow at Iwokrama River Lodge Leaving Surama after an extra hour in bed this morning. Heading north on the gravel mainroad towards Iwokrama River Lodge.

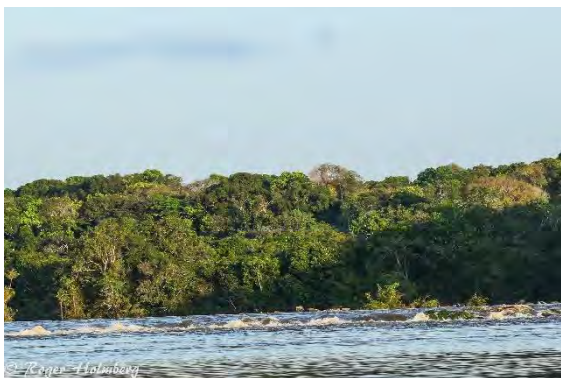
Many birding stops at wetlands, streams and also trying some trails. Where is the Ground-cuckoo? At one of the trails we found fresh footprints from the Jaguar...



Guianan Puffbird, Iwokrama Forest

Among the birds we saw Scaled Pigeon, Dusky and Golden-winged Parrot, Grey Antbird, Moscovy Duck, White-throated (Guianan) Puffbird, White-crowned Manikin. A beautiful Green Wine Snake was seen along the road.

At lunch-time we were welcomed by the service-minded staff at Iwokrama River Lodge. After the buffet lunch we took a walk at a birding trail and experienced our first Capuchinbird, Spix's Guan, some Black Curassows and a Ladder-tailed Nightjar at roost.



Essequibo River, Iwokrama

Then a boat-ride on the beautiful Essequibo, the largest river in Guyana.



Bat Falcon, Essequibo River, Iwokrama

Some Bat Falcons were hunting over the water as did two Ladder-tailed Nightjars.



Pied Lapwing, Essequibo River, Iwokrama



Kinkajou, Iwokrama Forest

After dinner a late night-drive along the main road and some trails with a Kinkajo and a Common Potoo as result. When going to bed, the clock had passed midnight.



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Sunset over Essequibo River, Iwokrama

22/9 Iwokrama and Turtle Mountain



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Overlooking the vast pristine forest from Turtle Mt. Started early doing a birding trail outside the lodge. The target was a lek with Capuchinbirds. We also found 4-6 birds on the lek almost directly. Really odd but interesting birds. Some other birds were Amazonian Antshrike, Eared Pygmy-tyrant, Red-necked Woodpecker, Guianan Toucanet, White-chinned Sapphire and Great Jacamar.

After breakfast a new boat-ride on Essequibo River. We landed off Turtle Pond and headed our way up the Turtle Mountain. Red-fan Parrot, White-crested Spadebill, Black-chinned Antbird, Golden-headed and White-throated Manakin and two beautiful species of Grosbeak, the Slate-colored and the Red-and-black. Reaching the summit 300 masl after a couple of hours we had a marvelous view over the vast and pristine rainforest. We could see Blue-and-yellow Macaws flying over the river below.



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Orange-breasted Falcon, Turtle Mt., Iwokrama

After an hour and recovering from the climbing, we heard the call from the Orange-breasted Falcon. And we soon found both the male and the female in the same three. Then when climbing down we had the first and almost the last few drops of rain during the whole tour. Night at Iwokrama River Lodge.

24/9 Iwokrama River Lodge to Atta Rainforest Lodge

In the morning a new try on a trail for the Ground-cuckoo, but no sign of it. Instead Scale-backed Antbird, Lilac-tailed Parrotlet, Black-throated Trogon and Cinnamon-crested Spadebill. Left the lodge after late breakfast going slowly south on the main road. There are almost no traffic on that road, maybe 5 vehicles each day, so it's perfect for birding the forest edges. We saw Black-headed Parrot, Hook-billed Kite, White Hawk, Great Black Hawk, Mouse-colored Antshrike, a family of Crimson Topaz, Gray-breasted Sabrewing Golden-winged Parakeet. Also 2 Giant River Otters in a

stream and on the road a beautiful snake, the Yellow-tailed Cribo.



Atta Rainforest Lodge

Arriving just in time for lunch to Atta Rainforest Lodge, the most well managed and maintained lodge on our tour. Excellent and various food and with much exciting fruit juices.

At a birding stop on the first trail explored we made contact with some true hooligans. First we heard like rain dripping from the three tops. Looking up we understood it was the hooligan gang peeing at us. Then they started throwing big three branches at us. The Guyana (Black) Spider Monkeys! Characteristic species here at Atta are the Pompadour- and Spangled Contingas, the Fruitcrows and especially the very common Screaming Piha. Around the lodge we noted Ferruginous-backed Antpitta, Red-billed Woodcreeper, Plain Xenops and the good Dusky Purpletuft. But still no sign of the Ground-cuckoo.



Fredrik, Ron, Roger and Michael, dinner at Atta Rainforest Lodge

Before dusk we had a walk down to the main road. After a while we saw White-throated Woodpecker and the White-winged Potoo flying in to it's hunting branch.

A very nice dinner, some internet and then goodnight at Atta Rainforest Lodge.

25/9 Atta rainforest and walkway



The Walkway in Atta Forest

Birding around the lodge in the morning and then the trail to the walkway gave Dusky Parrot, Blue-cheeked Amazon, Blue-backed Tanager and Black-and-red Grosbeak. Having great respect for heights I took a deep breath climbing out on the walkway. But having some walkway training last year in Danum Valley this worked out quite fine. But the birds did not reward – almost nothing to write down. But close to the walkway I found a brilliant large Tarantula!



Venezuelan Sun Tiger Tarantula, Atta Rainforest

Back on the trail I noted Reddish Hermit, a fine Ornate Hawk-eagle, Spangled and Pompadour Cotinga, Purple-throated

Fruitcrow, Black-bellied Cuckoo. But no Ground-cuckoo at this the last possibility. At the lodge a group of 12 Grey-winged Trumpeters slowly passed the entrance road closely!



Fredrik looking after our exhausted guide Ron
 After another nice lunch we took a drive along the gravel main road. Wedge-capped Capuchin Monkey, Scarlet Macaws, Turquoise Tanager, Yellow-throated Woodpecker, Black-necked Aracari, Rufous-throated and Black-chinned Sapphire and White-necked Jacobin. At dusk two spooky Black-banded Owls flew in and perched beside the road. Night in Atta Rainforest Lodge.

26/9 Leaving Atta Rainforest for Yupakari in the savannah

White-lored Tyrannulet and Black-throated Antshrike before the late breakfast. At 8 o'clock our SUV was packed with the luggage inside and extra fuel on the roof. We headed south on the main gravel road heading for the savanna to the Cayman House Lodge. But before leaving the elusive Iwokrama Forest we made some stops for a Red-brooked Deer, a family of Red-fan Parrot, a colorful Amazonian Wood Turtle, a beautiful Emerald Farm Snake. We walked a small trail into the forest. And now, for the first time we heard a call from the Rufous-winged Ground-cuckoo! Ron played a recording which attracted the bird. It came closer and closer until we had some very good views. So Ron repeated his mantra 'If it's not a lifer it's the best view ever!'. But this time it

was both a lifer and an excellent view! At last we saw the Ground-cuckoo!



Crimson Fruitcrow, Iwokrama Forest
 Going back to the car we had fantastic four King Vultures circling close above. Shortly after that a magnificent male Crimson Fruitcrow was seen in a treetop and we could approach it quite close. Plain Magic! Another stop for a Tiger Rat Snake before leaving the Iwokrama Forest and reaching the savannah region.



Stepping out into the savanna
 The gravel road was badly maintained and bumpy-bumpy as we rolled on southwards in the Northern Rupununi savannah with mountain ridges both to the east and the west. The avifauna drastically changed.



A stop for insect repellent in a small village



Bearded Tachuri, Northern Rupununi

As we made some stops at ponds and wetlands I noted Jabiru, Wood and Maguari Stork, many Savannah Hawks and some White-tailed Hawk, Snail Kite, Limpkin, many Buff-necked Ibis, Southern Lapwing, Wattled Jacana, many Plain-breasted Ground-doves, Grey-fronted and Eared Dove. Best bird was the rare Bearded Tachuri.



Cayman House Lodge, Yupakari village

At 15:00 we reached the small Yupakari village and checked in at the peculiar Cayman House Lodge.



Cayman House Lodge, Yupakari village

After a late lunch we headed off to the Inkrank Swamp some hours away for the rare Crested Doradito.



Outside Yupakari village

Now it was 4Wheel drive over a non-visible trail in the high grassland and into wetlands.



Crested Doradito environment

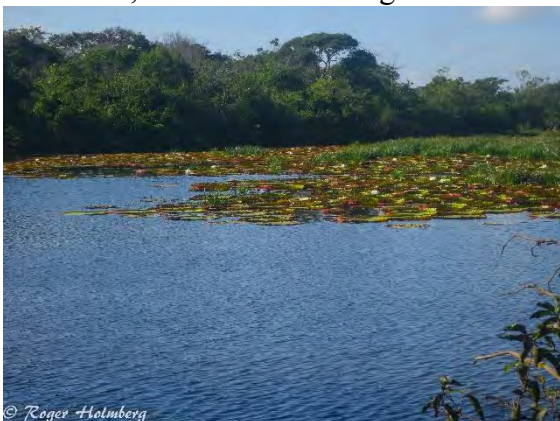
At last we stopped and got out putting on the rubber boats and lots of anti-repellent.



After some minutes someone called out SNAKE! It was a Rattlesnake close to the 'trail'. Everything went okey but the really quest was the lack of time, we had only 20 minutes until dusk. We walked out in the swamp, often with water up to the rubber boats edge. We did a real effort to see the Doradito before the dark but had to give up. On what felt as a very long drive back to the lodge we saw about 30 Least Nighthawk and one Lesser Nighthawk. Dinner and bed at Cayman House Lodge.

27/9 Rupununi River, Inkrank Swamp

Boarded the boat for a six hour trip on the Rupununi River. First observation was a Black Cayman. Then the birds started to show up. Sungrebe, Sun bittern, Agami Heron, Green Ibis, Jabiru in nesting three, Crane and Greey-lined Hawk, Bare-necked Fruitcrow, Green-backed Trogon.



The lagoon along Rupununi River

We went in to a fantastic lagoon filled with those colorful and gigantic water lilies where Jacanas and wader did feed. Continuing our ride we could enjoy Guinean Tyrannalet, White-bellied Antbird, Pale-tipped Inezia and several Little (Variable) Chacalacas. Before

turning back we got our eyes on a Bare-crested Curassow.



Wattleed Jacana on water Lilies, Rupununi River

On the way back we could enjoy a group of Giant River Otter on the shore beach. After lunch at Cayman House we made a new try for the Doradito and now with more time. After some hour in the swamp we finally found a family of male, female and juvenile.



Crested Doradito, male

Turning back I also observed a bearded Tachuri and a Long-tailed Harrier. But best remembered, I had just climbed on a Rattlesnake. Night at Cayman House Lodge.



Happy fellows after seeing the Crested Doradito



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Savanna Hawk, Inkrank Swamp, Yupakari



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Night over Inkrank Swamp, Yupakari

28/9 Yupakari to Karassabai

This morning we left Yupakari driving westwards through the grasslands/ savanna to Karassabai village in the hilly mountains. We had some good sights of Pinnated Bittern, Aplamado Falcon, Savannah Hawk, American Kestrel and Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture. And of course the character bird of the region, the Crested Bobwhite. There was also a Savannah Fox showing up.



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Mau River, the border between Guyana and Brazil
As we approached the hills towards the Brazilian border we made a refreshment

stop at a wetland. Pied Water-tyrant, Green-rumped Parrotlet, Bi-colored Wren, Donacobius and Orange Troupial. We also made a stop at the beautiful border river to look for the fresh water Dolphins without result.



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Karassabai, the village of Sun Parakeets

At 11 o'clock we reached the small village Karassabai and checked in at the community's guest house for lunch.



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Karassabai Guest House

After some rest we took a ride searching for the Sun Parakeets, which had been almost extinct due to the pet trade. Now after stopping the pet trade there are about 300 individuals left in Guyana.



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Waiting for Sun Parakeets in a Cassava workshop
 We searched and walked for them a couple of hours in the sunny heat.



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Sun Parakeets outside Karassabai village
 And at last we found a small flock of six Sun Parakeets in a descent distant. 'Yippies' and photos of course!



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Eastern Meadowlark, Karassabai
 On the way back to the village we studied some interesting Tarantula Wasps, Glittering-throated Hummingbird, Double-striped Thick-knees and a beautiful Eastern Meadowlark. A very hot night at Karasasabai Guest House.



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Karassabai Village

29/9 Karassabai to Manari Ranch



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Savanna between Karassabai - Lethem
 Seeing the Sun Parakeets so good the day before we left Karassabai in good mood. Heading south in the savanna towards the cowboy village Lethem to reach Manari Ranch.



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Aplamado Falcon, Karassabai-Lethem



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Burrowing Owl, Karassabai-Lethem
 Grassland Sparrow and Plain-breasted Dove are character species in this area.



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Manari Ranch



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Pearl Kite, Karassabai-Lethem
 At a refreshment stop close to a wetland we observed Yellow-hooded Blackbird, Limpkin, Pearl Kite, Green-rumped Parrotlet.

30/9 Dadanawa Ranch and the Red Siskin Quest



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The road to Dadanawa Ranch

Very early start 03:00 in two large SUV:s heading east and then north-east. With us was Justin De Fraités, project leader of the Red Siskin project. And also Jonathan Rossouw, one of the co-founders of Rockjumper Birding Tours but now owner of Apex Expeditions. From the vehicle we saw three Nakunda Nightjars.



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 We arrived to the old-fashioned Manari Ranch to lunch. At 16:00 we took a walk in the surroundings. Lowland Hepatic Tanager, Crested Bobwhite, Pale-bellied Thrush and Least Nighthawk were some of the seen species. Night at Manari Ranch.



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Crossing the river



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'This way!'

After 3 hours we left the gravel road and went out in the remote terrain on an adventurous ride over cliffs, streams, water and clay.



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A very remote place, the Red Siskin place

After a couple of hours we reached a place with large boulder mountains at 7:45. This was the Red Siskin surroundings!

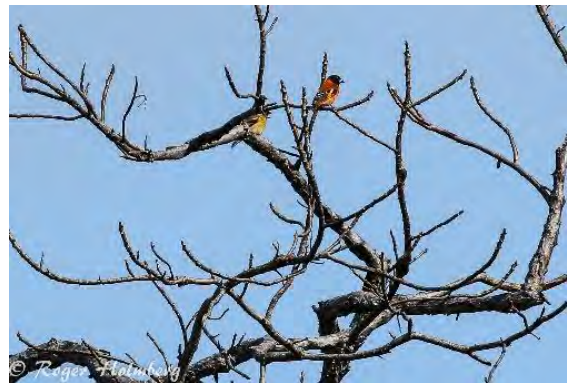


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We walked to a place in the dry environment where water were flows down flat cliffs. After 10 minutes a female Red Siskins showed up for some of us in the frontline.



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A pair of Red Siskin

After waiting a while another two males and three females arrived and showed up fine for all of us. At this moment it felt that the tour was completed, all the main targets seen!

Except a Blue-tailed Emerald we found nothing more of interest so we returned back at 10:00.



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Mission completed!



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Michael, Jonathan, Fredrik and Justin
 After a somewhat adventurous drive we reached the old-fashioned and rustic Dadanawa Ranch.



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The rustic Dadanawa Ranch



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Traditional lunch at Dadanawa Ranch
 A group of four Sharp-tailed Ibis showed up. And also a White-throated Kingbird. After a typical ranch meal we took a rest at the ranch veranda before we started the return to Manari Ranch. Along the road we spotted Yellow Pipit, Pacific Golden Plover and both Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs.



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Sharp-tailed Ibis, Dadanawa Ranch
 Back to Manara Ranch at 17:30. Dinner and night at Manara Ranch.

**1/10 Takatu and Iring River area.
 Flying back to Georgetown**



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Ron still enthusiastic last day to show rarities
 Early start to the savanna area between Takatu and Iring rivers. With machetes we worked our way close to the Brazil border river. We soon found one of the targets, Rio Branco Antbird. And also Snail Kite with prey, Slate-headed Tody-flycatcher, Ferrogenous Pygmy-owl.



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Endemic Hairy-throated Spinetail, Takatu River
 And soon also the second target bird, two curious Hairy-throated Spinetails.



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Crested Bobwhite, character species in the savanna



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White-faced and Black-bellied Whistling-duck

On the way back in a wetland we found thousands of White-faced and Black-bellied Whistling-ducks and five Maguire's Stork.



Maguari Stork

Lunch at Manara Ranch. At 2 o'clock we packed our luggage into the SUV and took the short drive to Lethem's small airport. Just outside Lethem village the sky opened for a really heavy rainfall, the first on the tour.

This aircraft took 12 passengers in comfortable flight seats. If you will take this flight, my advice is to put on a warm sweater. After two weeks in 35-40 C degrees without air-condition you will find it freezing cold on this one-hour flight.

Last dinner and night at Status Hotel in Georgetown.

2/10 Flight Georgetown-Stockholm

My flight back from Georgetown was at 9:30 via Port-of-Spain – Toronto – London – Stockholm. Arrived in Stockholm at 17:00 the day after and was met by my wife Katrin and car.

Summary

This really is THE trip to make if you want to experience huge South American rainforest and savanna how it could be, when unspoiled by man. Lots of bird species and lots of birds. It's remote and it's beautiful!

And I can really recommend Ron Allicock as birding guide and tour operator. He's great!



Photos

There are quite a few photos in the following section Bird, Mammal and Reptile lists.

Info about Ron Allicock Birding Tours



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BIRD LIST

Guyana

17 September – 2 October 2016

In the bird species list we have followed the systematics and nomenclature of Cornell Labs/Clements version 6.9.

Tinamous (*Tinamidae*)

Great Tinamou (*Tinamus major major*)

24.10 1h, 25.10 1h Atta Rainforest Lodge

Little Tinamou (*Crypturellus soui soui*)

19.9 1h Surama

Red-legged Tinamou (*Crypturellus erythropus erythropus*)

21.9 1h Surama

Variiegated Tinamou (*Crypturellus variegatus*)

20.9 1h Iwokrama Forest, 24.9 1h Atta Rainforest Lodge

Ducks, Swans and Waterfowl (*Anatidae*)



White-faced Whistling Duck (*Dendrocygna viduata*)

Common in swamps and dams 26.9-1.10 in southern savanna. Thousands near Takatu and Iring Rivers.



Black-bellied Whistling Duck (Southern) (*Dendrocygna autumnalis autumnalis*)

Quite common in swamps and dams 26.9-1.10 in southern savanna. Hundres in dams near Takatu and Iring Rivers. Also seen Botanical Garden in Georgetown.

Muscovy Duck (*Cairina moschata*)

22.9 2 Iwokrama, 23.9 1 Essequibo River, Iwokrama

Chachalacas, Curassows & Guans (*Cracidae*)

Variable Chachalaca (Little) (*Ortalis motmot motmot*)

27.9 4 Along the Rupununi River.

Marail Guan (*Penelope marail marail*)

20-26.9 seen with single specimen every day in the Iwokrama forest.



Spix's Guan (Grant's) (*Penelope jacquacu granti*)

22- 25.9 seen with 1-2 daily in the Iwokrama forest.

Crestless Curassow (*Mitu tomentosum*)

27.9 1 bird seen along the Rupununi River.



Black Curassow (*Crax alector alector*)

22-26.9 Seen with 1-8 birds daily in Iwokrama Forest.

New World Quails (*Odontophoridae*)



Crested Bobwhite (*Colinus cristatus sonnini*)

A character species in the savanna 28.9-1.10.

Grebes (*Podicipedidae*)

Least Grebe (*Tachybaptus dominicus*)

1.10 2 birds in a savanna dam near Takatu and Iring Rivers.

Storks (*Ciconiidae*)



Maguari Stork (*Ciconia maguari*)

26.9 2 in a savanna wetland on the way to Cayman House, 5 seen in a wetland near Takatu and Iring Rivers.



Jabiru (*Jabiru mycteria*)

26.9 5 seen in a savanna wetland on our way to Cayman House, 27.1 1 seen Rupununi River, 15.1 1 seen in dam near Takatu and Iring Rivers.

Wood Stork (*Mycteria americana*)

27, 29.9, 1.10 2 seen in savanna wetlands

Frigatebirds (*Fregatidae*)

Magnificent Frigatebird (*Fregata magnificens*)

18.9 1 seen Hope Beach

Cormorants, Shags (*Phalacrocorax*)

Neotropic Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus brasilianus*)

18.9 2 Hope Beach, 27.9 2 Rupununi River

Anhingas, Darters (*Anhingidae*)

Anhinga (*Anhinga anhinga*)

23.9 2 Iwokrama Forest, 27.9 several seen Rupununi River

Herons, Egrets and Bitterns (*Ardeidae*)

Pinnated Bittern (*Botaurus pinnatus*)

28.9 2 seen en route Cayman House - Karassabai

Least Bittern (*Ixobrychus exilis*)

18.9 1 seen Mahaika River

Rufescent Tiger Heron (*Tigrisoma lineatum*)

27.9 1 seen Rupununi River



Cocoi Heron (*Ardea cocoi*)

1-5 birds seen daily during 7 days

Great Egret (American) (*Ardea alba egretta*)

Seen with several bird each day except in Iwokrama Forest

Snowy Egret (*Egretta thula thula*)

Seen with several bird each day except in Iwokrama Forest

Little Blue Heron (*Egretta caerulea*)

Several birds seen daily along the coast and in the savanna area

Tricolored Heron (*Egretta tricolor tricolor*)

18.9 Some birds seen along the coast

Cattle Egret (Western) (*Bubulcus ibis ibis*)

Many seen along the coast 17-19.9



Striated Heron (South American) (*Butorides striata striata*)

Seen with 1-10 birds daily all over the trip



Agami Heron (*Agamia agami*)
 27.9 8 birds seen along Rupununi River
Capped Heron (*Pilherodius pileatus*)
 22.9 2 Iwokrama, 23.9 1 Iwokrama



Black-crowned Night Heron (American) (*Nycticorax nycticorax hoactli*)
 17.9 2, 18.9 10 along the coast, 27.9 5 Rupununi River
Yellow-crowned Night Heron (*Nyctanassa violacea cayennensis*)
 18.9 1 seen along the coast
Boat-billed Heron (Southern) (*Cochlearius cochlearius cochlearius*)
 27.9 1 seen Rupununi River

Ibises and Spoonbills (*Threskionithidae*)



Scarlet Ibis (*Eudocimus ruber*)
 17.9 3 Georgetown Botanical Garden, 18.9 300 Hope Beach



Sharp-tailed Ibis (*Cercibis oxycerca*)

29.9 4 Dadenawa Ranch



Green Ibis (*Mesembrinibis cayennensis*)

21.9 3 Surama, 23.9 1 Iwokrama, 27.9 6 Rupununi River



Buff-necked Ibis (*Theristicus caudatus caudatus*)

Common in the savanna area, seen every day 26.9 - 1.10 with 2-15 birds.

New World Vultures (*Cathartidae*)



Black Vulture (*Coragyps atratus brasiliensis*)

Common, seen every day during the trip.

Turkey Vulture (Tropical) (*Cathartes aura ruficollis*)

Seen with 1-2 birds throughout the trip during 5 days.



Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture (*Cathartes burrovianus urubitinga*)

18.9 1 Mahaika River, 27.9-1.10 1-3 birds daily in the savanna area



Greater Yellow-headed Vulture (*Cathartes melambrotus*)

Seen daily with 1-4 birds in Iwokrama area



King Vulture (*Sarcoramphus papa*)

Seen with singular birds daily in Iwokrama area and with 4 birds 27.9 around Cayman Lodge

Osprey (*Pandionidae*)

Osprey (American) (*Pandion haliaetus carolinensis*)

18.9 1 along the coast, 22.9 1 Iwokrama, 27.9 5 Yupakari area

Hawks, Eagles and Kites (*Accipitridae*)



Pearl Kite (*Gampsonyx swainsonii leonae*)

29.9 1 en route Karassabai - Lethem

White-tailed Kite (*Elanus leucurus leucurus*)

A total of 7 birds seen in the savanna region

Hook-billed Kite (*Chondrohierax uncinatus uncinatus*)

24.9 2 Iwokrama

Grey-headed Kite (*Leptodon cayanensis cayanensis*)

23.9 1 Iwokrama

Swallow-tailed Kite (*Elanoides forficatus*)

26.9 1 in wetland along the savanna road down to Cayman House



Harpy Eagle (*Harpia harpyja*)

20 1 male, 1 female, 1 juvenile Iwokrama Forest

Black Hawk-eagle (*Spizaetus tyrannus serus*)

22.9 1 Iwokrama Forest

Ornate Hawk-eagle (*Spizaetus ornatus ornatus*)

25.9 1 around Atta Rainforest Lodge

Black-collared Hawk (*Busarellus nigricollis nigricollis*)

Singular birds at the coast 17-18.9, 27.9 2 Yupakari area



Snail Kite (*Rostrhamus sociabilis sociabilis*)

17-19.9 1-3 birds coastal area, 26.9-1.10 1-2 birds daily in savanna region

Double-toothed Kite (*Harpagus bidentatus bidentatus*)

22.9 1 en route Surama-Iwokrama River Lodge

Plumbeous Kite (*Ictinia plumbea*)

20.9 1 Iwokrama Forest



Long-winged Harrier (*Circus buffoni*)

27.9 1 Yupakari swamp, 1.10 1 around Takatu and Iring Rivers

Crane Hawk (Grey) (*Geranospiza caerulescens caerulescens*)

27.9 2 Yupakari area



Rufous Crab Hawk (*Buteogallus aequinoctialis*)

18.9 10 birds in a colony Abery River



Savanna Hawk (*Buteogallus meridionalis*)

18-19.9 seen in coastal area, very common 26.9-1.10 in savanna region



Great Black Hawk (*Buteogallus urubitinga urubitinga*)

Single birds seen during 8 days throughout the trip. Several were first calendar year birds.

Roadside Hawk (Mainland) (*Rupornis magnirostris magnirostris*)

Singular birds were seen during 5 days throughout the trip



White-tailed Hawk (*Geranoaetus albicaudatus colonus*)

Seen with 1-2 birds on 3 days in the savanna region



White Hawk (Black-tailed) (*Pseudastur albicollis albicollis*)
 24.9 1 en route Iwokrama River Lodge-Atta Rainforest Lodge



Black-faced Hawk (*Leucopternis melanops*)
 21.9 1 Burro-Burro River (photo shows a young bird)

Grey-lined Hawk (*Buteo nitidus nitidus*)
 21-22.9 1 Iwokrama Forest, 27-28.9 1 savanna region



Zone-tailed Hawk (*Buteo albonotatus*)
 17-18.9 1 coastal area, 27.9 1 Yupakari area

Sunbittern (*Eurypygidae*)

Sunbittern (*Eurypyga helias helias*)
 22.9 1 Essequibo River, 27.9 1 Rupununi River

Rails, Crakes and Coots (*Rallidae*)

Grey-breasted Crake (*Laterallus exilis*)

18.9 1 Mahaika River

Purple Gallinule (*Porphyrio martinicus*)

A total of 12 birds seen 26-27.9 Yupakari area

Finfoots and Sungrebe (*Heliornithidae*)

Sungrebe (*Heliornis fulica*)

27.9 10 birds Rupununi River

Limpkin (*Aramidae*)



Limpkin (*Aramus guarauna guarauna*)

18.9 1 Botanical Gardeen, Georgetown, 26.9-1.10 1-2 birds in savanna swamps

Trumpeters (*Psophiidae*)



Grey-winged Trumpeter (*Psophia crepitans crepitans*)

20-21.9 1h Surama area, 25.9 12s Atta Rainforest Lodge

Stone-curlews, Thick-knees (*Burhinidae*)



Double-striped Thick-knee (*Burhinus bistriatus vocifer*)

28.9 4 Karassabai, 29.9 2 Karassabai-Lethem

Plovers and Lapwings (*Charadriidae*)

American Golden Plover (*Pluvialis dominica*)

30.9 1 Takatu and Iring River area



Pied Lapwing (*Vanellus cayanus*)

A total of 12 birds in Iwokrama area and savanna region

Southern Lapwing (Northern) (*Vanellus chilensis cayennensis*)

18.9 1 coastal area, a total of 11 in savanna region

Semipalmated Plover (*Charadrius semipalmatus*)

18.9 1 Mahaika River

Jacanas (*Jacanidae*)



Wattleed Jacana (Chestnut-backed) (*Jacana jacana jacana*)

Many seen Botanical Garden, Georgetown, coastal area 17-18.9 and in wetlands of savanna region 26-30.9

Snipes, Sandpipers and Phalaropes (*Scolopacidae*)

Spotted Sandpiper (*Actitis macularius*)

Some seen sporadically during the trip

Greater Yellowlegs (*Tringa melanoleuca*)

30.9 1 Takatu and Iring River area

Lesser Yellowlegs (*Tringa flavipes*)

18.9 15 in coastal area and 30.9 3 Takatu and Iring River area

Whimbrel (American) (*Numenius phaeopus hudsonicus*)

18.9 1 Hope Beach

Ruddy Turnstone (*Arenaria interpres morinella*)

18.9 1 coastal area

Least Sandpiper (*Calidris minutilla*)

18.9 10 Mahaika River

Gulls and Terns (*Laridae*)

Large-billed Tern (*Phaetusa simplex simplex*)

17-18.9 13 coastal area and 22.9 4 Essequibo River



Black Skimmer (*Rynchops niger cinerascens*)

18.9 7 Hope Beach, 22-23.9 single birds Essequibo River, 27.9 3 Rupununi River

Doves and Pigeons (*Columbidae*)

Feral Pigeon (*Columba livia 'feral'*)

17.9 common in Georgetown but not seen elsewhere.

Pale-vented Pigeon (*Patagioenas cayennensis cayennensis*)

Some 1-2 birds daily in coastal area and around Surama. More frequent in savanna area



Scaled Pigeon (*Patagioenas speciosa*)

19-25.9 1-3 birds daily Surama-Iwokrama area.

Plumbeous Pigeon (*Patagioenas plumbea delicata*)

22.9 1h Iwokrama, 25.9 2s Atta Rainforest

Ruddy Pigeon (*Patagioenas subvinacea purpureotincta*)

17-19.9 quite common coastal area and Surama, 27-30.9 some 1-2 daily savanna region



Common Ground Dove (*Columbina passerina griseola*)

19-23.9 quite common Surama/Iwokrama area

Plain-breasted Ground Dove (*Columbina minuta minuta*)

26-30.9 quite common in savanna region

White-tipped Dove (*Leptotila verreauxi brasiliensis*)

19.9 2 Kaieteur Falls

Grey-fronted Dove (*Leptotila rufaxilla rufaxilla*)

23-27.9 1-5 birds daily Iwokrama, Atta and Yupakari areas



Eared Dove (*Zenaida auriculata stenura*)

18.9 1 coastal area, 26-28.9 2-20 birds daily savanna region

Hoatzin (*Opisthocomidae*)



Hoatzin (*Opisthocomus hoazin*)

18.9 10+ Mahaika River. Guyana's National Bird!

Cuckoos (*Cuculidae*)

Little Cuckoo (*Coccyua minuta minuta*)

18.9 4 Mahaika River

Squirrel Cuckoo (Amazonian) (*Piaya cayana cayana*)

19-23 seen daily Iwokrama, 29.9 1 Lethem area



Black-bellied Cuckoo (*Piaya melanogaster*)

24.9 1h Iwokrama/Atta Forest, 25.9 1s Atta Rainforest



Striped Cuckoo (*Tapera naevia naevia*)

18.9 1 Mahaika River, 28.9 1 en route Yupakari- Karassabai



Rufous-winged Ground Cuckoo (*Neomorphus rufipennis*)

26.9 1 seen well south of Atta Rainforest Lodge

Greater Ani (*Crotophaga major*)

Seen with 2-10 birds during 4 days



Smooth-billed Ani (*Crotophaga ani*)

Quite common in coastal area and Iwokrama area, some seen Karassabai-Lethem

Barn Owls (*Tytonidae*)

Hellmayr's Barn Owl (*Tyto alba hellmayri*)

20.9 1h Surama

Owls (*Strigidae*)

Tropical Screech Owl (*Megascops choliba cruciger*)

19.9 1h Surama



Tawny-bellied Screech Owl (*Megascops watsonii watsonii*)

20.9 1s Iwokrama, at the Cock-of-the-rock trail



Great Horned Owl (*Bubo virginianus nacurutu*)

17.9 1s Botanical Garden, Georgetown

Amazonian Pygmy Owl (*Glaucidium hardyi*)

24.9 1h Atto Rainforest Lodge



Ferrogenous Pygmy Owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum*)

29.9 1h Manari Ranch, 1.10 1s Takatu/Iring Rivers



Burrowing Owl (*Athene cunicularia minor*)
26-30.9 seen daily with 1-6 birds in savanna region



Black-banded Owl (*Ciccaba huhula huhula*)
25.9 1 Atta Rainforest Lodge

Nightjars (*Caprimulgidae*)

Nacunda Nighthawk (*Chordeiles nacunda coryi*)

30.9 3 En route Manari Ranch- Dadanawa Ranch

Least Nighthawk (*Chordeiles pusillus septentrionalis*)

26-30.9 1-20 birds seen around Atta, Cayman House and Manari Ranch



Lesser Nighthawk (*Chordeiles acutipennis acutipennis*)

Single birds seen 21.9 Surama, 26.9 Yupakari and 29.9 Manari Ranch

Blackish Nightjar (*Nyctipolus nigrescens*)

25.9 2 Atta Rainforest Lodge

Common Pauraque (*Nyctidromus albicollis albicollis*)

19.9 3 Surama, 24.9 1 Atta Rainforest Lodge

White-tailed Nightjar (*Hydropsalis cayennensis cayennensis*)

19.9 2 Surama, 26.9 1 Cayman House



Ladder-tailed Nightjar (*Hydrosalis climacocerca schomburgki*)

22.9 8 and 23.9 2 Iwokrama

Potoos (*Nyctibiidae*)



Great Potoo (*Nyctibius grandis*)

19.9 2 Surama



Long-tailed Potoo (*Nyctibius aethereus longicaudatus*)

20.9 2 Iwokrama Forest



Grey (Common) Potoo (*Nyctibius griseus griseus*)
22.9 1 Iwokrama Forest during night-drive



White-winged Potoo (*Nyctibius leucopterus*)
24.9 1 Atta Rainforest lodge

Swifts (*Apodidae*)

White-collared Swift (*Streptoprocne zonaris albicincta*)

23.9 10 Essequibo River

Short-tailed Swift (*Chaetura brachyura brachyura*)

17.9 5 Botanical Garden, Georgetown, 27.9 5 Rupununi River

Band-rumped Swift (*Chaetura spinicaudus spinicaudus*)

Quite common Iwokrama and savanna regions

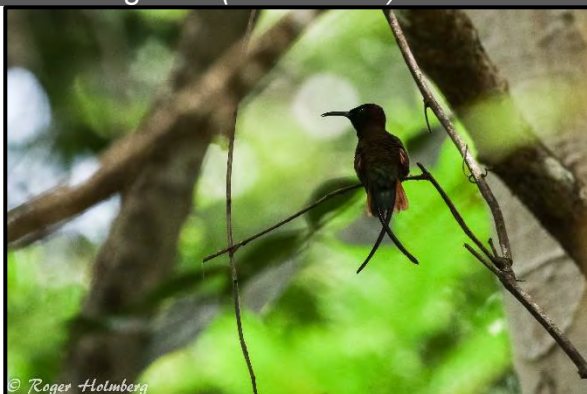
White-tipped Swift (*Aeronautes montivagus tatei*)

19.2 2 Kaieteur Falls

Fork-tailed Palm Swift (*Tachornis squamata squamata*)

19.9 5 Surama, 1.10 5 Takatu and Iring River area

Hummingbirds (*Trochilidae*)



Crimson Topaz (*Topaza pella pella*)

24.9 3 en route Iwokrama-Atta Rainforest (photo: male left, female right)

White-necked Jacobin (*Florisuga mellivora mellivora*)

20-27.9 1-2 seen daily Iwokrama and savanna regions

Long-tailed Hermit (*Phaethornis superciliosus superciliosus*)

26.9 1 en route south of Atta Rainforest

Reddish Hermit (*Phaethornis ruber episcopus*)

21.9 1 Surama, 25.9 2 Atta Rainforest

White-tailed Goldenthrout (*Polytmus guainumbi guainumbi*)

18.9 1 Mahaika River, 29.9 1 en route Karassabai-Manari Ranch

Black-throated Mango (*Anthracothorax nigricollis*)

27.9 1 Yupakari area, 1.10 1 Takato and Iring River area



Tufted Coquette (*Lophornis ornatus*)

19.9 1 male Kaieteur Falls

Long-billed Starthroat (*Heliomaster longirostris longirostris*)

28.9 1 en route Yupakari-Karassabai



Blue-tailed Emerald (*Chlorostilbon mellisugus*)

30.9 1 at the Red Siskin locality NE Dadanawa Ranch

Blue-chinned Sapphire (*Chlorestes notata notata*)

20.9 1 Iwokrama Forest, 21.9 1 Burro-Burro River, 25.9 2 south of Atta Rainforest

Grey-breasted Sabrewing (*Campylopterus largipennis largipennis*)

23.9 1 Turtle Mt. trail, Iwokrama

Fork-tailed Woodnymph (*Thalurania furcata*)

19.9 1 Kaieteur Falls, 22.9 1 Iwokrama, 24.9 1 Iwokrama-Atta Rainforest

White-chested Emerald (*Amazilia brevirostris brevirostris*)

18.9 1 Mahaika River, 19.9 1 dom/int airport Georgetown

Plain-bellied Emerald (*Amazilia leucogaster leucogaster*)

18.9 1 Mahaika River area



Glittering-throated Emerald (*Amazilia fimbriata fimbriata*)

18.9 2 Mahaika River, 28.9 1 Karassabai, 29.9 1 en route Karassabai-Manari Ranch

Rufous-throated Sapphire (*Hylocharis sapphirina*)

25.9 2 Atta Rainforest

White-chinned Sapphire (*Hylocharis cyanus viridiventris*)

23.9 1 Iwokrama River Lodge trail

Trogon and Quetzals (*Trogonidae*)

Green-backed Trogon (*Trogon viridis viridis*)

21.9 1 Surama, 25.9 1 Atta Rainforest, 27.9 1 Rupununi River

Guianan Trogon (*Trogon violaceus*)

21.9 1 Iwokrama Forest

Black-throated Trogon (*Trogon rufus rufus*)

24.9 1 female Iwokrama birding trail, 25.9 1 male Atta Rainforest

Kingfishers (*Alcedinidae*)



Ringed Kingfisher (Northern) (*Megaceryle torquata torquata*)

Seen along rivers throughout the trip



Amazon Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle amazona*)

Seen along rivers throughout the trip (photo: left female, right male)

Green Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle americana americana*)

Seen along rivers throughout the trip

Green-and-rufous Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle inda*)

23.91 Essequibo River

American Pygmy Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle aenea aenea*)

18.9 1 Mahaika River

Puffbirds (*Bucconidae*)



Guianan Puffbird (*Notharchus macrorhynchos*)

22.9 en route Surama-Iwokrama lodges

Pied Puffbird (Greater) (*Notharchus tectus tectus*)

19.9 1 Surama savanna



Spotted Puffbird (*Bucco tamatia tamatia*)

19.9 1h Surama, 21.9 1s Burro-Burro River

Black Nunbird (*Monasa atra*)

20.9 4 Surama -Iwokrama Forest, 21.9 2 Surama, 22.9 1 Iwokrama Forest, 24.9 several Iwokrama River Lodge-Atta Rainforest Lodge



Swallow-winged Puffbird (*Chelidoptera tenebrosa tenebrosa*)
Seen with 1-6 birds almost daily throughout the trip 19-27.9

Jacamars (*Galbulidae*)



Green-tailed Jacamar (*Galbula galbula*)

18.9 3 Mahaika River, 21.9 2 Burro-Burro River, 27.9 1 Rupununi River

Bronzy Jacamar (*Galbula leucogastra*)

22.9 1 Surama-Iwokrama Lodges



Paradise Jacamar (*Galbula dea dea*)

20.9 1 Iwokrama Forest, 24.9 2 Iwokrama River Lodge-Atta Rainforest Lodge

Great Jacamar (*Jacamerops aureus aureus*)

22.9 1h Surama-Iwokrama Lodges, 23.9 1s Iwokrama birding trail

American Barbets (*Capitonidae*)

Black-spotted Barbet (*Capito niger*)

20.9 1, 22.9 2 Iwokrama Forest, 24-26.9 1 Atta Rainforest area

Toucans (*Ramphastidae*)

Green Aracari (*Pteroglossus viridis*)

4 at Guyana from 2016-09-17 to 2016-10-02. 25.9 3, 26.9 1 Atta Rainforest



Black-necked Aracari (*Pteroglossus aracari atricollis*)

17.9 1 Botanic Garden, Georgetown, 20.9 3 Iwokrama Forest, 22-25.9 1 Iwokrama/Atta Forest

Guianan Toucanet (*Selenidera piperivora*)

23.9 1 Iwokrama River Lodge birding trail, 25-26.9 1 Atta Rainforest

Toco Toucan (*Ramphastos toco toco*)

18.9 2 Botanical Garden, Georgetown



White-throated Toucan (Red-billed) (*Ramphastos tucanus tucanus*)

A total of 14 birds seen during 8 days 17-26.9. Not seen in the savanna region

Channel-billed Toucan (*Ramphastos vitellinus vitellinus*)

Seen daily with 1-2 birds 20-26.9. Not seen in the savanna region.

Woodpeckers (*Picidae*)



White-bellied Piculet (*Picumnus spilogaster spilogaster*)

17.9 1 male, 2 female Botanical Garden Georgetown and 1 there 18.9

Yellow-tufted Woodpecker (*Melanerpes cruentatus*)

24.9 1 Iwokrama Forest



Blood-coloured Woodpecker (*Veniliornis sanguineus*)

18.9 1male, 1female Abary River

Yellow-throated Woodpecker (*Piculus flavigula flavigula*)

23.9 1h, 24.9 1s Iwokrama, 25.9 1 Atta Rainforest

Golden-green Woodpecker (Bar-throated) (*Piculus chrysochloros capistratus*)

20.9 1 Iwokrama Forest

Waved Woodpecker (*Celeus undatus undatus*)

23.9 1 Iwokrama

Chestnut Woodpecker (Rufous-crested) (*Celeus elegans hellmayri*)

20.9 1 Iwokrama Forest

Cream-coloured Woodpecker (*Celeus flavus flavus*)

25.9 1 Atta Rainforest



Lineated Woodpecker (*Dryocopus lineatus lineatus*)

Seen with single birds 17-19.9 and 23-24.9

Red-necked Woodpecker (*Campephilus rubricollis rubricollis*)

Seen with 1-2 birds 20-25.9 and with 3 birds 1.10 in Takatu and Iring River area



Crimson-crested Woodpecker (*Campephilus melanoleucos melanoleucos*)

17.9 4 Botanical Garden, Georgetown, and single birds 18.9, 20.9

Caracaras, Falcons (*Falconidae*)

Barred Forest Falcon (*Micrastur ruficollis concentricus*)

20.9 1h Iwokrama Forest

Lined Forest Falcon (*Micrastur gilvicollis*)

23.9 1 Iwokrama

Slaty-backed Forest Falcon (*Micrastur mirandollei*)

19.9 1 Surama, 20.9 1h Iwokrama Forest, 21.9 1h Iwokrama

Black Caracara (*Daptrius ater*)

19.9 2 Surama, 29.9 1 Manari Ranch



Red-throated Caracara (*Ibycter americanus*)

21.9 Surama, 24.9 1 Iwokrama-Atta Lodges



Crested Caracara (*Caracara cheriway cheriway*)

Seen with 1-10 birds 18-29.9 during most days

Yellow-headed Caracara (*Milvago chimachima cordata*)

17.9 6 Botanical Garden, Georgetown. Also 5 birds 18.9



Laughing Falcon (*Herpetotheres cachinnans cachinnans*)

18.9 1 Mahaika River, 20.9 2 Iwokrama Forest, 21.0 1 Iwokrama Forest



American Kestrel (South American) (*Falco sparverius isabellinus*)

A total of 9 birds 26-30.9 in the savanna region



Aplomado Falcon (*Falco femoralis femoralis*)

28.9 1 En route west Yupakari, 29.9 2 en route Karassabai-Manari Ranch, 1.10 1 Takatu and Iring River area



Bat Falcon (*Falco ruficularis ruficularis*)

A total of 12 birds 19-29.9. At most 5 birds Essequibo River 23.9.



Orange-breasted Falcon (*Falco deiroleucus*)

19.9 1 male Kaieteur Falls, 23.9 1 male, 1 female close sightings at Turtle Mt. Iwokrama

New World and African Parrots (*Psittacidae*)

Lilac-tailed Parrotlet (*Touit batavicus*)

24.9 1 Iwokrama River Lodge birding trail

Sapphire-rumped Parrotlet (*Touit purpuratus purpuratus*)

24.9 2 Iwokrama-Atta Lodges

Tepui Parrotlet (*Nannopsittaca panychlora*)

23.9 2 Iwokrama

Golden-winged Parakeet (*Brotogeris chrysoptera chrysoptera*)

20.9 5 Iwokrama Forest, 24.9 6 en route Iwokrama-Atta Lodges, 25.9 2 Atta Rainforest

Caica Parrot (*Pyrilia caica*)

A total of 28 birds 20-26.9. Most 20.9 Iwokrama Forest with 15 birds.



Dusky Parrot (*Pionus fuscus*)

A total of 14 birds 20-26.9. Most 20.9 Iwokrama Forest with 6 birds.

Blue-headed Parrot (*Pionus menstruus menstruus*)

A total of 30 birds 17-25.9.



Festive Parrot (*Amazona festiva bodini*)

18.9 1s Botanical Garden, Georgetown. Also 3h there 17.9.

Blue-cheeked Parrot (*Amazona dufresniana*)

25.9 3 Atta Rainforest Lodge



Yellow-crowned Parrot (*Amazona ochrocephala ochrocephala*)

17.9 5 Botanical Garden, Georgetown, 18.9 2coastal region, 27.9 5 Yupakari area

Mealy Parrot (Southern) (*Amazona farinosa farinosa*)

Seen with 5-25 birds daily 18-26.9. Not seen in the savanna region.



Orange-winged Parrot (*Amazona amazonica amazonica*)

Seen with 5-30 birds daily 17-26.9. Not seen in the savanna region.



Green-rumped Parrotlet (*Forpus passerinus passerinus*)

18.9 5 Mahaika River, 28.9 5 en route Yupakari-Karassabai, 29.9 7 en route Karassabai-Manarai Ranch



Black-headed Parrot (*Pionites melanocephalus melanocephalus*)

20.9 10 Iwokrama Forest



Red-fan Parrot (*Derophtus accipitrinus accipitrinus*)

23.9 2 Essequibo River, 26.9 2 south of Atta Rainforest Lodge

Painted Parakeet (*Pyrrhura picta picta*)

A total of 16 birds 20-25.9 in Iwokrama Forest



Brown-throated Parakeet (*Eupsittula pertinax surinama*)

Common throughout the trip.



Sun Parakeet (*Aratinga solstitialis*)

28.9 7 birds in a flock outside Karassabai was studied during some 30 minutes. Great birds!

Red-bellied Macaw (*Orthopsittaca manilatus*)

18.9 30 birds Mahaika River. Also 26.9 2 en route Atta Rainforest-Yupakari and 1.10 2 Takatu and Iring River area.

Blue-and-yellow Macaw (*Ara ararauna*)

23.9 2 Turtle Mt - Iwokrama River Lodge, 24.9 4 Iwokrama River Lodge - Atta Rainforest.



Scarlet Macaw (*Ara macao macao*)

Quite common in Surama/Iwokrama Forest/Atta Rainforest. Seen with 10+ birds during 8 days 19-26.9. Also 10 28.9 Yupakari-Karassabai.



Red-and-green Macaw (*Ara chloropterus*)

Quite common in Surama/Iwokrama Forest/Atta Rainforest. Seen with 10+ birds during 8 days 19-26.9



Red-shouldered Macaw (Northern) (*Diopsittaca nobilis nobilis*)

17.9 20 Botanical Garden, Georgetown, 18.9 15 Mahaika River

Typical Antbirds (*Thamnophilidae*)

Ash-winged Antwren (*Euchrepomis spodioptila spodioptila*)

20.9 1h Iwokrama Forest, 25.9 1h Atta Rainforest

Fasciated Antshrike (*Cymbilaimus lineatus lineatus*)

21.9 1h Surama, 23.9 1h Iwokrama Forest, 25.9 1h Atta Rainforest

Black-throated Antshrike (*Frederickena viridis*)

26.9 1h Atta Rainforest Lodge

Great Antshrike (*Taraba major semifasciatus*)

18.9 1h Mahaika River



Black-crested Antshrike (*Sakesphorus canadensis trinitatis*)

18.9 1 male, 1 female Abary River

Barred Antshrike (*Thamnophilus doliatus doliatus*)

18.9 4h Mahaika River

Mouse-coloured Antshrike (*Thamnophilus murinus murinus*)

24.9 1s Iwokrama River Lodge-Atta Rainforest Lodge. Also 23.9 1h Iwokrama River Lodge and 25.9 1h south Atta Rainforest

Northern Slaty Antshrike (*Thamnophilus punctatus punctatus*)

20.9 1h Iwokrama Forest, 21.9 1h Surama

Amazonian Antshrike (*Thamnophilus amazonicus divaricatus*)

23.9 1s, 1h Iwokrama River Lodge birding-trail

Dusky-throated Antshrike (*Thamnomanes ardesiacus obidensis*)

20.9 1 male, 1 female Iwokrama Forest, 23.9 1h Iwokrama River Lodge

Cinereous Antshrike (*Thamnomanes caesius glaucus*)

21.9 2h Surama, 23.9 1h Iwokrama. Also 20.9 1h Iwokrama Forest and 25.9 1h Atta Rainforest

Rufous-bellied Antwren (*Isleria guttata*)

23.9 1h Iwokrama Forest

Pygmy Antwren (*Myrmotherula brachyura*)

23.9 1h Iwokrama Forest, 25.9 1h Atta Rainforest



Guianan Streaked Antwren (*Myrmotherula surinamensis*)

21.9 2 Burro-Burro River, 23.9 1 male, 1 female Turtle Mt., Iwokrama

White-flanked Antwren (*Myrmotherula axillaris axillaris*)

20.9 1 Iwokrama Forest, 23.9 1 Iwokrama Forest

Long-winged Antwren (*Myrmotherula longipennis longipennis*)

20.9 1 male Iwokrama Forest

Grey Antwren (*Myrmotherula menetriesii cinereiventris*)

23.9 2 Turtle Mt., Iwokrama

Spot-tailed Antwren (*Herpsilochmus sticturus*)

25.9 1h Atta Rainforest

Todd's Antwren (*Herpsilochmus stictocephalus*)

20.9 2 Iwokrama Forest, 24.9 1h, 25.9 1s Atta Rainforest

Grey Antbird (*Cercomacra cinerascens immaculata*)

22.9 1 Iwokrama Forest

Dusky Antbird (*Cercomacra tyrannina saturator*)

21.9 2 Burro-Burro River

Rio Branco Antbird (*Cercomacra carbonaria*)

1.10 1 Takatu and Iring River area

White-browed Antbird (*Myrmoborus leucophrys angustirostris*)

20.9 2 Iwokrama Forest, 21.9 1 Surama, 27.9 1 Rupununi River

Black-chinned Antbird (*Hypocnemoides melanopogon melanopogon*)

22.9 1 Iwokrama Forest

Silvered Antbird (*Sclateria naevia naevia*)

18.9 2h Mahaika River



Roraiman Antbird (*Schistocichla saturata saturata*)

19.9 2 Kaieteur Falls

White-bellied Antbird (*Myrmeciza longipes griseipectus*)

27.9 1 Rupununi River, 28.9 1h Karassabai



Ferruginous-backed Antbird (*Myrmeciza ferruginea ferruginea*)

24.9 1 male Atta Rainforest

White-plumed Antbird (*Pithys albifrons albifrons*)

20.9 4 Iwokrama Forest, 21.9 1 Surama

Rufous-throated Antbird (*Gymnopithys rufigula rufigula*)

20.9 2 Iwokrama Forest, 21.9 1 Surama, 24.9 1 Iwokrama Forest

Common Scale-backed Antbird (*Willisornis poecilinotus poecilinotus*)

24.9 1 male, 1 female Iwokrama River Lodge birding-trail

Antpittas (*Grallariidae*)

Thrush-like Antpitta (*Myrmothera campanisona campanisona*)

24.9 1h Atta Rainforest

Ovenbirds and Woodcreepers (*Furnariidae*)

White-chinned Woodcreeper (*Dendrocincla merula merula*)

20.9 2 Iwokrama Forest

Plain-brown Woodcreeper (Line-throated) (*Dendrocincla fuliginosa fuliginosa*)

20.9 4 Iwokrama Forest

Wedge-billed Woodcreeper (*Glyphorhynchus spirurus spirurus*)

21.9 3 Surama, 22.9 1 Iwokrama Forest, 25.9 1 Atta Rainforest

Red-billed Woodcreeper (*Hylexetastes perrotii perrotii*)

24.9 1 Atta Rainforest Lodge

Chestnut-rumped Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus pardalotus pardalotus*)

23.9 1 Turtle Mt., Iwokrama

Buff-throated Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus guttatus polystictus*)

23.9 2 Iwokrama, 25-26.9 1 Atta Rainforest. Also 1h 19.9 Surama and 21.9 Surama



Straight-billed Woodcreeper (*Dendroplex picus picus*)

17.9 2 18.9 1 Botanical Garden, Georgetown

Plain Xenops (*Xenops minutus ruficaudus*)

24.9 1 Atta Rainforest Lodge

Pale-legged Hornero (*Furnarius leucopus leucopus*)

26.9 1 Yupakari, 27.9 1 Rupununi River

Rufous-rumped Foliage-gleaner (*Philydor erythrocerum erythrocerum*)

24.9 2 Atta Rainforest Lodge

Rufous-tailed Foliage-gleaner (*Anabacerthia ruficaudata flavipecta*)

21.9 1 Surama



Yellow-chinned Spinetail (*Certhiaxis cinnamomeus cinnamomeus*)

17.9 6 Botanical Garden, Georgetown and 18.9 2 there, 27.9 1 Yupakari area

Pale-breasted Spinetail (*Synallaxis albescens josephinae*)

18.9 2 Mahaika River

Hoary-throated Spinetail (*Synallaxis kollari*)

1.10 2 Takatu and Iring River area

Tyrant Flycatchers (*Tyrannidae*)

White-lored Tyrannulet (*Ornithion inermis*)

26.9 1 Atta Rainforest Lodge. Also 25.9 1h Atta Forest

Southern Beardless Tyrannulet (Northern) (*Camptostoma obsoletum napaeum*)

Observed 3 days in coastal, forest and savanna regions

Mouse-coloured Tyrannulet (*Phaeomyias murina incomta*)

17.9 1 Botanical Garden, Georgetown, 29.9 1 Karassabai-Lethem

Yellow Tyrannulet (*Capsiempis flaveola cerula*)

21.9 1 Surama, 22.9 1 Iwokrama Forest



Bearded Tachuri (*Polystictus pectoralis brevipennis*)
 26.9 1 en route in savanna area, 27.9 1 Yupakari area



Crested Doradito (*Pseudocolopteryx sclateri*)
 27.9 1 male, 1 female, 1 juvenile found in a second attempt in the Yupakari swamp (Ingkrank swamp) walking in almost knee-high water and among several Rattlesnakes. Nice bird to see! (Photo: female left, male right)

Forest Elaenia (*Myiopagis gaimardii guianensis*)

19.9 1h Kaieteur Falls

Yellow-bellied Elaenia (*Elaenia flavogaster flavogaster*)

17.9 2 Botanical Garden, Georgetown, 18.9 1 coastal area, 19.9 1 Surama grassland

Olive-green Tyrannulet (*Phylloscartes virescens*)

25.9 1h Atta Rainforest

Guianan Tyrannulet (*Zimmerius acer*)

26.9 1 en route Atta Rainforest-Yupakari

Pale-tipped Tyrannulet (*Inezia caudata caudata*)

27.9 1 Rupununi River

Short-tailed Pygmy Tyrant (*Myiornis ecaudatus miserabilis*)

25.9 1 Atta Rainforest

Helmeted Pygmy Tyrant (*Lophotriccus galeatus*)

23.9 1 Iwokrama Forest. Also 1h 21.9 Surama



Spotted Tody-flycatcher (*Todiostrostrum maculatum amacurensis*)

17.9 2 Botanical Garden, Georgetown, 18.9 4 Mahaika River

Common Tody-flycatcher (*Todiostrostrum cinereum cinereum*)

17.9 1 Botanical Garden, Georgetown, 29.9 3 en route Karassabai Lethem

Painted Tody-flycatcher (*Todiostrostrum pictum*)

21.9 1 Surama

Yellow-margined Flycatcher (Zimmer's) (*Tolmomyias assimilis examinatus*)

20.9 1h Iwokrama Forest

Cinnamon-crested Spadebill (*Platyrinchus saturatus saturatus*)

24.9 1 Iwokrama River Lodge birding-trail

White-crested Spadebill (*Platyrinchus platyrhynchos platyrhynchos*)

23.9 1 Turtle Mt., Iwokrama

Cliff Flycatcher (*Hirundinea ferruginea ferruginea*)

19.9 2 Kaieteur Falls



Vermilion Flycatcher (*Pyrocephalus rubinus saturatus*)

Singular birds seen daily in the savanna region 25-30.9

Drab Water Tyrant (*Ochthornis littoralis*)

23.9 2 Essequibo River



Pied Water Tyrant (*Fluvicola pica*)

18.9 4 Hope Beach, 28.9 3 en route Yupakari-Karassabai, 29.9 2 en route Karassabai- Manari Ranch

White-headed Marsh Tyrant (*Arundinicola leucocephala*)

28.9 1 en route Yupakari- Karassabai, 29.9 1 en route Karassabai-Manari Ranch, 30.9 Dadanawa Ranch area

Dusky-capped Flycatcher (*Myiarchus tuberculifer tuberculifer*)

23.9 1 en route Karassabai-Manari Ranch



Short-crested Flycatcher (*Myiarchus ferox ferox*)

17.9 1 Botanical Garden, Georgetown, 18.9 2 coastal region, 23.9 1 Iwokrama, 24.9 1 Iwokrama River Lodge birding-trail, 1.10 1 Takatu and Iring Rivers area

Lesser Kiskadee (*Pitangus lictor lictor*)

17.9 1 Botanical Garden, Georgetown



Great Kiskadee (*Pitangus sulphuratus sulphuratus*)

Common, seen with several birds during 9 days

Rusty-margined Flycatcher (*Myiozetetes cayanensis cayanensis*)

Quite common, seen during 5 days

Yellow-throated Flycatcher (*Conopias parvus*)

21.9 2 Surama



White-throated Kingbird (*Tyrannus albogularis*)

30.9 1 Dadanawa Ranch



Tropical Kingbird (*Tyrannus melancholicus melancholicus*)

Common, seen with several birds during 8 days



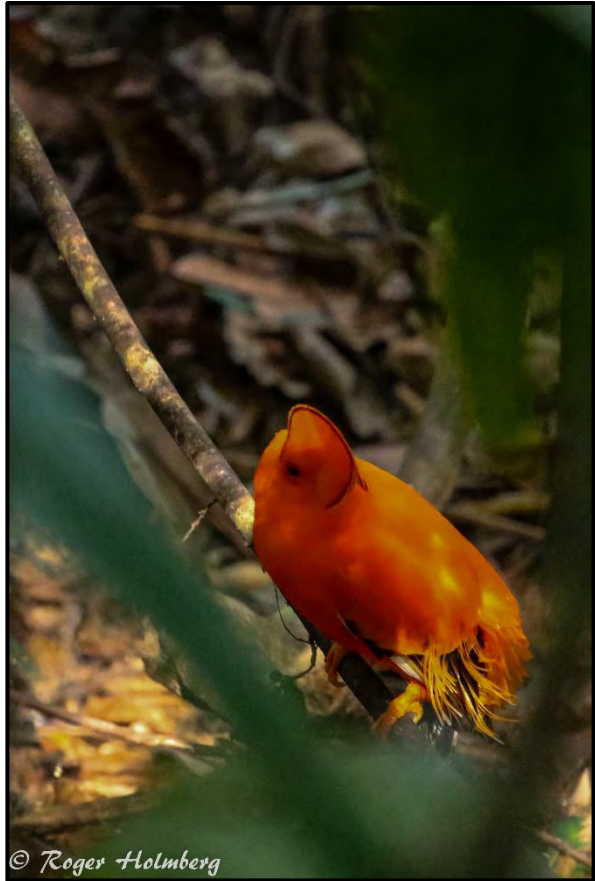
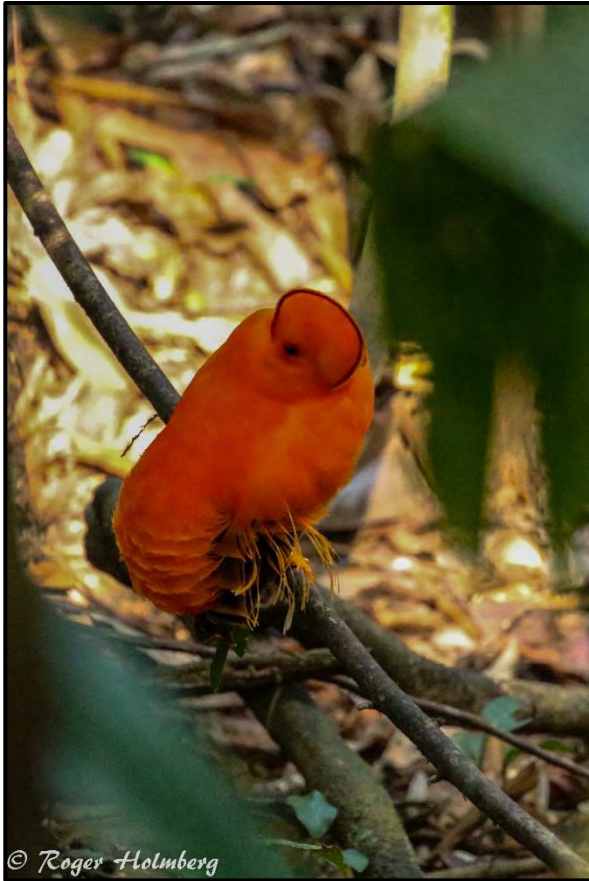
Fork-tailed Flycatcher (*Tyrannus savana savana*)

18.9 2 Mahaika River. Commonly seen in the savanna region with 1-25 birds daily 26-30.9 (Photo: young bird right)

Cotingas (*Cotingidae*)

Guianan Red Cotinga (*Phoenicircus carnifex*)

20.9 2 Iwokrama Forest, 25.9 1 Atta Rainforest Lodge



Guianan Cock-of-the-rock (*Rupicola rupicola*)

19.9 1 female Kaieteur Falls, 20.9 1 fantastic male Iwokrama Forest



Crimson Fruitcrow (*Haematoderus militaris*)

26.9 1 fabulous male in Iwokrama Forest south of Atta Rainforest along the the road. At last, after chasing for it in four days and in the last second when leaving for the savanna.



Purple-throated Fruitcrow (*Querula purpurata*)

20.9 2, 22.9 2 Iwokrama Forest, 24.9 2, 25.9 5 and 26.9 5 Atta Rainforest



Capuchinbird (*Perissocephalus tricolor*)

22.9 1h Iwokrama Forest, 23.9 6-7 in a lek at Iwokrama River Lodge birding trail, and 24.9 1 there.

Purple-breasted Cotinga (*Cotinga cotinga*)

25.9 1 Atta Rainforest



Spangled Cotinga (*Cotinga cayana*)

20.9 2 males, 1 female Iwokrama Forest, 24.9 1 male Atta Rainforest Lodge, 25.9 3 and 26.9 3 Atta Rainforest

Screaming Piha (*Lipaugus vociferans*)

Common in Iwokrama Forest and Atta Rainforest. About 50 birds seen or heard.

White Bellbird (*Procnias albus albus*)

20.9 1h Iwokrama Forests

Pompadour Cotinga (*Xipholena punicea*)

24.9 1 female Atta Rainforest Lodge, 25.9 1 male, 1 female Atta Rainforest Walkway



Bare-necked Fruitcrow (*Gymnoderus foetidus*)

27.9 1 male, 3 females Rupununi River

Manakins (*Pipridae*)

Tiny Tyrant-manakin (*Tyranneutes virescens*)

25.9 1h Atta Rainforest

Blue-backed Manakin (*Chiroxiphia pareola pareola*)

21.9 2 Burro-Burro River

White-throated Manakin (*Corapipo gutturalis*)

23.9 1 male Turtle Mt., Iwokrama

Black Manakin (*Xenopipo atronitens*)

19.9 1 female Kaieteur Falls, 21.9 1 male, 2 females Surama

White-crowned Manakin (*Dixiphia pipra pipra*)

21.9 1 female Surama, 24.9 2 males Iwokrama River Lodge birding trail, 25.9 1h Atta Rainforest

Golden-headed Manakin (*Ceratopipra erythrocephala erythrocephala*)

23.9 1 male Iwokrama, 24.9 2 males Atta Rainforest Lodge, 25.9 1h Atta Rainforest

Tityras (*Tityridae*)

Black-tailed Tityra (*Tityra cayana cayana*)

20.9 1 Iwokrama Forest, 25.9 1, 26.9 1 Atta Rainforest

Dusky Purpletuft (*Iodopleura fusca*)

24.9 1 Atta Rainforest Lodge

Black-capped Becard (*Pachyramphus marginatus nanus*)

24.9 1h en route Iwokrama- Atta Lodges

Vireos (*Vireonidae*)

Red-eyed Vireo (*Vireo olivaceus vividior*)

27.9 1 Yupakari, 28.9 Yupakari-Karassabai. Also 1h 23.9 Iwokrama

Ashy-headed Greenlet (*Hylophilus pectoralis*)

18.9 2 Mahaika River

Buff-cheeked Greenlet (*Hylophilus muscicapinus muscicapinus*)

23.9 1h Iwokrama

Tawny-crowned Greenlet (*Hylophilus ochraceiceps*)

23.9 1 Iwokrama

Slaty-capped Shrike-vireo (*Vireolanius leucotis leucotis*)

20.9 1h Iwokrama

Rufous-browed Peppershrike (Northern) (*Cyclarhis gujanensis gujanensis*)

19.9 1 Surama

Crows and Jays (*Corvidae*)

Cayenne Jay (*Cyanocorax cayanus*)

26.9 4 en route Atta-Yupakari. Also 1h 20.9 Iwokrama

Swallows and Martins (*Hirundinidae*)

Black-collared Swallow (*Pygochelidon melanoleuca*)

22.9 10 Essequibo River, 23.9 5 Essequibo River



White-banded Swallow (*Atticora fasciata*)

21.9 2 Burro-Burro River, 22.9 10 Essequibo River

Southern Rough-winged Swallow (*Stelgidopteryx ruficollis ruficollis*)

27.9 5 Rupununi River

Grey-breasted Martin (*Progne chalybea*)

Common in the coastal area



White-winged Swallow (*Tachycineta albiventer*)

Some 15 seen during 4 days throughout the trip

Barn Swallow (American) (*Hirundo rustica erythrogaster*)

Seen throughout the trip during 7 days

Wrens (*Troglodytidae*)

House Wren (Southern) (*Troglodytes aedon clarus*)

Seen nesting coastal area and Surama during 4 days

Bicoloured Wren (*Campylorhynchus griseus griseus*)

26.9 1 Yupakari, 28.9 2 Yupakari-Karassabai, 29.9 3 KarassabaiManari, 30.9 2 Manari Ranch

Coraya Wren (*Pheugopedius coraya*)

19.9 1h Kaieteur Falls

Gnatcatchers (*Poliioptilidae*)

Long-billed Gnatwren (*Ramphocaenus melanurus albiventris*)

25.9 1h Atta Rainforest

Tropical Gnatcatcher (*Poliioptila plumbea innotata*)

27.9 1 Essequibo River

Donacobius (*Donacobiidae*)



Black-capped Donacobius (*Donacobius atricapilla atricapilla*)

17.9 1 Botanical Garden, Georgetown, 18.9 5 Mahaika River, 28.9 1 Yupakari-Karassabai

Thrushes (*Turdidae*)

Pale-breasted Thrush (*Turdus leucomelas albiventer*)

19.9 1 Kaieteur Falls, 29.9 2 Manari Ranch, 30.9 1 Dardanawa Ranch

White-necked Thrush (Grey-flanked) (*Turdus albicollis phaeopygus*)

20.9 1 Iwokrama Forest, 21.9 1h Iwokrama Forest

Mockingbirds and Thrashers (*Mimidae*)



Tropical Mockingbird (*Mimus gilvus melanopterus*)

Common throughout the trip

Pipits and Wagtails (*Motacillidae*)

Yellowish Pipit (*Anthus lutescens lutescens*)

30.9 3 en route Dardanawa - Manari Ranches

New World Warblers (*Parulidae*)

Yellow Warbler (*Setophaga petechia*)

17-18.9 1 Botanical Garden, Georgetown

Tanagers (*Thraupidae*)



Red-capped Cardinal (*Paroaria gularis gularis*)

1-5 birds seen during 4 days throughout the trip

Hooded Tanager (*Nemosia pileata surinamensis*)

21.9 1 Surama

White-shouldered Tanager (*Tachyphonus luctuosus luctuosus*)

21.9 1 Surama



Silver-beaked Tanager (*Ramphocelus carbo carbo*)

17 birds seen in the northern and forested parts 18-23.9



Blue-backed Tanager (*Cyanicterus cyanicterus*)

25.9 2 Atta Rainforest



Blue-grey Tanager (*Thr aupis episcopus episcopus*)

Common, 1-15 birds daily, throughout the trip except in Iwokrama Forest and Atta Rainforest

Palm Tanager (*Thraupis palmarum melanopectera*)

Quite common 1-5 birds daily except in Atta Rainforest and south-western parts

Burnished-buff Tanager (Rufous-crowned) (*Tangara cayana cayana*)

30.9 2 Manari - Dadanawa Ranches

Spotted Tanager (*Tangara punctata punctata*)

24.9 2 Iwokrama, 25-26.9 1 Atta Rainforest

Turquoise Tanager (*Tangara mexicana mexicana*)

21.9 1 Surama, 25.9 3 Atta Rainforest

Black-faced Dacnis (*Dacnis lineata lineata*)

26.9 1 en route Atta - Yupakai

Blue Dacnis (*Dacnis cayana cayana*)

22.9 2 Iwokrama Forest, 25-26.9 2 Atta Rainforest

Red-legged Honeycreeper (*Cyanerpes cyaneus cyaneus*)

19.9 1 Surama

Green Honeycreeper (*Chlorophanes spiza spiza*)

21.9 1 Surama, 25-26.9 2 Atta Rainforest

Grassland Yellow Finch (*Sicalis luteola luteola*)

29.9 2 en route Karassabai - Manari Ranch

Wedge-tailed Grass Finch (*Emberizoides herbicola sphenurus*)

9 birds 26-28.9 in the savanna region

Blue-black Grassquit (*Volatinia jacarina splendens*)

18.9 10 Mahaika River area, 29.9 2 Karassabai-Manari Ranch



Chestnut-bellied Seedeater (*Sporophila castaneiventris*)

About 55 birds seen 21-24.9 Surama and Iwokrama

Ruddy-breasted Seedeater (*Sporophila minuta minuta*)

4 birds seen 27-29.9 in the savanna region

Chestnut-bellied Seed Finch (*Sporophila angolensis torrida*)

19.9 3 Kaieteur Falls and Surama



Wing-barred Seedeater (*Sporophila americana americana*)

17-18.9 15 Botanical Garden and surroundings to Georgetown

Plumbeous Seedeater (*Sporophila plumbea whiteleyana*)

26.9 2 en route Atta-Yupakari, 30.9 1 en route Manari-Dadanawa Ranches

Bananaquit (*Coereba flaveola*)

Only 4 birds seen. In Botanical Garden, Georgetown and en route Yupakari-Karassabai

Greyish Saltator (*Saltator coerulescens olivascens*)

17.9 1 Botanical Garden, Georgetown

Slate-coloured Grosbeak (*Saltator grossus grossus*)

23.9 1 Turtle Mt., Iwokrama. Nice bird!

Buntings and New World Sparrows (*Emberizidae*)

Grassland Sparrow (*Ammodramus humeralis humeralis*)

19.9 1 Surama, 26-29.9 5 savanna region

Grosbeaks, Seed-finches and Allies (*Cardinalidae*)

Hepatic Tanager (Lowland) (*Piranga flava macconnelli*)

29.9 1 male, 1 female Karassabai- Manari Ranch, 30.9 2 Manari and Dadenawa Ranches



Red-and-black Grosbeak (*Periporphyrus erythromelas*)

23.9 1 Turtle Mt, Iwokrama, 25.9 1 Atta Rainforest. Nice bird!

Rose-breasted Chat (*Granatellus pelzelni pelzelni*)

23.9 1h Turtle Mt., Iwokrama

Troupials, American Blackbirds and Allies (*Icteridae*)



Eastern Meadowlark (*Sturnella magna praticola*)

A total of 10 birds seen 26-30.9 in the savanna region

Red-breasted Blackbird (*Sturnella militaris*)

18.9 5 Mahaika River, 26.9 5 en route Atta-Yupakari, 27.9 2 Yupakari

Carib Grackle (*Quiscalus lugubris lugubris*)

Some 15 birds in Botanical Garden and Mahaika River 17-18.9



Yellow-hooded Blackbird (*Chrysomus icterocephalus icterocephalus*)

29.9 5 en route Karassabai-Manari (Photo: female left, male right)

Shiny Cowbird (*Molothrus bonariensis minimus*)

17.9 10 Botanical Garden, Georgetown, 22.9 10 Iwokrama Forest Lodge

Giant Cowbird (*Molothrus oryzivorus oryzivorus*)

27.9 3 Yupakari



Epaulet Oriole (Moriche) (*Icterus cayanensis chrysocephalus*)

19.9 1 Surama, 20-21.9 3 Iwokrama Forest, 28.9 1 Yupakari-Karassabai

Orange-backed Troupial (*Icterus croconotus croconotus*)

3 birds seen in the savanna region 28-29.9



Yellow Oriole (*Icterus nigrogularis nigrogularis*)

About 20 birds seen in the coastal and the savanna area 17-18.9 and 26.9-1.10

Yellow-rumped Cacique (Amazonian) (*Cacicus cela cela*)

8 birds seen during 4 days throughout the trip

Red-rumped Cacique (*Cacicus haemorrhous haemorrhous*)

15 birds seen during 5 days throughout the trip. Not seen in the coastal area

Green Oropendola (*Psarocolius viridis*)

23.9 30 Iwokrama

Crested Oropendola (*Psarocolius decumanus decumanus*)

19-21.9 5 seen Surama and Iwokrama

Siskins, Crossbills and Allies (*Fringillidae*)

Finsch's Euphonia (*Euphonia finschi*)

19.9 1 Surama savanna



Violaceous Euphonia (*Euphonia violacea violacea*)

21.9 1 Surama, 24.9 4 Iwokrama



Red Siskin (*Spinus cucullatus*)

30.9 2 males, 3 females seen north-east Dadanawa Ranch after struggling to reach the remote area.

MAMMAL LIST

Guyana

17 September – 2 October 2016

In the mammal species list we have followed the systematics and nomenclature of Handbook of the Mammals of the World 2009-.

Amazonian Manatee (*Trichechus inunguis*)

17.9 1 seen Botanical Garden, Georgetown

Northern Black-eared (Common) Opossum (*Didelphis marsupialis*)

22.9 1 seen on the trans-Guyana road at Iwokrama River Lodge during late evening

Greater Bulldog Bat (*Noctilio leporinus*)

22.9 Some seen at Essequibo river trip in the evening.

Lesser Bulldog Bat (*Noctilio albiventris*)

22.9 Some seen at the Essequibo river trip in the evening.

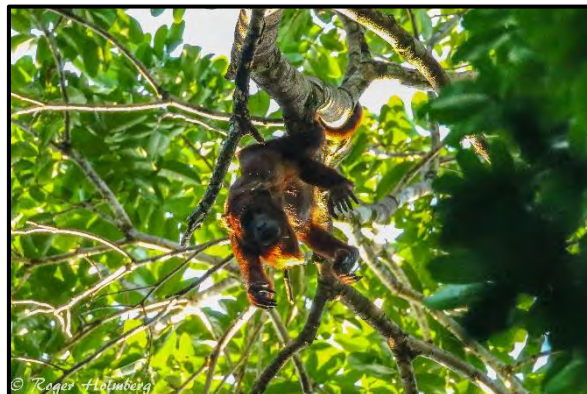
Long-nosed Bat (*Rhynchonycteris naso*)

22.9 Some seen on boat trips on Essequibo River and 27.9 Rupununi River.



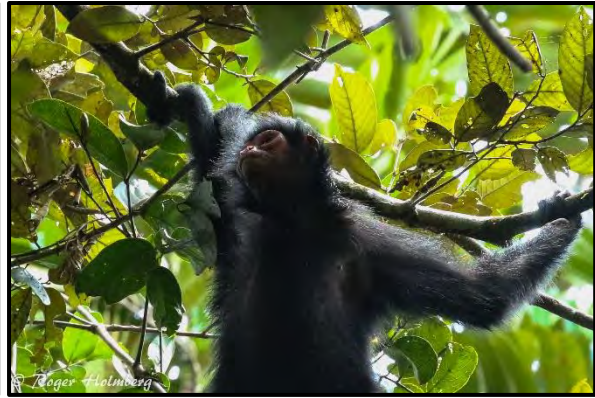
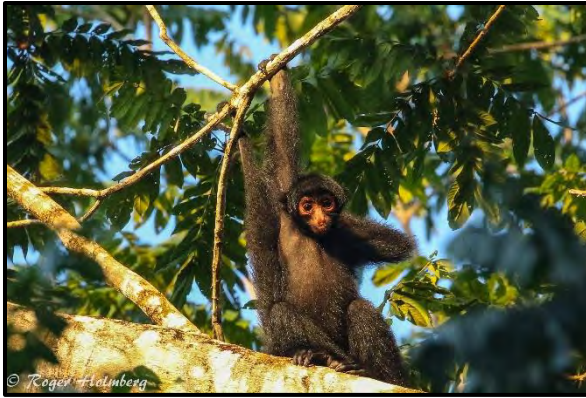
Guyanese Weeper (Wedge-capped) Capuchin (*Cebus olivaceus*)

Some at the Burro Burro Trail 21.9, at Iwokrama River Lodge 23-24.9 and Atta Rainforest Lodge 24-25.9. Also one as prey of Harpy Eagle in Iwokrama Forest 20.9



Red Howler Monkey (*Alouatta seniculus*)

Some seen and heard around Surama, Iwokrama Forest and Atta Rainforest.



Black Spider Monkey (Ateles paniscus)

Some of those huligans seen at the Burro Burro Trail 21.9, Iwokrama Forest 23-24.9 and many in Atta Rainforest 24-25.9



Kinkajou (Potos flavus)

22.9 1 seen on the trans-Guyana road at Iwokrama River Lodge during late evening



Crab-eating Fox (Cerdocyon thous)

27.9 2 close to Inkrank Swamp (Crested Doradito spot), 28.9 1 seen on the road leaving Yupakari Village to Karasabai and 30.9 1 on the savanna on our way to the Red Siskin locality close to Dadenawa Ranch.



Giant River Otter (*Pteronura brasiliensis*)

24.9 a single in a creek along the trans-Guyana road approaching Atta Rainforest Lodge. 27.9 3+4 seen on the Rupununi River boat-ride.



Red Brocket Deer (*Mazama americana*)

26.9 1 seen close to the road when leaving Atta Rainforest Lodge

White-tailed Deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*)

1 seen close to the Manari Ranch.

White-faced Tree Rat (*Echimus chrysurus*)

27.9 1 captured in the Caiman House



Paca (*Agouti paca*)

22.9 1 Essequibo River evening boat-ride



Red Rumped Agouti (*Dasyprocta agouti*)

17.9 1 Botanical Garden, 20.9 some in Iwokrama Forest, 21.9 Burro-Burro trail, 23-24.9 around Iwokrama River Lodge and 24-25.9 Atta Rainforest

REPTILE and AMPHIBIAN LIST

Guyana

17 September – 2 October 2016



Cane Toad (*Rhinella marina*)

Common species

Golden (Beebe's) Rocket Frog (*Anomaloglossus beebei*)

19.9 1 Kaieteur Falls. Endemic to the Kaieteur Plateau



Yellow-banded Poison Frog (*Dendrobates leucomela*)

21.9 2 at a trail Burro Burro research station

Rusty Tree Frog (*Hypsiboas boeni*)

22.9 1 on trans-Guyana road at Iwokrama River Lodge by night

Knudsen's Frog (*Leptodactylus knudseni*)

24-25.9 some at Atta Rainforest Lodge in the night.

Amazonian White-lipped Frog (*Leptodactylus mystaceus*)

21.9 2 at a trail Burro Burro research station

Savanna White-lipped Frog (*Leptodactylus ocellatus*)

1 at Manari Ranch

Steindachner's Dwarf Frog (*Physalaemus ephippifer*)

23.9 1 on the Turtle Mountain trail, Iwokrama



Black Caiman (*Melanosuchus niger*)

22.9 some seen on the Essequibo River boat-ride and 27.9 some on the Rupununi River boat-ride.

Spotted Gecko (*Gonatodes humeralis*)

24.9 1 on the forest trail at Iwokrama River Lodge.



Turnip-tailed Gecko (*Thecadactylus rapicauda*)

20.9 1 on the Cock-of-the -rock Trail, Iwokrama



Green Iguana (*Iguana iguana*)

17-18.9 seen Botanical Garden, Georgetown, 27.9 on the Rupununi River boat-ride

Amazon Race Runner (*Ameiva ameiva*)

22-25.9 Some in the Iwokrama rainforest area

Golden Tegu (*Tupinambis teguixin*)

26-27.9 Some seen Caiman House, Yupakari village, and 28.9 at Karassabai village



Black Collared Lizard (*Tropidurus hispidus*)

Some seen around Surama Eco Lodge, Iwokrama River Lodge, Caiman House in Yupakari village and at Manari Ranch

Blue-lipped Tree Lizard (*Plica umbra*)

20.9 1 on the Cock-of-the-rock trail



Brown Tree Climber (*Uranoscodon superciliosus*)

27.9 1 at the Rupununi River boat-ride



Amazonian Tree Boa (*Corallus hortulanus*)

22.9 1 on the Essequibo River boat-ride in the evening and 1 on the trans-Guyana road at Iwokrama River Lodge.

Yellow-tailed Cribo (*Drymarchon corais*)

26.9 1 along the trans-Guyana road on our way south to Caiman House, Yupakari village

Boddaert's Tropical Racer (*Mastigodryas boddaerti*)

27.9 1 hand-held at Caiman House, Yupakari village



Tiger Rat Snake (*Spilotes pullatus*)

24.9 1 on the trans-Guyana road en route to Atta Rainforest Lodge



Green Vinesnake (*Oxybelis fulgidus*)

22.9 1 at the trans-Guyana road en route to Iwokrama River Lodge



Common Green Racer (*Philodryas viridissimus*)

26.9 1 at the trans-Guyana road en route to Caiman House, Yupakari village



Neotropical Rattlesnake (*Crotalus durissus*)

26.9 1 at Inkrank Swamp, Yupakari, 27.9 1 I almost stepped on one at the same place, 28.9 1 along the road to Karassabai not far from Yupakari village, 29.9 1 dead close to Karassabai



Red Footed Tortoise (*Chelonoidis carbonaria*)

20.9 1 on the Cock-of-the-rock trail, Iwokrama forest



South American Wood Turtle (*Rhinoclymmus punctularia*)

26.9 1 along the trans-Guyana road on our way to Caiman House, Yupakari village