ULTIMATE SOUTHEAST BRAZIL

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Five hundred and seventy six (576) species of birds were recorded on this fantastic tour. Ninety three (93) Brazilian endemics (not counting several Atlantic Forest endemics), being most of them only possible on this trip. This time the total list was a bit inferior to last year’s one and certainly losses and gains can be noticed if compared. But definitely this impressive tour shows the best of the splendidly rich Brazilian Atlantic Forest, a unique and very important biome in the world, home of innumerable threatened species. From Espirito Santo, the northernmost of Southeast Brazil, to the southernmost, the state of Rio Grande do Sul, a vast array of peculiar and localized species were contemplated, besides the fantastic landscapes, many different habitats, amazing forests, nice hotels and pousadas enjoyed along the impressive range of Serra do Mar, both on the hills and on the coast. Here a short summary of the best achieved this time: Solitary Tinamou, Black-fronted Piping Guan, East Brazilian and Scaled Chachalacas, Red-billed Curassow, Great and White-tufted Grebes, Maguari Stork, Pinnated Bittern, White-necked Hawk, Harpy Eagle, Black and Black-and-white Hawk-Eagles,

This 2015 Ultimate Southeast Brazil tour began on October 31st in Vitória, the coastal capital of Espírito Santo State. As usual the start point was Vitória’s airport, place where group met by late morning before heading (following the new itinerary) to Augusto Ruschi Marine Biological Station at the coast of Aracruz. This first introductory stop is a great deal to anyone, a fantastic hummingbird feeding station where a good number of species and some endemics can be seen. There we spent few hours in the afternoon watching about twelve species on the feeders, including a serious number of the localized endemic Minute Hermit and one stunning Brazilian endemic Stripe-breasted Starthroat. The supporting cast included Rufous-breasted Hermit, Swallow-tailed Hummingbird, Black Jacobin, Black-throated Mango, the cracking Ruby-topaz Hummingbird, lots of Blue-chinned Sapphire, White-chinned Sapphire and Versicolored, Glittering-throated and Sapphire-spangled Emeralds. The lovely Red-legged Honeycreeper is very common here too and we also saw some Social Flycatchers before hitting the road towards our first stay, the private lowland forest of VALE Reserve at Linhares. On the way we saw some common birds such as Great and Cattle Egrets, Southern Lapwings, Yellow-headed Caracara, Fork-tailed Flycatcher, Tropical Kingbird and some people recorded Red-cowled Cardinal at the petrol station. Arriving at VALE before dusk we had time to see few things in the garden such as Red-rumped Caciques, Chopi Blackbirds and some Orange-winged Amazons heard distantly. We went owling but only heard closely a Black-capped Screech Owl. Time was better for mammals with South American Coati, Nine-banded Armadillo and Tapeti (Brazilian Rabbit).
Some other nice common species at Augusto Ruschi’s feeders: Glittering-throated Emerald and Blue-chinned Sapphire respectively (Eduardo Patrial)

November 1st was a first memorable day of birding at VALE Reserve. We had a very productive pre-breakfast time in the garden and edge of forest with Channel-billed Toucans (ssp. *ariel*), the colorful Yellow-fronted Woodpecker, Orange-winged Amazon, great views on the endemics Red-browed Amazon and Sooretama Slaty Antshrike, Black-capped Becard, Turquoise Tanager (ssp. *brasiliensis* – White-bellied T), Plain Parakeets, Violaceous Euphonia and the endemic Campo Troupial. Later exploring the road grid in the dense tall forest we started with a couple Silvery-flanked Antwren (split of White-flanked A), a nice day roost of Great Potoo, Sibilant Sirystes, Yellow-green Grosbeak, Wedge-billed Woodcreeper and a superb encounter with the endemic Ochre-marked (Blue-throated) Parakeet. Further another good stop provided us the rare endemic Black-headed Berrieater, Greyish Mourner, a male Red-headed Manakin and the small East Brazilian (Least) Pygmy Owl. Driving back for lunch we stopped by a nest of Crested Becard and also saw some Purple-throated Euphonias. One thing noticed was the dry condition of the forest, unusual for this period, probably an effect caused by the El Niño. After lunch we spent more time in the good garden of VALE where we recorded some Black-necked Aracaris and in a mango tree, the lovely endemic White-eared Parakeet. Back to the grid in the forest we first stopped for close views of a nice Bright-rumped Attila. Later we found a small flock with White-lored Tyrannulet, Tropical Parula, Streaked Xenops, Chestnut-vented Conebill and Black-crowned Tityra. At the same place we also saw a group of Purple Martin flying over the canopy, a northern migrant recorded on this tour for the first time. Uncommon in this region, Cinereous Mourner was heard but didn’t want to cooperate. Further in the tall forest we found the endemics Black-cheeked Gnateter and the threatened and localized Red-billed Curassow (a male). Our next stop was at the peculiar “mussununga” habitat, an enclave of stunted vegetation (and also grassland) on sandy soil in the middle of tall forest. There we found Plain-crested and Yellow-bellied Elaenias, Blue-winged Macaw in flight, and Southern White-fringed and Rusty-backed Antwrens. At dusk and back to the tall forest we spotted two Solitary Tinamous, one of them closely observed for a long time. Night birding was a bit slow again and this time we had flight views and close responses of White-winged Potoo.
November 2nd. We spent the whole morning in the forest grid of VALE Reserve. We didn’t see much activity this morning but achieved a remarkable record. Entering the forest very early we spotted a perched Hook-billed Kite. After driving a quite long way we stopped by a large marsh where we glimpsed Rusty-margined Guan, enjoyed good views of Chestnut-backed Antshrike, a tricky Ash-throated Crake, a couple Southern White-fringed Antwren, a male Southern Yellowthroat, some White-eared Parakeets in flight and brief looks at East Brazilian Chachalaca. It came later the greatest surprise of this tour: we spotted an immature Harpy Eagle along the road in the tall forest. Fortunately we had time to enjoy great views through the scope and to take some pictures. Nowadays very few sites in the Atlantic Forest support populations of Harpy Eagle. The VALE Reserve and some areas in southern Bahia are these exceptions and we were really lucky to record the first one for the Southeast Brazil tour. We drove further ahead to look for another rare bird, this time the endemic Plumbeous Antvireo. After a quite long searching we obtained a response, a shy male that approached and offered only a quick sighting for few of us before disappearing in the forest. At the same area we found a couple of Ringed Woodpecker (Atlantic Forest ssp. *tinnunculus*) which was appreciated. In the afternoon we visited the neighbor reserve Cupido Farm where good forest is integrated with cocoa plantation. There we found for the first time the uncommon Atlantic Forest subspecies *subflavus* of Cream-colored Woodpecker, also recorded three King Vultures, a group of the nice endemic White-headed (Geoffroy’s) Marmoset, Thrush-like Wren and a real spectacle provided by around ten tame Red-billed Curassows that usually come every day to a common feeding area. Back to VALE Reserve we enjoyed late afternoon and evening in the forest watching a small group (at least 3) of Little Tinamou crossing the road,
and later Common Pauraque, Short-tailed Nighthawk, superb views of the rare White-winged Potoo and the shy Black-capped Screech Owl. For sure a memorable day!

The record of the trip: an immature Harpy Eagle at VALE Reserve; and the uncommon Cream-colored Woodpecker ssp. subflavus (Eduardo Patrial)

The spectacle of Red-billed Curassow at Cupido Farm – Left: male; Right: females (Eduardo Patrial)

November 3rd. We said good-bye to VALE Reserve and still early headed south to the hilly part of Espirito Santo state, more specifically to the little town of Santa Teresa, home of the late Augusto Ruschi. Getting there we went straight to the forest, a private good area near town’s entrance. Our time there until lunch was productive with good observations: Swallow-winged Puffbirds, the endemics Yellow-eared Woodpecker and Ferruginous Antbird, Long-tailed Tyrant, Swallow-tailed Kite, the extremely localized Wied’s Tyrant-Manakin, Greenish Schiffornis, White-barred Piculet, Slaty-breasted Wood Rail, a gorgeous male Blue Manakin, endemic Spot-breasted Antvireo, the large Spot-backed Antshrike, Streak-capped Antwren, the amazing Black-billed Scythebill and Buff-fronted Foliage-Gleaner. After lunch we had a quick visit to the Melo Leitão Museum where good feeders and birds are available. There we enjoyed the endemics Golden-chevroned and Gilt-edged Tanagers, Maroon-bellied Parakeet, Ruby-crowned and Black-goggled Tanagers and better views of the endemic East Brazilian Chachalaca. Then we did our check in at the lovely Vita Verde Pousada, an Atlantic Forest paradise for hummingbirds. Relaxing at the backyard for a while we saw thirteen species of hummingbirds: Rufous-breasted and Planalto Hermits, the endemic Sombre Hummingbird, Swallow-tailed Hummingbird, Black Jacobin, White-vented Violetear, the fabulous endemic Frilled Coquette, Glittering-bellied Emerald, Violet-capped Woodnymph, White-throated Hummingbird, Versicolored Emerald, the endemic Brazilian Ruby and Amethyst Woodstar. Returning to the private forest in the afternoon we spotted Blackish Rail and Brazilian Teal on the way. Again the forest provided good birding with White-throated
Spadebill, the stunning endemic White-bibbed Antbird, Spot-billed Toucanet, the endemic Rufous-headed Tanager, Plain-winged Woodcreeper and Tropical Pewee. We spent some good time searching the uncommon Rufous-brown Solitaire but unfortunately this time it was not even heard. We also spent a good time trying to see a shy Short-tailed Anthrash which only one of us got brief views. We finished daylight with Lineated and Robust Woodpecker. At dusk in the same area we saw Short-tailed Nighthawk, the tricky Ocellated Poorwill (a reasonable view in flight) and later a Mottled Owl.

In the sub-canopy the distinct Spot-backed Antshrike; and common along the Atlantic Hills, the lovely Maroon-bellied Parakeet (Eduardo Patrial)

At Melo Leitão Museum the usually shy East Brazilian Chachalaca is quite tame here; while Vita Verde Pousada is definitely the best place to see the adorable Frilled Coquette (Eduardo Patrial)

November 4th. We had a pleasant early start in the garden of Vita Verde contemplating some Yellow-lored Tody-Flycatchers, Rufous-fronted Thornbird, Aplomado Falcon and the usual cast of hummingbirds. Leaving the lodge, front-yard provided two more endemics, Pallid Spinetail and Band-tailed Hornero. Heading towards our next stay, a pousada (home of the rare and unpredictable Cherry-throated Tanager), we spotted Red-legged Seriema on the road and followed with the plan stopping for birding and lunch at the peculiar “Cantinho dos 3 Pontões”. Here a curious rocky hilltop covered in drier forest and scrub is home of some interesting species, including the localized endemic Serra Antwren. Fortunately it took just few minutes to achieve good views of a couple of this nice endemic bird. A short trial in the forest still provided a stunning male Pin-tailed Manakin, some Gilt-edged Tanager, Scale-throated Hermit, Surucua Trogon, besides hearing White-breasted Tapaculo, Tufted Antshrike and White-shouldered Fire-eye. El Niño effects were more severe in this area and the hilltop vegetation was just too dry, so our search of Grey-eyed Greenlet
failed. We found a Swainson’s Flycatcher on the way down for lunch and then some common tanagers on the fruit feeder. We also heard Blue-winged Macaw flying by but just couldn’t see. Continuing with our transfer to Vargem Alta we arrived at the private Caetés Forest for some birding in the rest of the afternoon. Also affected by the unusual dry period in the region, the forest was pretty quiet that day and fortunately we managed watching some nice birds – a female Bare-throated Bellbird, loads of Yellow-legged Trush, the endemic Cinnamon-vented Piha, Greenish Tyrannulet, a Hooded Berryeater high in the canopy, Drab-breasted Bamboo-Tyrant, Green-barred Woodpecker, the endemic Grey-hooded Attila, Spix’s Spinetail and a Swallow-tailed Cotinga nesting.

The endemics Pin-tailed Manakin (male) and Grey-hooded Attila were some of the nice birds observed on this transfer-birding day (Eduardo Patrial)

November 5th. Our full day at Vargem Alta began with an early breakfast at dawn. Morning chorus was an excited Pampa Finch that inhabits the small marsh in front of our lodge. Twenty minutes later we were at Caetés Forest to spend the whole day seeking rarities. But like the previous day, forest was quiet because of the unusual drought, compromising our chances with the two rarities in the area, Brazilian Laniisoma and the super-rare Cherry-throated Tanager. A full day of search unfortunately didn’t bring any results with the two species. On the other hand we worked hard to make that a good day of birding and in fact it was a bit disappointing, considering how productive that place normally is. The morning yielded some good Atlantic Forest specialties such as the endemic White-collared Foliage-Gleaner and Star-throated Antwren, plus Euler’s Flycatcher, Ochre-breasted Foliage-Gleaner, Sharp-tailed Streamcreeper, Grey-hooded Attila, Double-collared Seedeater, White-throated and Planalto Woodcreepers, Gilt-edged, Azure-shouldered, Black-goggled and Brown Tanagers, the endemic Cryptic (Such’s) Antthrush, Black-throated Trogon, female Pin-tailed Manakin and the nest of Swallow-tailed Cotinga. Afternoon was slower with observations of Rufous Gnateater, a couple of Variable Antshrike, Planalto and Yellow Tyrannulets, White-barred Piculet, Pallid and Rufous-capped Spinetails and Magpie Tanager. Owling later didn’t bring any results.
November 6th was a day on the road. We left very early from Vargem Alta to our next stay, the Guapiassu Reserve – REGUA - based on the foothill of “Serra dos Órgãos”, in Rio de Janeiro state. On our way, still in the hilly area of Espirito Santo, we stopped at Matilde’s Waterfall near Alfredo Chaves to check an Orange-breasted Falcon’s nest. The bird wasn’t there by the short time spent and it was hard to know if the nest on the cliff was active yet. But the visit wasn’t in vain; besides enjoying the scenic site we saw a nice group of Great Dusky and White-collared Swifts roosting at the waterfall wall, and few other species including Sombre Hummingbird, Glittering-bellied Emerald, Buff-throated Saltator and the endemic Crescent-chested Puffbird. Back to the road our drive was long until getting to the coastal area of Cabo Frio. There, more specifically near Arraial do Cabo, we had an important birding stop in the middle of the afternoon. Our main target was the localized subspecies littoralis of Serra Antwren, for many considered a separate species named Restinga Antwren. Anyway, our stake-out worked really well again and we enjoyed great views of this locally threatened bird. Also in the present restinga habitat we found the beautiful Brazilian Tanager and the endemic Hang-nest Tody-Tyrant. We also saw a good number of Grey-headed Gull, some Kelp Gulls and few White-backed Stilts while driving around Cabo Frio. From there we drove near three hours to get to REGUA for a three nights stay. We arrived at dusk and that probably was the longest travel day of our tour.

November 7th. With another chance for Brazilian Laniisoma at REGUA (currently the most reliable area), that day was dedicated to find this major bird at some of the sloped trails of REGUA, as well as enjoying the good offer present in that wonderful forest. Humidity was fortunately due to some recent rains in the area.
According Laniisoma’s altitudinal movement, expected at higher elevations this time of the year, we follow the knowledge of our expert local guide Adilei who knew an hangout place above the waterfall, a long and steep hike to get to about 500 meters of altitude. Starting the foothill in a 4x4 for a couple hundred meters we flushed a White-necked Hawk into the forest remaining some better view desires in the air. Our hike up to the waterfall trail began right after and it was productive with records of the good-looking Rufous-capped Motmot, Rufous-breasted Leaf-tosser, Rufous-capped Antthrush (what a rufous selection!), Ochre-bellied Flycatcher, the endemics Unicolored Antwren and Eye-ringed Tody-Tyrant, and a brief view of Black-throated Grosbeak. The intended site was beyond the waterfall and crossing the slippery rocks through the river was laborious. But the steep way ahead was happily rewarded with the sighting of the rare Russet-winged Spadebill. Lovely Black-capped Foliage-Gleaner was also seen before we finally get to the Laniisoma spot. Any sign of weariness disappeared when the rare bird showed up silent in response to playback. We carefully approached and enjoyed close views of this spectacular bird (a male) now singing grandly over our heads, indeed a great trump for us. At the same place we flushed two of the also rare Blue-bellied Parrot, but too fast to get any reasonable view. The endemic Pale-browed Treehunter showed up really well before we start our way back down the hill. Coming down we had a bit of rain and nothing new came across, except for the large snake (possibly a Two-headed Sipo Chironius bicarinatus) eating a frog on the trail. We got back to the lodge by mid-afternoon for a welcome rest. Later came a rain shower and held us at the lodge fortunately only until dusk, because we had planned some night-birding that evening. Out again, first we achieved incredible views of the impressive Giant Snipe at a big marshy pastureland. Then in a lowland forest patch the singular Black-banded Owl amazingly graced us with long perfect views, finishing this awesome first day of birding at REGUA.
November 8th was a long but excellent day of birding outside of REGUA. We had to take a very early breakfast to reach the famous Caledônia Peak at Nova Friburgo in good time to search for a splendid array of specialties from the high peaks of Serra dos Órgãos (about two thousand meter above sea level). We had luck with the weather and our morning at Caledônia was just terrific. Our session basically started with outstanding views of our main target at the hilltop, a pair of the extremely restricted and poorly known Grey-winged Cotinga. That fantastic and very birdy hill still provided many more that morning such as a nice male Large-tailed Antshrike, several Diademed Tanagers, the high-altitude endemics Rufous-tailed Antbird, Green-crowned Plovercrest (see note), Serra do Mar Tyrannulet and Bay-chested Warbling Finch, Highland Elaenia, Blue-billed and Velvety Black Tyrants, Yellow-browed Woodpecker, Sharp-tailed Streamcreeper, the endemics Orange-eyed Thornbird, Mouse-colored Tapaculo, Scaled Woodcreeper and the beautiful Brassy-breasted Tanager; an obliging Rufous-tailed Antthrush that came right by our feet. Walking further down we could contemplate other fascinating high-altitude endemic, a male Black-and-gold Cotinga at its usual perch. Our excellent time continued down the hill with few more great sightings: Swallow-tailed Cotinga, the smart endemic Half-collared Sparrow and some unexpected Curl-crested Jays. At the base of Caledônia we ate our lunch box then before heading some hundred kilometers west to the drier area in the town of Carmo, where some forest patches are home of another restricted specialty. In this case our target was the peculiar Three-toed Jacamar which took only minutes to find at the usual spot. We enjoyed great views of a good number of this threatened species, as well as a nice selection of birds – White-barred Piculet, the Grey-eyed Greenlet we missed at 3 Pontões, Gilt-edged, Burnished-buff and Rufous-headed Tanagers, Chestnut-vented Conebill, Blue Dacnis, Red-eyed Vireo, the endemic Yellow-eared Woodpecker and a couple of Sooty Grassquit. The tricky Southern Antpipit showed up briefly and leaving the place we
also saw a pair of Grey-pileated Finch. Our way back to REGUA was quite long and we arrived at the lodge around seven pm.

We had a remarkable morning at Caledônia Peak! Perfect views of female (left) and male (right) Grey-winged Cotinga, our main target species (Eduardo Patrial)

What a day for cotingas at Caledônia Peak! Filling the cast, a male Black-and-gold Cotinga and the peculiar Swallow-tailed Cotinga (Eduardo Patrial)

Finishing at Caledônia, the good-looking Half-collared Sparrow; later at Carmo, the star was the threatened endemic Three-toed Jacamar (Eduardo Patrial)
November 9th. Before heading to the low part of Itatiaia National Park for a one night stay, we spent our last hours at REGUA birding the lovely wetlands close to the lodge during the early morning. As usual a productive session where we found the stunning Blond-crested Woodpecker, Black-bellied Whistling Ducks, endemic Red-cowled Cardinal, Rufescent Tiger Heron, Greater Ani, Yellow-chinned Spinetail, Lemon-chested Greenlet, Purple Gallinules, Dark-billed Cuckoo, an obliging Rufous-sided Crane, Brazilian Tanager, Chestnut-backed Antshrike, Brazilian Teal nad Rufous-tailed Jacamar. The transfer to Itatiaia took few hours and we arrived at the lovely Hotel do Ypê at a thousand meters above sea level by lunch time. There we had a fantastic time watching the good feeders and the amazing surrounding forest which provided some great birds like: Black Jacobin, dozens of Brazilian Ruby, Violet-capped Woodnymph, Versicolored Emerald, a female Frilled Coquette, dozens of Green-headed Tanager, Blue Dacnis, Black-goggled, Golden-chevroned, Ruby-crowned and endemic Olive-green Tanagers, Chestnut-bellied Euphonia, Red-rumped Cacique, Magpie and Fawn-brested Tanagers, Double-collared Seedeater, Maroon-bellied Parakeets, Planalto Woodcreeper and an unexpected Black Hawk-Eagle flying very low which also has perched in a close tree for some seconds. The icing on the cake came with an amazing Saffron Toucanet at the feeder and some of us still saw a Rufous-thighed Kite flying over the hotel. In the afternoon we went to the good Três Picos Trail (Three Peaks). Leaving the garden of Ypê we flushed two Slaty-breasted Wood Rails. On the trail birding continued promising with a spectacular male Robust Woodpecker right at the begging of our walk. Soon a bamboo clump provided great views of the adorable endemic Fork-tailed Tody-Tyrant. Further on we spotted Plain Antvireo, the shy Tufted and the rare White-bearded Antshrikes, Half-collared Sparrow, Scaled Woodcreeper, the bamboo specialist Large-headed Flatbill, much better views of the odd Black-billed Scythebill, the endemics Ochre-rumped Antbird and Cryptic (Such’s) Anthrash, and the perky Rufous-tailed Attila. Heading back to hotel before dusk a Rufous-capped Motmot crossed the road and a large number of Dusky-legged Guans greeted us in the garden at our arrival. Before dinner grounds of Ypê still provided fantastic views of a pair of the notorious Tawny-browed Owl (at last!)

Dark-billed Cuckoo was just one of the nice species spotted at REGUA’s wetland; later the garden of Hotel do Ypê at Itatiaia National Park was insane, this perched Black Hawk Eagle was a great surprise (Eduardo Patrial)
November 10th. After the usual early breakfast it was time to hit the road again, about one hour driving uphill to get to the famous Agulhas Negras Road (the high part of Itatiaia National Park), where we will spend a full day birding some amazing forest over two thousand meters of elevation. Before leaving, the garden of Ypê provided some of the usual species plus a very nice Green-billed (Red-breasted) Toucan. At Agulhas Negras the weather was good and without wind, just what we needed to have a great time birding. Our first stop brought views of the high-altitude endemic Rufous-backed Antvireo, a couple of the rare Black-capped Piprites, Brassy-breasted Tanager, Rufous-crowned Greenlet, Shear-tailed Grey-Tyrant, Buff-browed Foliage-Gleaner, loads of Diademed Tanager, and the endemics Buff-throated Warbling Finch and Serra do Mar Tyrant-Manakin. Further along the road we spotted to enjoy the lek of the fantastic endemic Green-crowned Plovercrest (see note) where several males were displaying their long crests. Driving further up we stopped by a clump of Araucaria woodland, place where we saw the lovely dependent Araucaria Tit-Spinetail and also Hooded Siskin. Continuing the road we reached higher elevation above the timberline, an area of bushy field similar to the Paramo habitat in the Andes. Restricted high-elevation habitat, we found the long-tailed Itatiaia Spinetail and also enjoyed great views of the endemic Mouse-colored Tapaculo. In the same area we still observed Pampa Finch, Rufous-capped Antshrike and White-crested Tyrannulet. Back down to timberline we spotted Black-and-gold Cotinga and two Black Hawk-Eagles flying very low. It was already the afternoon so we decided to do our check-in at the nice and close São Gotardo Hotel for the one night stay. For the rest of the day we birded the forest. Speckle-breasted Antpitta was heard and despite all the effort, it just didn’t approach. Later we found few more things such as Ochre-faced Tody-Flycatcher, Mottle-cheeked Tyrannulet, Golden-winged Cacique (poor views), White-spotted Woodpecker and the cryptic Bicolored Hawk. At dusk by the “Brejo da Lapa” marsh we were amazed by the fascinating male Long-trained Nightjar which provided a real spectacle flying calmly around us, just a superb moment! Few minutes later was the turn of the beautiful Rusty-barred Owl to provide us some long breath-taking views, making that evening just perfect. Back to the hotel we celebrated this good day with a fancy and quite late dinner.
November 11th was another transfer day with some birding here and there. This time we headed down and south to the coast of northern São Paulo state, the town of Ubatuba. But before taking the highway we spent few hours by the beginning of Agulhas Negras Road. Our target was the skulker Speckle-breasted Antpitta which this time took a good time to show up, enabling views just for some of our group. During the patient process we watched a very curious Serra do Mar Tyrannulet. From there we took the whole morning to reach our next stop, the coastal district of Perequê still in Rio de Janeiro state. This is one of the very few areas where the localized and quite recently rediscovered Black-hooded Antwren occurs. Our stake-out was still working fine and it didn’t take long to get good views of both male and female plus an Orange-eyed Thornbird. Further a second stop in a good forest proved to be very productive so there we spent most of the afternoon before finally head to Ubatuba. This lowland forest at Perequê provided us great views of female and male Bare-throated Bellbird, the uncommon Buff-bellied Puffbird, Black-and-white Hawk-Eagle, Riverbank Warbler, the uncommon Sao Paulo Tyrannulet, Green-winged Saltator, Red-necked and Brazilian Tanagers, Lesser Woodcreeper, Orange-headed Tanager and the lovely endemic Buff-throated Purpletuft. Back to the road, we arrived at Ubatuba near seven pm and checked-in the Ubatuba Palace Hotel for a two nights stay.
November 12th. Despite all the rain happening from São Paulo state southwards, we had a good weather during our first morning in Ubatuba. We visited the good Angelim Farm, a private and well preserved foothill forest. The first species seen there was a hectic Long-billed Gnatwren. We heard a lot of previously seen species so we walked ahead and stopped when heard the uncommon and usually confined Spotted Bamboowren. It gave us a quite hard time in a high tangle of vines, providing only brief views in difficult angles. At the same place we couldn’t let to notice the noise and the buzzing flights of males White-bearded Manakins. Further up the track we entered a narrow trail in pristine forest. There we found a small flock with male and female of the rare endemic Salvadori’s Antwren and we got excellent views. Black-capped Foliage-Gleaner and Yellow-throated Woodpecker were also present. Still on that trail, some hundred meters ahead it was the time to enjoy memorable views of another amazing bird. The uncommon endemic Slaty Bristlefront provided a close spectacle on the forest floor. Finishing our morning we came across with a Bothrops fer-de-lance and still had superb views of Buff-throated Purpletuft at its usual hangout clearing. We tried the bamboowren on the way out and got same type of views. The afternoon started overcast and soon it was raining when we were getting to the neighborhood Folha Seca. A quick stop on the dirt-road scrub contributed with a helpful Long-billed Wren just before our visit to the enchanting garden of “Sitio Folha Seca”. As usual Mr. Jonas received us really well to sit down and enjoy his busy hummingbird and tanager feeders. As the rain kept heavy that was basically what we did for the rest of daylight and left the good foothill forest of Folha Seca to be done the next morning. The great summary of Sitio Folha Seca’s garden was: the lowland endemic Saw-billed Hermit, a fantastic number of Festive Coquettes, Sombre Hummingbird, Black-throated Mango, Glittering-throated and Versicolored Emeralds, Brazilian Ruby, Amethyst Woodstar, Violet-capped Woodnymph and White-chinned Sapphire; Green Honeycreeper, Green-headed, Red-necked and Azure-shouldered Tanagers, Violaceus and Chestnut-bellied Euphonias, a spectacular Blond-crested Woodpecker feeding on the bananas and surprisingly a quite wet Buff-bellied Puffbird perched on a cecropia when we were about to leave.
November 13th. It wasn’t raining on our next morning covering the forest at Folha Seca. Birding was fine but we expected a bit more from the usually very good area. Blue-bellied Parrot was heard several times but they were just not interested in approaching. Forest was quiet and we enjoyed good views of Rufous-capped Motmot, White-eyed Foliage-Gleaner, Rufous-capped Anthrush, Scaled Antbird, Unicolored Antwren and a Rufous-thighed Hawk in flight. The garden of Mr. Jonas had the usual inhabitants so it was time to pack our things, have lunch and head to the next spots. We left Ubatuba after lunch to Guarulhos for a one night stay. Reaching the plateau of São Paulo in the afternoon we first stopped at degraded area with marsh before Taubaté, a nice stakeout for few nice species such as the wonderful Streamer-tailed Tyrant, Yellow-rumped Marshbird, Firewood Gatherer and its peculiar nest, and the lovely Tawny-headed Swallow. Later our second stop was at a private reserve in São José dos Campos, closer to São Paulo. This less explored site is home of the newly discovered Sao Paulo Antwren, as well as home of many other good birds which made our time there much more pleasant. In minutes we closely observed a pair of Sao Paulo Antwren plus Blue-winged Parrotlet, a female Lesser (Chestnut-bellied) Seed Finch and the nice Orange-breasted Thornbird. From there we arrived in Guarulhos to overnight and finish the first (main) part of the tour.
November 14th. The group had a relaxed morning before departing to a quick visit to Cantareira State Park on the hills, only fifteen minutes from Guarulhos. There is our usual site to see the uncommon Southern Bristle-Tyrant and this time wasn’t different. After finding a small flock of birds in the dense forest we located at least two of this unusual Atlantic Forest bird. In the flock was also Black-capped and Buff-fronted Foliage-Gleaners, Streaked Xenops and Olivaceous Woodcreeper. From there we immediately crossed the huge São Paulo south towards our next place, four nights at the amazing Intervales State Park which is part of the largest portion of continuing Atlantic Forest in Brazil. Our arrival there was before dusk and under rain. In the park we had a nice dinner and went to bed quite early.

November 15th was our first full day exploring Intervales State Park. In the early morning we covered the surroundings of our lodge (Esquilo) and reception of the park. Good sightings of Planalto Woodcreeper, the skulking Dusky-tailed Antbird, uncommon Green-chinned (G-throated) Euphonia and a brief look at a couple of the rare Black-legged Dacnis. For the rest of morning we did part of the trail system close to the research station. and there we collected Three-striped Flycatcher, White-winged Becard, Sharp-billed Treehunter and leks of the endemic Dusky-throated Hermit and Purple-crowned Plovercrest (see note); also a view of Brown Tnamou, the amazing endemic Hooded Berryeater, the rare Atlantic Royal Flycatcher, Rufous-tailed Attila, the uncommon White-browed Foliage-Gleaner, Common Potoo on a day roost, Surucua Trogon, the stunning male Chestnut-backed Tanager, the cute endemic White-breasted Tapaculo, a couple of Golden-bellied Euphonia and a brief view of Scalloped Woodcreeper. The afternoon started by the park’s reception again and this time it really was at the reception with a surprising and usually shy Pileated Parrot that chose the fruiting *Euterpe* palm-tree right at front door to feed. We also had a brief view of another skulker that has been fed at the front marsh, the smart Red-and-white Crake (but nesting in this period, it wasn’t coming for food as it usual does). Then we went to the renowned Carmo Road and, as expected, bird activity wasn’t like in the morning. Even so we saw some nice birds: Bertonis Antbird, a shy male Giant Antshrike, another obliging White-breasted Tapaculo, the uncommon Bay-ringed Tyrannulet, endemic Squamate Antbird and Slaty-breasted Wood Rail. We also went owling in the evening; main road outside the park yielded nice views of Long-tufted Screech Owl.
November 16th. Second morning in Intervales was spent at Carmo Road. There was some mist and drizzle in the beginning which compromised the activity a bit. We started doing the further area of the road at little lower elevation, walking down the road after the sign 5. Not so busy but in general productive with good views of the rare Black-fronted Piping Guan, endemic Oustalet’s Tyrannulet, the shy Pavonine Cuckoo (outstanding performance), endemics Cinnamon-vented Piha and Crescent-chested Puffbird and the timid...
Short-tailed Antthrush. Few mixed flocks were also observed including species as Streak-capped Antwren, Grey-hooded and Sepia-capped Flycatchers, Yellow-olive Flatbill, Olivaceous Woodcreeper, Grey Elaenia and Rough-legged Tyrannulet. By late morning we drove back to the beginning of Carmo where there's more bamboo. This stretch produced a nice couple of Tufted Antshrike, another Piping Guan and Ochre-rumped Antbird. In the afternoon we started with another try for Red-and-white Crake. With some patience it finally came to feed and also showed us the reason of all care bringing its chick close to the feeder. For the rest of afternoon we enjoyed a pleasant long walk along the Bocaina Road. The excellent forest was unfortunately quiet so we went further on a trail to check the southern race (see note) of Slaty Bristlefront by the Fundão Cave. It took some time for us to hear the notably slower song from an individual of this southern range. But in minutes there was the nice male coming like a mouse on the forest floor. Our walk back provided only the records of Black-throated and Green-backed Trogon. In the evening, drizzling a bit, there was no sign again of Stygian Owl on its perch. But near reception Tropical Screech Owl contributed with our owling.

The top highlights that morning at Carmo Road: the rare Black-fronted Piping Guan and a cooperative Pavonine Cuckoo (Eduardo Patrial)

Carmo Road is also an excellent place to see the endemic Cinnamon-vented Piha; and finally Red-and-white Crake cooperated nicely at the feeder (Eduardo Patrial)

November 17th. We started this day putting a good effort to see a Variegated Antpitta which was calling every dawn near our lodge. Usually nesting this time of year, it becomes much harder to see, so despite all our possible attempts, we only heard it very close. By the time we were trying it, Grey-bellied Spinetail showed up really well. After breakfast we spent some time in the forest near the restaurant. There we managed to see the uncommon bamboo specialists Buffy-fronted and Temminck’s Seedeaters, and also Uniform Finch. An attempt for Spotted Bamboowren didn’t bring any result here. With trouble to get to the Lageado area
because of the wet conditions of the road, we did the Carmo Road again. There we had a huge list of heard birds (all previously seen) and at a certain point we found a couple of the rare Blue-bellied Parrot which this time provided lovely views after attending play-back. Without much news we still saw at Carmo the endemic Pale-browed Treehunter, a female Spot-billed Toucanet, Scaly-headed Parrot, the Spotted Bamboowren and Long-billed Gnatwren. In the afternoon we had no luck on finding Black-legged Dacnis again near the reception. Instead, we saw Small-billed and Highland Elaenias, a male Lined Seedeater and a distant Short-tailed Hawk. From there we took the Mirante (viewpoint) Trail which yielded some trivial records and another amazing couple of Atlantic Royal Flycatcher. Finishing the day we checked a stake-out where the local guides are feeding some Spot-winged Wood Quails. Luckily a family of Wood Quail was there and just before dusk and a heavy rain, we enjoyed spectacular views of this shy species.

November 18^{th}. Still before dawn it was time to say goodbye to Intervales and hit the bendy road south towards the coast of Paraná state for a one night stay. Leaving the park we flushed a male Long-trained Nightjar along the dirt road. It was a quite long way to reach our first birding stop on the hills of the fantastic Graciosa Road. Finally and more specific at the Corvo Road after lunch, we spent few hours in this pristine forest. Our main target was the confined Speckle-breasted Antpitta which didn’t provide enough views at Agulhas Negras. Looking for it we spotted few things, including Pallid Spinetail and a male Bare-throated Bellbird. The Antpitta gave us some hard time but with patience everybody enjoyed good views of this little skulker. From there we immediately drove hills down to the coastal little town of Pontal do Sul for our lovely boat trip in the largest bay of southern Brazil, the Paranaguá’s Bay. The specific boat trip was to reach a small island in the bay which is the roost of hundreds Red-tailed Amazon, a localized and threatened endemic bird. On our way to the island we found some Cocoi and Little Blue Herons, Roseate Spoonbill,
Ringed, Amazon and American Green Kingfishers, loads of Brown Booby, Magnificent Frigatebird, a surprising group of Giant Cowbirds (for the first time on this trip) and even some Guiana (Estuarine) Dolphins. We also tried for crakes and rails along the good mangrove but without any luck. At the island we were welcomed by hundreds of Neotropic Cormorants, some Pale-vented Pigeons and Black-crowned Night Herons. There on the boat we waited a while for the amazons to come roost from all directions before dusk. On this day it wasn't different and soon the spectacle began. We probably saw over a hundred birds, simply fantastic. Heading back to Pontal do Sul another nice spectacle awaited us not far from the island: a concentrated roost of the shining Scarlet Ibis. Later in Pontal we had a nice dinner and headed to our hotel in neighbor town of Caiobá.

November 29th. An early start put us on the road again towards the town of Itapoá, the first one in the northern coast of Santa Catarina state. To get there we had first to take a fifteen minutes ferry to cross the bay of Guaratuba. Entering Itapoá we had our first birding stop by the excellent forest and restinga near the Saí Mirim locality, and went after some localized target species. The first one spotted was the endemic Restinga Tyrannulet, followed by the noisy Azure Jay and then, after a while of search, the rare Kaempfer's

The egg on legs Speckle-breasted Antpitta at Graciosa Road, and the spectacle of Red-tailed Amazon at Paranaguá’s Bay (Eduardo Patrial)

The roost of Scarlet Ibis was also an exciting experience (Eduardo Patrial)
Tody-Tyrant. We heard the endemic Black-backed Tanager in the same place but just couldn’t get a view. From there we drove south to another area called Pontal to reach a marsh, home of another threatened endemic, the Marsh Antbird. As usual our stake-out worked really well; in a matter of minutes the group was enjoying close views of male and female. By the end of morning we finally did our check-in at the pleasant Volta Velha private reserve for a one night stay. The lunch there was delightful watching the busy side-feeder with Green-headed, Red-necked, Ruby-crowned and Brazilian Tanagers, Violaceous and Chestnut-bellied Euphonias and some Azure Jays in the close tree. But unfortunately no signs of Black-back Tanager on the feeder so we had to take one of the trails in the dense forest to find our main target that afternoon. Happily we managed to find a stunning couple of Black-backed Tanager in a restinga stretch along the Sambaqui Trail. The forest in general was very quiet and with a lot of mosquitoes and horse-flies. Before dusk we took the Volta Velha entrance road to finish daylight watching another nice endemic bird, the Scaled Chachalaca. A heavy rain came right after and ruined any chances to go out at night.

November 20th. We had an early departure to dedicate our time birding in three different areas that day around Curitiba, the capital of Paraná state. Situated on the first plateau beyond the Atlantic Hills, these areas consist on Araucaria forest and some grassland marshes. Taking west from Curitiba we arrived at our first site around nine am, a private sloped forest in the Bugre district (municipality of Balsa Nova). Our aim was to find two forest uncommon species, the tricky Canebrake Groundcreeper and the handsome Chestnut-headed Tanager. Soon we got a response from the Groundcreeper, but probably nesting, the bird behaved really shy and didn’t cooperate with any view and that was a little disappointing. On the other hand, Chestnut-headed Tanager was cooperative and we achieved great views of a couple. A nice surprise happened a bit later when we managed to find an unexpected male Mottled Piculet in the forest edge. This southernmost Piculet is more easily found in the Araucaria woodland further south in Rio Grande do Sul state, so that obliging bird was a real treat. In the same area we also had great views of Olive Spinetail and Grey-throated Warbling Finch. We tried to find some other possible sites for the Groundcreeper in the surroundings but we had no luck. From there we stopped for lunch and later headed to check in our hotel in São José do Pinhais (town linked to Curitiba) for a one night stay. In the afternoon we checked two different marshes in São José dos Pinhais. At the first one, close to Borda do Campo, we found the confined endemic Marsh Tapaculo. But extremely hard to see through the dense vegetation, we only got super-close responses right by our feet, unfortunately no sights. From there we went to another marsh along the highway BR 376 to enjoy the rest of daylight and dusk, especially to look for the rare Sickle-winged Nightjar. There we enjoyed few birds, including great views of Lesser Grass Finch and Yellow-rumped Marshbird. The specific spot for the nightjar was unfortunately disfigured by a recent fire, so despite all our effort, this time we just couldn’t find this unusual species.
November 21st. We decided it was worth trying Canebrake Groundcreeper during our last few hours in Curitiba before taking our flight to Porto Alegre, the capital of Rio Grande do Sul state. Happily we made good progress at our stake-out in the forest of Barigui Municipal Park, in Curitiba. The usually shy Canebrake Groundcreeper came straight in to the tape providing us a long and amazing performance. By eleven am we were at the airport for the noon flight to Porto Alegre. Our arrival was near two thirty pm so we had immediately to hit the road southwest of the capital to get to Santana da Boa Vista still during daylight for some birding. Our aim is the threatened Red-spectacled Amazon that during its breeding season usually occupies the semi-deciduous Atlantic Forest remnants from the rough central-state plateau. On our journey we passed through lowland areas with a lot of rice paddies and wetlands around Porto Alegre, to reach later the grasslands and forest fragments on the plateau, so road side supported numerous water birds and open country species, such as Maguari Stork, Roseate Spoonbill, Brazilian Teal, Bare-face Ibis, Limpkin, Great and Snowy Egrets, thousands of Shiny Cowbirds and Eared Doves and also some Red-crested Cardinals. Finally at Santana da Boa Vista we had less than two hours to look for the amazon, so we went straight to the site where Birdquest has seen the species in the last two years. Happily before dusk we spotted a small group in flight coming to roost in a distant tree. Quickly approaching with the car we could manage brief but good scope views of this fascinating bird. Night has come so we went for dinner and overnight.
November 22nd. Early morning was spent in Santana da Boa Vista for longer and better views of Red-spectacled Amazon. We had a nice start in the pousada’s garden with stunning Chestnut-backed and Blue- and-yellow Tanagers, and a surprising Golden-billed Saltator, a new record for the SE tour. Later at the amazon spot we happily found a pair perched quite close to the road, which provided excellent views. The forest edge also gave us Grey-throated Warbling Finch, Greyish Baywing (Baywing Cowbird), Pampa Finch and only the metallic songs of Eastern Slaty Thrush. Dealing with another long drive that day, we left Santana da Boa Vista right after that towards São Francisco de Paula on the top of the Atlantic Hills northeast of Porto Alegre for a two nights stay. As usual the road supported its cast with Red-crested Cardinals, Chimango Caracaras, herons and egrets, White-faced and Bare-faced Ibises, Long-winged Harrier and more. We arrived at the lovely São Francisco de Paula after lunch with time to enjoy most of the afternoon. The rich plateau from this region holds two great habitats, the Araucaria Forests and the native grasslands. At our hotel in a nice Araucaria wood we started our session with superb views of Scalloped Woodcreeper. From there we drove to some grassland remnants near the São Francisco de Paula National Forest and our time was extremely productive. Some marshy areas yielded most of our target species, such as the endemic Long-tailed Cinclodes, Black-and-rufous Warbling Finch, the amazing Straight-billed Reedhaunter, Grassland Yellow Finch, the spectacular endemic Black-bellied Seedeater, Yellow-rumped Marshbird, Campo Flicker (ssp. campestrides), Spotted Nothura, the lovely Black-and-white Monjita, the rare Saffron-cowled Blackbird, Long-tailed Reed Finch, Lesser Grass Finch, loads of Hooded Siskin, Firewood Gatherer and Yellow-billed Teal. Finishing the day at a forest edge, we achieved superb views of the endemic Striolated Tit-Spinetail.

The striking male Red-spectacled Amazon at Santana da Boa Vista, intimately associated with the swampy Apiaceae plant Eryngium pandanifolium, the smart-looking Straight-billed Reedhaunter (Eduardo Patrial)

A curious case of symbiosis involve two amazing species from the grasslands and marshes in the southern Brazilian plateau: Black-and-white Monjita and the uncommon Saffron-cowled Blackbird (Eduardo Patrial)
November 23rd. We greatly started that morning at hotel's garden in São Francisco de Paula watching closely a group of Vinaceous-breasted Amazon perched on the araucarias, just surprising! Right after we drove about an hour to reach the good araucaria woodland in the neighbor town Cambará do Sul. Birding the road side way to Aparados da Serra National Park, we quickly found our major target species Planalto Tapaculo. Usually more cooperative than others, this one was delightfully showy. In the same area we enjoyed a pleasant birding with Araucaria and Striolated Tit-Spinetails side by side, Diademed Tanager, Dusky-legged Guan, Yellow-billed Pintail, Slaty-breasted Wood Rail, Olivaceous Elaenia, Olive Spinetail and Grey-throated Warbling Finch. Later we visit other area of forest on the way to the Serra Geral National Park. There we finally achieved some views of the shy Eastern Slaty Thrush. Planalto Tapaculo was heard in the area and we also saw a group of Azure Jays. By late morning we left the town of Cambará do Sul back towards São Francisco, stopping at one more place before lunch, a fine grassland area near the back of Aparados da Serra National Park. There we saw Hellmayr’s Pipit, more Saffron-cowled Blackbird, Black-and-white Monjita, Black-bellied Seedeater and heard Marsh Tapaculo, the main reason for visiting that site. Our attempt was good but unfortunately again we only get vocal responses from this really hard bird to see. After lunch near Tainhas, we drove west to the district of Lageado Grande (municipality of São Francisco de Paula) to cover more grassland. There a stake-out provided perfect views of the wary Freckle-breasted Thornbird. In a near lake there was Yellow-billed and Brazilian Teals, Yellow-billed Pintail and the large rodent Coypu. We also investigated some other marshes mainly in search of the Birdquest lifer, the endemic Tropeiro Seedeater. But all our effort in the possible area that afternoon couldn’t bring any record unfortunately.
November 24th started with an early departure down to the coastal Pampas of Rio Grande do Sul. On our way to the little town of Mostardas, the last destination on this trip, we stopped near Tramandaí in the morning to cover the rich lacustrine habitats by the coastal lagoons. Aiming to get to our Crested Doradito's stake-out, this time it had to be done walking because the dirt road condition was too muddy. We walked around five kilometers in total. Finding Crested Doradito was quite hard and rewardingly we made it in our last attempt, being a trilling relief for the group. But despite the long distance employed, our walk was also very birdy, giving us a new array of birds such as the nice Plumbeous Rail, close views of Brown-and-yellow Marshbird, White-browed, Yellow-winged and Chestnut-capped Blackbirds, White Monjita, Long-tailed Reed Finch, Lesser Grass and Pampa Finches, American Oystercatcher, Large-billed and Yellow-billed Terns, Firewood Gatherer, Tawny-headed Swallow, Wren-like Rushbird, the cryptic Pinnated Bittern, Correndera and Hellmayr's Pipits, Grassland Sparrow, Southern Screamer, the adorable Long-winged Harrier, and Bare-faced and White-faced Ibises. After lunch at Nova Tramandai we continued our way south to Mostardas having another stop close to Cidreira. There we insistently look for the uncommon Glaucous-blue Grosbeak, but without success this time. Instead of that the stop gave us great views of Giant Wood Rail, Monk Parakeets, Snail Kite and Masked Gnatcatcher. Our flat way to Mostardas still provided some Maguari Storks, Roseate Spoonbills, some group of Greater Rheas, Red-crested Cardinals and thousands of Chestnut-capped Blackbirds. Finally at Mostardas, the biggest attraction is the fascinating Lagoa do Peixe National Park, an important shallow lagoon which is a stopover for a huge number of migrant species. The national park also aggregates some spectacular lacustrine habitats near the town, so covering that was our intention for the last hour of daylight that evening. Along the Dunes Trail in the national park we enjoyed views of the tricky Curve-billed Reedhaunter, the handsome Spectacled Tyrant, an impressive number of Long-winged Harriers, the lovely Spot-flanked Gallinule and the whole cast of water birds. Later then we checked-in at the nice Pousada Pouso Alegre for a two nights stay and savored some delicious seafood at dinner.

November 25th was the last full day of birding of the tour. We started early the day visiting a small lake close to Mostardas with our friendly local guide Ronaldo. The site is a usual hangout for the uncommon Ringed Teal. While crossing a marshy area to get there we flushed the secretive Spotted Rail, but nobody could get...
The Dunes Trail at Lagoa do Peixe National Park provided a pleasant end for that day with several Long-winged Harrier and close views of Spot-flanked Gallinule (Eduardo Patrial)

decent views. At the place we happily found two pairs of Ringed Teal, plus Savana Hawk, a close male Spectacled Tyrant, Plumbeous Rail, Green-barred Woodpecker and few other common species. From there we drove further south to spend the rest of morning at the proper national park’s lagoon along the Talha Mar Trail. On the surrounding grassy prairie we found loads of American Golden Plover, numerous Coscoroba Swan, some few cryptic South American Painted Snipes, a nice group of Black-necked Swan, the lovely Buff-breasted Sandpiper, hundreds of Correndera Pipit, White-browed Blackbird, Large-billed, Yellow-billed and Snowy-crowned Terns, the small and confined Bay-capped Wren Spinetail, loads of White-rumped Sandpiper, Black Skimmer, Pectoral Sandpiper, a group of Red-gartered Coot, the good-looking Silver Teal and a couple of the gorgeous and very uncommon in the area, Red Shoveler. Some of us still saw a White-tufted Grebe, usually found in the area during the winter. After lunch in Mostardas we went back to Talha Mar Trail again, but differently we covered this time the vegetation close to the sand dunes. It took some time but there we finally achieved reasonable views of Hudson’s Canastero and also saw Common Miner. Later we took south driving along the sand beach to reach the mouth of Lagoa do Peixe into the sea. Along the desert beach and by the mouth of Lagoa do Peixe we spotted thousands of Sanderlings, hundreds of White-rumped Sandpiper, some Red Knots, Common, Cabot’s, Royal and Snowy-crowned Terns, loads of American Oystercatcher, a big group of Chilean Flamingo, one Grey Plover, Ruddy Turnstone, Greater Yellowlegs and Black Skimmers. Finishing the day we did the Dunes Trail again, closer to Mostardas. We intensively searched some spots after Glaucous-blue Grosbeak, but again unsuccessfully. On the other hand we found the stunning Scarlet-headed Blackbird, Gilded Sapphire, a small group of Fulvous Whistling Duck, Wren-like Rushbird, Giant Wood Rail plus the usual cast of water birds.

Our final day was replete of fine birds, such as the smart-looking Ringed Teal and the fascinating Spectacled Tyrant (Eduardo Patrial)
November 26th. For the last day of the tour we did some birding until mid-morning in Mostardas visiting the nice area by the edge of the huge Lagoa dos Patos, the locality called Porto do Barquinho. Good marshes, a vast area of reeds and the surrounding grassland provided an enjoyable final cast for this very successful 2015 Ultimate Southeast Brazil Tour: loads of Snail Kite and Pectoral Sandpiper, Plumbeous Ibis (quite uncommon in the area), Wren-like Rushbird, the stunning Many-colored Rush Tyrant, Great Grebe, and a field with some South American Snipe and several South American Painted Snipe that cooperated with remarkable close sightings. We left Mostardas to Porto Alegre’s airport after lunch, arriving there around four thirty pm for the end of the trip.
SYSTEMATIC LIST OF SPECIES RECORDED DURING THE TOUR

The species names and taxonomy used in the report mostly follows Gill, F & D Donsker (Eds). IOC World Bird Names. This list is updated several times annually and is available at http://www.worldbirdnames.org.

Species which were heard but not seen are indicated by the symbol (H).
Species which were only recorded by the leader are indicated by the symbol (LO).
Species which were not personally recorded by the leader are indicated by the symbol (NL).

Species marked with the diamond symbol (◊) are either endemic to the country or local region or considered ‘special’ birds for some other reason (e.g. it is only seen on one or two Birdquest tours; it is difficult to see across all or most of its range; the local form is endemic or restricted range and may in future be treated as a full species).

Solitary Tinamou ◊ Tinamus solitarius Great view at VALE Reserve; heard at Intervales State Park.
Little Tinamou Crypturellus soui Seen a small group one by one crossing the road at VALE Reserve.
Brown Tinamou Crypturellus obsoletus A brief view at Intervales, Heard at several places.
Variegated Tinamou Crypturellus variegatus (H) Heard at VALE Reserve.
Tataupa Tinamou Crypturellus tataupa One flushed at Intervales, heard at REGUA and Perequê.
Red-winged Tinamou Rhyynchotus rufescens (H) Heard at São Francisco de Paula.
Spotted Nothura Nothura maculosa Seen leaving Santana da Boa Vista, later at São F. de Paula and Mostardas.
Greater Rhea Rhea americana Seen near Santana da Boa Vista and Mostardas.
Southern Screamer Chauna torquata Quite common around Tramandaí and Mostardas.
White-faced Whistling Duck Dendrocygna viduata Seen at VALE, REGUA, around Curitiba and Mostardas.
Black-bellied Whistling Duck Dendrocygna autumnalis Good view of a pair at REGUA.
Fulvous Whistling Duck Dendrocygna bicolor Seen a small group at Mostardas.
Coscoroba Swan Coscoroba coscoroba Seen a good number at Lagoa do Peixe National Park.
Black-necked Swan Cygnus melancoryphus A group of twenty plus at Lagoa do Peixe National Park.
Muscovy Duck Cairina moschata Seen at VALE.
Brazilian Teal Amazonetta brasiliensis Recorded at several places along the tour.
Ringed Teal Callonetta leucophrys Few seen at Mostardas, a great bird!
Red Shoveler Anas platlea Superb view of pair at Lagoa do Peixe National Park.
Yellow-billed Teal Anas flavirostris Good views at São Francisco de Paula and later at Lagoa do Peixe N P.
Yellow-billed Pintail Anas georgica Same as above.
Silver Teal Anas versicolor Two spotted at Mostardas.
East Brazilian Chachalaca ◊ Ortalis araucana Seen at Vale Reserve and at Santa Teresa. See note.
Scaled Chachalaca ◊ Ortalis squamata At least four were seen near Volta Velha Reserve, Itapoá. See note.
Rusty-margined Guan ◊ Penelope superciliiarib Brief views at VALE Reserve.
Dusky-legged Guan *Penelope obscura*  Seen at several hilly places along the tour.
Black-fronted Piping Guan *Pipile jacutinga*  Great views at Intervales State Park.
Red-billed Curassow *Crax blumenbachii*  A real spectacle at Cupido Farm and some observed at Vale.
Spot-winged Wood Quail *Odontophorus capoerai*  A family at the amazing feeder of Intervales.
Pied Grebe *Podilymbus podiceps*  Seen near Cabo Frio and at São F de Paula.
White-tufted Grebe *Rollandia Rolland* (NL)  One spotted at Lagoa do Peixe N P.
Great Grebe *Podiceps major*  One observed at Porto do Barquinho, Mostardas.
Chilean Flamingo *Phoenicopterus chilensis*  Over fifty at the mouth of Lagoa do Peixe N P.
Wood Stork *Mycteria Americana*  Frequently seen at the lowlands of Rio Grande do Sul state.
Maguari Stork *Ciconia maguari*  Seen by the lowlands around Porto Alegre and several records at Mostardas.
Plumbeous Ibis *Theristicus caerulescens*  Three at Lagoa dos Patos (Porto Barquinho) near Mostardas.
Buff-necked Ibis *Theristicus caudatus*  Seen near Intervales, Curitiba and São Francisco de Paula.
Bare-faced Ibis *Phimosus infuscatus*  Seen around Curitiba and common in Rio Grande do Sul state.
Scarlet Ibis *Eudocimus ruber*  A sunset spectacle at Paranaguá’s Bay, around a hundred birds.
White-faced Ibis *Plegadis chihi*  Abundant at Rio Grande do Sul state.
Roseate Spoonbill *Platalea ajaja*  First at Paranaguá’s Bay; frequent near Mostardas.
Rufescent Tiger Heron *Tigrisoma lineatum*  Seen at REGUA and Santana da Boa Vista.
Pinnated Bittern *Botaurus pinnatus*  One spotted at Tramandaí.
Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*  Seen at REGUA, common at Paranaguá’s Bay and Mostardas.
Striated Heron *Butorides striata*  Recorded at several places on this tour.
Western Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*  Commonly seen throughout the tour. See note.
Cocoi Heron *Ardea cocoi*  Seen at REGUA, Paranaguá’s Bay and Rio Grande do Sul state.
Great Egret *Ardea alba*  Common throughout the tour.
Capped Heron *Pilherodius pileatus*  Two seen at REGUA wetlands.
Whistling Heron *Syrigma sibilatrix*  Seen at several places, mainly in the south.
Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerulea*  Seen at Paranaguá’s Bay.
Snowy Egret *Egrette thula*  At REGUA, Paranaguá and Rio Grande do Sul.
Magnificent Frigatebird *Fregata magnificens*  Seen at Cabo Frio, Ubatuba, Paranaguá, Itapoá and Tramandaí.
Brown Booby *Sula leucogaster*  Several seen at Paranaguá’s Bay.
Neotropical Cormorant *Phalacrocorax brasilianus* Common throughout the tour.

Anhinga *Anhinga anhinga* Seen by the road on the way to Ubatuba.

Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura* Commonly seen throughout the tour.

Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus* An everyday bird, very common.

Hook-billed Kite *Chondrohierax uncinatus* Good view at VALE Reserve.

Swallow-tailed Kite *Elanoides forficatus* Sightings from Espirito Santo and Intervales State Park.

Harpy Eagle *Harpia harpyja* A fantastic surprise of a juvenile at VALE Reserve. For the first time on a SE tour.

Black Hawk-Eagle *Spizaetus tyrannus* Superb views at Itatiaia National Park. Also seen at Ubatuba.

Black-and-white Hawk-Eagle *Spizaetus melanocephalus* One seen at Perequê.

Ornate Hawk-Eagle *Spizaetus ornatus* (H) Heard at Santa Teresa.

Rufous-thighed Kite *Harpagus diodon* Seen at Itatiaia NP and Angelim Farm, Ubatuba.

Rufous-thighed Hawk *Accipiter erythronomus* Seen at Intervales and near Cambará do Sul.

Bicolored Hawk *Accipiter bicolor* Nice views at Agulhas Negras Road, Itatiaia.

Long-winged Harrier *Circus sutori* Seen at Santana da Boa Vista, quite common around Mostardas.

Plumbeous Kite *Ictinia plumbea* Seen at VALE Reserve, Santa Teresa, Intervales and Itapoa.

Snail Kite *Rostrhamus sociabilis* Several sightings at Rio Grande do Sul state.

Crane Hawk *Geranoispiza caerulescens* One seen at São José dos Pinhais.

Savanna Hawk *Buteogallus meridionalis* Some sightings at Rio Grande do Sul state.

White-necked Hawk *Buteogallus lacernulatus* This time only a brief encounter at REGUA.

Roadside Hawk *Rupornis magnirostris* Common throughout the tour.

White-tailed Hawk *Geranoaetus albicaudatus* Few records - normally on journeys – along the tour.

Short-tailed Hawk *Buteo brachyrurus* Seen at Intervales and São Francisco do Paula.

Red-legged Seriema *Cariama cristata* Good views at 3 Pontões, heard at some other places.

Rufous-sided Crab *Laterallus melanophaius* Superb views at REGUA wetlands.

Red-and-white Crab *Laterallus leucopyrrhus* Amazing view at Intervales, heard later at some other sites.

Grey-necked Wood Rail *Aramides cajaneus* (NL) Seen by some of us at VALE Reserve.

Giant Wood Rail *Aramides ypecaha* Seen at Tramandaí and later several times near Mostardas.

Slaty-breasted Wood Rail *Aramides saracura* Seen at several forested sites on the tour.

Uniform Crane *Amaurolimnas concolor* (H) Heard at Folha Seca, Ubatuba.

Ash-throated Crane *Porzana albicollis* Good views at VALE Reserve.

Spotted Rail *Pardirallus maculatus* (H) Heard at Mostardas.

Blackish Rail *Pardirallus nigricans* Great view at Santa Teresa.

Plumbeous Rail *Pardirallus sanguinolentus* Good views at Tramandaí and Mostardas.

Purple Gallinule *Porphyrio martinicus* Seen at REGUA wetlands.

Common Gallinule *Gallinula galeata* Several sightings throughout the tour. See note.


Red-gartered Coot *Fulica armillata* A group seen at Lagoa do Peixe N P.

Limpkin *Aramus guarauna* Common by the lowlands of Rio Grande do Sul state.

American Oystercatcher *Haematopus palliatus* Common at the beach of Mostardas.

White-backed Stilt *Himantopus melanurus* Seen at Cabo Frio, around Curitiba and Rio Grande do Sul. See note.

Southern Lapwing *Vanellus chilensis* Common throughout the tour.

American Golden Plover *Pluvialis dominica* A good number at Lagoa do Peixe N P.

Collared Plover *Charadrius collaris* A few at Lagoa do Peixe N P.

South American Painted-snipe *Nycticryptes semipalmaris* Great views at Lagoa do Peixe and Lagoa dos Patos.

Wattled Jacana *Jacana jacana* Frequently spotted on the tour.

South American Snipe *Gallinago paraguaiae* Seen at São Francisco de Paula and Mostardas.

Giant Snipe *Gallinago undulata* Great views near REGUA.
Greater Yellowlegs *Tringa melanoleuca* Good view at Lagoa do Peixe N P.
Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes* Same as above.
Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius* Seen at Paranaguá’s Bay.
Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres* Seen at Lagoa do Peixe N P.
Sanderling *Calidris alba* Thousands at Lagoa do Peixe N P.
White-rumped Sandpiper *Calidris fuscicollis* Abundant at Lagoa do Peixe NP.
Pectoral Sandpiper *Calidris melanotos* A good number seen at Lagoa do Patos, Porto do Barquinho.
Buff-breasted Sandpiper *Tryngites subruficollis* Numerous at Lagoa do Peixe N P.
Black Skimmer *Rynchops niger* Groups seen at Lagoa do Peixe N P.
Brown-hooded Gull *Chroicocephalus maculipennis* Seen at Lagoa do Peixe N P.
Grey-headed Gull *Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus* Several seen at Cabo Frio and few at Lagoa dos Patos.
Kelp Gull *Larus dominicanus* Seen at Cabo Frio, Ubatuba, common at Itapoá, also seen in Mostardas.
Royal Tern *Thalasseus maximus* Seen at Lagoa do Peixe N P, Mostardas.
Cabot’s Tern *Thalasseus acuflavidus* Same as above. See note.
Yellow-billed Tern *Sternula superciliaris* Few seen at Lagoa do Peixe N P.
Common Tern *Sternula hirundo* Seen at Lagoa do Peixe N P.
Snowy-crowned Tern *Sternula trudeaui* Great views at Lagoa do Peixe N P.
Large-billed Tern *Phaetusa simplex* Seen at Lagoa do Peixe N P.
Rock Dove *Columba livia* Common at anthropic areas.
Picazuro Pigeon *Patagioenas picazuro* Common throughout the tour.
Pale-vented Pigeon *Patagioenas cayennensis* Few sightings on the tour, more common at Paranaguá’s Bay.
Plumbeous Pigeon *Patagioenas plumbea* Several sightings on the tour at forested areas.
Eared Dove *Zenaida auriculata* Very common from São Paulo southwards.
Scaled Dove *Columbina squammata* Seen at Santa Teresa and Vargem Alta.
Ruddy Ground Dove *Columbina talpacoti* Common throughout the tour.
Picui Ground Dove *Columbina picui* Common around Mostardas.
Blue Ground Dove *Claravis pretiosa* Seen at Cupido Farm near VALE.
White-tipped Dove *Leptotila verreauxi* Frequently recorded on the tour.
Grey-fronted Dove *Leptotila rufaxilla* (H) Heard at Bugre district near Curitiba.
Ruddy Quail-Dove *Geotrygon montana* Seen at Ubatuba, heard at other places.
Guira Cuckoo  
*Guira guira*  Common throughout the tour.

Greater Ani  
*Crotaphaga major*  Seen at REGUA.

Smooth-billed Ani  
*Crotaphaga ani*  Common throughout the tour.

Striped Cuckoo  
*Tapera naevia* (H)  Heard at few sites along the tour.

Pavonine Cuckoo  
*Dromococcyx pavoninus*  Amazing views at Intervales State Park.

Squirrel Cuckoo  
*Pyaya cayana*  Seen at several places on the tour.

Dark-billed Cuckoo  
*Coccozus melanophrys*  Good views at REGUA wetlands.

Tropical Screech Owl  
*Megascops choliba*  Seen at Intervales.

Black-capped Screech Owl  
*Megascops atricapilla*  Superb view at VALE Reserve.

Long-tufted Screech Owl  
*Megascops sanctaecatarinae*  Seen well at Intervales entrance road.

Rusty-banded Owl  
*Strix hylophila*  Fantastic close views at Agulhas Negras Road, Itatiaia.

Mottled Owl  
*Strix virgata*  Good view at Santa Teresa.

Black-banded Owl  
*Strix huhula*  Fantastic view at REGUA.

Tawny-browed Owl  
*Pulsatrix koeniswaldiana*  A couple seen at Hotel do Ype, Itatiaia NP.

East Brazilian Pygmy Owl  
*Glaucidium minutissimum*  Good view at VALE Reserve.

Ferruginous Pygmy Owl  
*Glaucidium brasilianum* (H)  Heard at Caetes Forest, Vargem Alta.

Burrowing Owl  
*Athene cunicularia*  Sparse sightings on the tour.

Great Potoo  
*Nyctibius grandis*  A day roost at VALE Reserve.

Common Potoo  
*Nyctibius griseus*  Great views at Intervales State Park.

White-winged Potoo  
*Nyctibius leucopterus*  Amazing view at VALE Reserve.

Short-tailed Nighthawk  
*Lurocalis semitorquatus*  Seen at VALE, Caetes Forest and São José dos Pinhais.

Pauraque  
*Nyctidromus albicollis*  Several sightings at VALE Reserve, heard at some other places.

Long-tailed Nightjar  
*Macropsalis forcipata*  Breath taking views at Agulhas Negras Road, also seen at Intervales.

Ocellated Poorwill  
*Nyctiphrynus ocellatus*  Reasonable view at Santa Teresa.

Sooty Swift  
*Cypseloides fumigatus*  Great view of one nesting, Intervales State Park.

Great Dusky Swift  
*Cypseloides senex*  A nice group roosting at Matilde’s Waterfall, Espirito Santo state.

White-collared Swift  
*Streptoprocne zonaris*  Several sightings along the tour.

Grey-rumped Swift  
*Chaetura cinereiventris*  Several sightings along the tour.

Sick’s Swift  
*Chaetura meridionalis*  Same as above. See note.
Saw-billed Hermit ♀ Ramphodon naevius  Well seen at Folha Seca, Ubatuba.

Rufous-breasted Hermit Glauces hirsutus  Good view at Augusto R. Biological Station, Santa Teresa and REGUA.

Scale-throated Hermit ♀ Phaethornis eurynome  Seen at 3 Pontões, Itaiaia and Intervales State Park.

Planalto Hermit Phaethornis pretrei  Well seen at Santa Teresa.

Dusky-throated Hermit ♀ Phaethornis squaidus  Good views at Intervales State Park.

Minute Hermit ♀ Phaethornis idaliae  A large number at the feeders of Augusto Ruschi B S.

Reddish Hermit Phaethornis ruber  Seen at Angelim Farm, Ubatuba.

Sombre Hummingbird ♀ Aphanochroa cirrochloiris  Well seen at Santa Teresa and Ubatuba.

Swallow-tailed Hummingbird Eupetomena macroura  A number of sightings along the tour.

Black Jacobin Florisuga fusca  Seen at several places on the tour.

White-vented Violetear Colibri serrirostris  Well seen at the feeders of Vita Verde, Santa Teresa.

Black-throated Mango Anthracothorax nigricollis  Seen at Augusto Ruschi B S and also at Folha Seca, Ubatuba.

Ruby-topaz Hummingbird Chrysolampis mosquitos  A few seen at Augusto Ruschi B S.

Green-crowned Plovercrest ♀ Stephanoxis ilandii  Lek at Aguilhas Negras Road, Itaiaia. See note.

Purple-crowned Plovercrest ♀ Stephanoxis loddigesii  Lek at Intervales State Park. See note.

Frilled Coquette ♀ Lophornis magnificus  The star of Vita Verde’s feeder, Sta Teresa. Also seen at Perequê.

Festive Coquette ♀ Lophornis chalybeus  Abundant at the feeders of Folha Seca, Ubatuba.

Blue-chinned Sapphire Chlorostilbon lucidus  Seen at Santa Teresa, Cabo Frio and Bugre district.

Glittering-bellied Emerald Chrysolampis mosquitos  A stunning male at Augusto Ruschi B S.

Amethyst Woodstar Calliphlox amethystina  Great views at Vita Verde, Santa Teresa, Ubatuba and Intervales.

Green-backed Trogon Trogon viridis  Seen at VALE, Ubatuba and Intervales. See note.

Surucua Trogon Trogon surrucura  Seen at 3 Pontões, Caetes Forest, REGUA and Intervales.

Black-throated Trogon Trogon rufus  Seen at Caetes Forest, REGUA and Intervales.

Collared Trogon Trogon collaris (H)  Heard at VALE Reserve.

Green Kingfisher Chloroceryle americana  Sparsely recorded along the tour.

Amazon Kingfisher Chloroceryle amazona  Few seen at Paranaguá’s Bay.

Ringed Kingfisher Megaceryle torquata  Several records along the tour.

Rufous-capped Motmot ♀ Baryphthengus ruficapillus  Great views at REGUA, Ubatuba and Intervales.

Three-toed Jacamar ♀ Jacamarmarcoy tridactyla  Easily found at Carmo, Rio de Janeiro state.

Rufous-tailed Jacamar Galbula ruficauda  Well seen at VALE, Carmo and Perequê.

Buff-bellied Puffbird ♀ Notharchus swainsoni  Good views at Perequê and Ubatuba.

Crested-chested Puffbird ♀ Malacoptila striata  First at Matilde’s Waterfall, later at Intervales.

Swallow-winged Puffbird Chelidoptera tenebrosa  Seen at VALE Reserve.

Black-necked Aracari Pteroglossus aracari  Good views at VALE Reserve.

Saffron Toucanet ♀ Pteroglossus bailloni  Great close views at Hotel do Ype, Itaiaia, later at Intervales State Park.

Spot-billed Toucanet ♀ Selenidera maculirostris  First at Santa Teresa, later at Intervales.

Green-billed Toucan ♀ Ramphastos dicolorus  Seen at Itaiaia and Intervales.

Channel-billed Toucan Ramphastos vitellinus  Good views at VALE Reserve.

White-barred Piculet Picumnus cirratus  Good views at Caetes Forest and Carmo.

Ochre-collared Piculet Picumnus temminckii  Seen at Intervales State Park.

Mottled Piculet ♀ Picumnus nebulosus  Great view this time at Bugre district near Curitiba.

White Woodpecker Melanerpes candidus (H)  Heard at Intervales.

Yellow-fronted Woodpecker Melanerpes flavifrons  Seen at VALE, Caetes and Intervales.

White-spotted Woodpecker Veniliornis spilogaster  Seen at Aguilhas Negras Road, Perequê and S F de Paula.
Red-stained Woodpecker  *Veniliornis affinis*  Seen at VALE Reserve.

Yellow-eared Woodpecker  *Veniliornis maculifrons*  Good views at Santa Teresa and Carmo.

Yellow-throated Woodpecker  *Piculus flavigula*  Seen at Angelim Farm, Ubatuba.

Yellow-browed Woodpecker  *Piculus auriventris*  First at Caledônia Peak, later at Intervales.

Green-barred Woodpecker  *Colaptes melanochloros*  Seen at 3 Pontões, REGUA, Itaipó and Mostardas.

Campo Flicker  *Colaptes campestris*  Commonly seen throughout the tour.

Blond-crested Woodpecker  *Ceratogymna melanops*  Seen at VALE, REGUA and Ubatuba.

Cream-colored Woodpecker  *Ceratogymna ornata*  A lovely surprise at Cupido Farm near VALE.

Ringed Woodpecker  *Ceratogymna melanocephala*  Good views at VALE Reserve.

Lineated Woodpecker  *Dryocopus lineatus*  Seen at VALE Reserve and Santa Teresa.

Robust Woodpecker  *Campephilus robustus*  Good view at Santa Teresa, better at Itaíla.

Southern Crested Caracara  *Caracara plancus*  Common throughout the tour.

Yellow-headed Caracara  *Milvago chimachima*  Same as above.

Chimango Caracara  *Milvago chimango*  Common at Rio Grande do Sul state.

Laughing Falcon  *Herpetotheres cachinnans*  (H)  Heard at VALE Reserve and Ubatuba.

Barred Forest Falcon  *Micrastur ruficolli*  (H)  Heard at Intervales.

American Kestrel  *Falco sparverius*  Some sightings – normally on journeys – along the tour.

Aplomado Falcon  *Falco femoralis*  Seen at Santa Teresa and on the way to Intervales.

Peregrine Falcon  *Falco peregrinus*  One seen at Mostardas.

Blue-winged Macaw  *Primolius maracana*  Distant views at VALE Reserve and Itaílaia N P.

White-eyed Parakeet  *Psittacus leucophthalmus*  Seen at several places on the tour.

Ochre-marked Parakeet  *Pyrrhura cruentata*  Remarkable views of a small group at VALE Reserve.

Maroon-bellied Parakeet  *Pyrrhura frontalis*  Common at most of places along the Serra do Mar.

White-eared Parakeet  *Pyrrhura leucotis*  Superb views of a group at VALE Reserve.

Monk Parakeet  *Myiopsitta monachus*  Quite common at the lowlands of Rio Grande do Sul state.

Blue-winged Parrotlet  *Forpus xanthopterygius*  Seen at Perequê, São José dos Campos and Intervales.

Plain Parakeet  *Brotogeris tirica*  Common at VALE, later seen at several sites southwards.

Pileated Parrot  *Pionus pileatus*  Terrific views at Intervales State Park.

Scaly-headed Parrot  *Pionus maximiliani*  Seen and heard at a number of places.

Red-spectacled Amazon  *Amazona pretrei*  Seen perched in Santana da B Vista, few in flight at São F de Paula.

Red-browed Amazon  *Amazona rhodocorytha*  Good views at VALE Reserve.

Red-tailed Amazon  *Amazona brasiliensis*  Near hundred birds at Paranaguá’s Bay, roosting island.

Orange-winged Amazon  *Amazona amazonica*  Quite common at VALE Reserve.

Mealy Amazon  *Amazona farinosea*  Great views at VALE Reserve.

Vinaceous-breasted Amazon  *Amazona vinacea*  Amazing views at hotel in São F de Paula.

Blue-bellied Parrot  *Trichiria malachitacea*  A pair seen well at Carmo Road, Intervales State Park.

Common Miner  *Geositta farinosa*  Seen at Mostardas.

Long-tailed Cinclodes  *Cinclodes pabsti*  Good views at grasslands in São Francisco de Paula.

Band-tailed Hornero  *Furnarius figulus*  Seen at Santa Teresa.

Rufous Hornero  *Furnarius rufus*  Common throughout the tour.

Striolated Tit-Spinetail  *Leptasthenura striolata*  Great views at São F de Paula and Cambará do Sul.

Araucaria Tit-Spinetail  *Leptasthenura setaria*  First at Agulhas Negras, common in Araucaria domain in the South.

Itaílaia Spinetail  *Asthenes moreira*  At least two seen well at Agulhas Negras Road, Itaílaia N P.

Hudson’s Canastero  *Asthenes hudsoni*  Seen at Lagoa do Peixe N P, a bit shy this time.

Rufous-capped Spinetail  *Synallaxis ruficapilla*  Seen well at Caetes Forest, heard later at several places.

Grey-bellied Spinetail ◊ *Synallaxs cinerascens*  Good view at Intervales, heard elsewhere.
Spix's Spinetail *Synallaxs spixi*  Good views at Caetes Forest, heard at some other places.
Olive Spinetail ◊ *Cranioleuca obsoleta*  Great views at Bugre district and at Cambará do Sul.
Pallid Spinetail ◊ *Cranioleuca pallida*  Seen at several places along the Serra do Mar.
Yellow-chinned Spinetail *Certhiophasops cinnamomeus*  Seen at REGUA and near Taubaté, heard at more sites.
Rufous-fronted Thornbird *Phacelodomus rufifrons*  Good views at Vita Verde, Santa Teresa.
Freckle-breasted Thornbird *Phacelodomus striaticollis*  A quite long drive but our stake-out worked really well.
Orange-eyed Thornbird ◊ *Phacelodomus erythrophthalmus*  Seen at Caledonia Peak and São J dos Campos.
Orange-breasted Thornbird ◊ *Phacelodomus ferrugineigula*  Good view at Intervales State Park. See note.
Canebrake Groundcreeper ◊ *Clibanornis dendrocolaptoides*  Glimpsed at Bugre district, great view at Barigui Park.
Bay-capped Wren-Spinetail ◊ *Spartonoica maluroides*  Reasonable views at Lagoa do Peixe N P.
Wren-like Rushbird *Phleocryptes melanops*  Quite common in reeds at Tramandaí and Mostardas.
Straight-billed Reedhaunter ◊ *Limnoctites rectirostris*  A fantastic performance at São F de Paula.
Firewood-Gatherer *Anumbius annumbi*  First near Taubaté, later quite common in Rio Grande do Sul.
White-browed Foliage-Gleaner ◊ *Anabacerthia amaurotis*  Seen well at Intervales State Park.
Buff-browed Foliage-Gleaner ◊ *Syndactyla rufosuperciliata*  Seen at Agulhas Negras Road; heard at more sites.
Ochre-breasted Foliage-Gleaner ◊ *Philydor lichtensteini*  Seen at Caetes Forest and Intervales.
Black-capped Foliage-Gleaner ◊ *Philydor atricapillus*  Seen at REGUA, Ubatuba and Cantareira S P.
Buff-fronted Foliage-Gleaner *Philydor rufum*  Seen at Santa Teresa, Caetes, Cantareira S P and Intervales.
White-collared Foliage-Gleaner ◊ *Anabazenops fuscus*  Good views at Caetes Forest, heard elsewhere.
Pale-browed Treehunter ◊ *Cichlocolaptes leucophthalmus*  Seen well at Itatiaia and Intervales State Park.
White-eyed Foliage-Gleaner ◊ *Automolus leucophthalmus*  Seen at VALE Reserve and Ubatuba, heard elsewhere.
Rufous-breasted Leaflark ◊ *Sclerurus scansor*  Seen at Caetes Forest and REGUA, heard at more sites.
Sharp-tailed Streamcreeper ◊ *Lochmias nematura*  Seen at Caetes, Caledonia and Intervales.
Sharp-billed Treehunter *Heliolepsis contaminatus*  Good views at Intervales State Park.
Plain Xenops *Xenops minutus*  Seen at Intervales State Park.
Streaked Xenops *Xenops rutilans*  Seen and heard at several places.

Plain-winged Woodcreeper  *Dendrocincla turdina*  Seen at Santa Teresa, REGUA and Ubatuba. See note.

Olivaceous Woodcreeper *Sittasomus griseicapillus*  Common at most of forested areas.

Wedge-billed Woodcreeper *Glyphorynchus spirurus*  Two seen at VALE Reserve.

White-throated Woodcreeper  *Xiphocolaptes albicolis*  Good views at Caetes and Intervales.

Planalto Woodcreeper  *Dendrocolaptes platyrostris*  Seen at Caetes, Itatiaia and Intervales.

Lesser Woodcreeper  *Xiphophorus fuscus*  Seen and heard at several places.

Buff-throated Woodcreeper *Xiphophorus guttatus*  Seen at VALE Reserve.

Scaled Woodcreeper  *Lepidocolaptes squamatus*  Great view at Caledônia and Itatiaia (low part).

Scallopied Woodcreeper  *Lepidocolaptes falcinellus*  A brief view at Intervales, better at São F de Paula.

Black-billed Scythebill  *Campylorhamphus falcularius*  First at Santa Teresa, later at Itatiaia N P.

Spot-backed Antshrike  *Hypoedaleus guttatus*  Seen well at Santa Teresa, heard elsewhere.

Giant Antshrike  *Batara cinerea*  A shy male seen at Intervales.

Large-tailed Antshrike  *Mackenziaena leachii*  Fantastic views at Caledonia Peak.

Tufted Antshrike  *Mackenziaena severa*  Seen at Itatiaia and Intervales.

White-bearded Antshrike  *Biatas nigropectus*  Good views at Itatiaia N P, heard at Intervales.

Chestnut-backed Antshrike  *Thamnophilus palliatus*  Close views at VALE Reserve and REGUA.

Sooretama Slaty Antshrike  *Thamnophilus ambiguus*  Seen at VALE Reserve.

Variable Antshrike  *Thamnophilus caerulescens*  Seen well at Caetes Forest and Agulhas Negras Road.

Rufous-capped Antshrike  *Thamnophilus ruficapillus*  Seen at Agulhas Negras and São José dos Pinhais.

Spot-breasted Antvireo  *Dysithamnus stictothorax*  Seen at Santa Teresa, Caetes and Itatiaia.

Plain Antvireo *Dysithamnus mentalis*  Seen at Itatiaia and Intervales.

Rufous-backed Antvireo  *Dysithamnus xanthopterus*  Great views at Agulhas Negras Road.

Plumbeous Antvireo  *Dysithamnus plumbeus*  A brief view of a shy male at VALE Reserve.

Silvery-flanked Antwren  *Myrmotherula luctuosa*  Seen at VALE Reserve and REGUA. See note.

Salvadori’s Antwren  *Myrmotherula minor*  Superb views of a pair at Angelim Farm, Ubatuba.

Unicolored Antwren  *Myrmotherula unicolor*  Seen at REGUA, Perequê and Ubatuba.

Star-throated Antwren  *Rhopias gularis*  Seen well at Caetes, heard at more places.

Rufous-winged Antwren  *Herpsilochmus rufimarginatus*  Good views at Perequê, heard elsewhere.

Black-hooded Antwren  *Formicivora erythropterus*  Amazing views at Pereque (on way to Ubatuba).

Serra Antwren  *Formicivora serrana*  Seen well at 3 Pontões and at Carmo.

Restinga Antwren  *Formicivora serrana littoralis*  Great views at stakeout near Cabo Frio. See note.

Rusty-backed Antwren  *Formicivora rufa*  An interesting bird at VALE Reserve.

Marsh Antwren  *Stymphalornis acutirostris*  Great views of pair at Itapoá.

Sao Paulo Antwren  *Stymphalornis sp nov*  Seen very well near São Jose dos Campos.

Ferruginous Antbird  *Drymophila ferruginea*  Seen well at Santa Teresa and Itatiaia, heard elsewhere.

Bertonli’s Antbird  *Drymophila rubricollis*  Seen at Intervales State Park.

Rufous-tailed Antbird  *Drymophila genei*  Seen at Caledonia Peak and Agulhas Negras Road.

Ochre-rumped Antbird  *Drymophila ochropygus*  Seen at Itatiaia and Intervales.

Dusky-tailed Antbird  *Drymophila malara*  Seen at Intervales.

Scaled Antbird  *Drymophila squamata*  Good views at REGUA and Ubatuba.

Streak-capped Antwren  *Terenura maculata*  Great views at Santa Teresa and Intervales, heard elsewhere.

White-shouldered Fire-Eye  *Pyriglena leucoptera*  Seen at Caetes, Ubatuba and Intervales.

White-bibbed Antbird  *Myrmeciza loricata*  Superb views at Santa Teresa, heard at Caetes and Itatiaia.

Squamate Antbird  *Myrmeciza squamosa*  Good view at Intervales State Park.

Rufous-capped Ant thrush  *Formicarius colma*  Seen at REGUA and Ubatuba.


Ochre-marked Parakeet (Eduardo Patrial)

Short-tailed Anthrush  *Chamaea campanisona*  First at Santa Teresa, later better views at Intervales.
Cryptic Anthrush  Ø  *Chamaea meruloides*  Good sightings at Caetes Forest, later at Itatiaia N P.
Rufous-tailed Anthrush  Ø  *Chamaea ruficauda*  Amazing views at Caledonia Peak.

Variegated Antpitta  *Grallaria varia*  (H)  Despite all the effort, this time only heard at Intervales.
Speckle-breasted Antpitta  Ø  *Hylopezus nattereri*  Seen both races, first at Agulhas Negras, later at Graciosa Road.
Rufous Gnateater  Ø  *Conopophaga lineata*  Seen at Caetes Forest, heard elsewhere.

Black-cheeked Gnateater  Ø  *Conopophaga melanops*  Seen at VALE Reserve, REGUA and Ubatuba.
Spotted Bamboowren  Ø  *Psilorhamphus guttatus*  Seen at Angelim Farm, Ubatuba and at Intervales.
Slaty Bristlefront  Ø  *Merulaxis ater*  Seen both races, first at Ubatuba, later at Intervales.

White-breasted Tapaculo  Ø  *Eioscytalopus indigoticus*  Fantastic views at Intervales.
Marsh Tapaculo  Ø  *Scytalopus iraiensis*  (H)  Closely heard at São José dos Pinhais and Cambará do Sul.

Mouse-colored Tapaculo  Ø  *Scytalopus speluncae*  First at Caledonia, later at Agulhas Negras Road.
Planalto Tapaculo  Ø  *Scytalopus pachecoi*  Great view at Cambará do Sul, araucaria woodland.

Wing-barred Piprites  *Piprites chloris*  Seen at Intervales.
Black-capped Piprites  Ø  *Piprites pileata*  Great views at Agulhas Negras Road.

Planalto Tyrannulet  Ø  *Phyllomyias fasciatus*  Seen well at Caetes, Itatiaia and Intervales.
Rough-legged Tyrannulet  Ø  *Phyllomyias burmeisteri*  Seen at Intervales State Park.

Greenish Tyrannulet  Ø  *Phyllomyias virescens*  Seen at Caetes Forest, heard elsewhere south.

Grey-capped Tyrannulet  Ø  *Phyllomyias griseocapilla*  Seen at Itatiaia N P.
Grey Elaenia  *Myiopagis caniceps*  Good views at Intervales.
Yellow-bellied Elaenia  *Elaenia flavogaster*  Seen at VALE Reserve, commonly heard throughout the tour.

Small-billed Elaenia  *Elaenia parvirostris*  Seen at Intervales and Rio Grande do Sul state.

Olivaceous Elaenia  Ø  *Elaenia mesoleuca*  Seen at Agulhas Negras and Cambará do Sul.

Highland Elaenia  *Elaenia obscura*  Seen at Caledonia Peak and Intervales.
Plain-crested Elaenia  *Elaenia cristata*  Good views at VALE Reserve.

White-lored Tyrannulet  *Ornithion inerme*  Seen at VALE Reserve.
Southern Beardless Tyrannulet  *Camptostoma obsoletum*  Commonly heard and seen on the tour.
Sooty Tyrannulet *Serpophaga nigricans*  
Seen at Cambará do Sul and Mostardas.

White-crested Tyrannulet *Serpophaga subcrista*  
Good view at Agulhas Negras Road and Cambará do Sul.

Yellow Tyrannulet *Capsiempis flaveola*  
Great looks at Caetés Forest.

Crested Doradito *Pseudocolopteryx splateri*  
The best reward at our stake-out in Tramandaí.

Southern Antpiper *Corytophas delalandi*  
Brief views at Cambo.

Southern Bristle Tyrant *Pogonotricrus eximius*  
Good views at Cantareira State Park.

Mottle-cheeked Tyrannulet *Phylloscartes ventralis*  
Seen at Agulhas Negras Road and Graciosa Road.

Restinga Tyrannulet *Phylloscartes kronei*  
Close views at Itapoá.

Sao Paulo Tyrannulet *Phylloscartes paulista*  
Great views at Perequê, heard later at Intervales State Park.

Oustalet's Tyrannulet *Phylloscartes ostaeleti*  
Seen well at Intervales State Park.

Serra Do Mar Tyrannulet *Phylloscartes difficilis*  
Seen at Caledonia and Agulhas Negras Road.

Bay-ringed Tyrannulet *Phylloscartes sylvius*  
Good view at Intervales.

Ochre-bellied Flycatcher *Mionectes oleagineus*  
Seen well at REGUA.

Grey-hooded Flycatcher *Mionectes ruifventris*  
Same as bove; also at Intervales.

Sepia-capped Flycatcher *Leptopogon amaurocephalus*  
Spotted at several places.

Bran-colored Flycatcher *Myiophobus fasciatus*  
Seen at REGUA wetlands.

Many-colored Rush Tyrant *Tachuris rubrigastra*  
Great views at Lagoa dos Patos, Mostardas.

Drab-breasted Bamboo Tyrant *Hemitricrus diops*  
Seen well at Caetés Forest.

Brown-breasted Bamboo Tyrant *Hemitricrus obsoletus*  
Seen well at Intervales and Graciosa Road.

Eye-ringed Tody-Tyrant *Hemitricrus orbitatus*  
Great views at REGUA.

Hangnest Tody-Tyrant *Hemitricrus nipidipendus*  
Good views near Cabo Frio.

Kaempfer's Tody-Tyrant *Hemitricrus kaempferi*  
Great views at Sai Mirim, Itapoá.

Fork-tailed Tody-Tyrant *Hemitricrus furcatus*  
Good views at Itatiaia N P.

Eared Pygmy Tyrant *Myiornis auricularis*  
Seen and heard at several places.

Ochre-faced Tody-Flycatcher *Poecilotriccus plumbeiceps*  
Seen at Agulhas Negras, heard elsewhere south.

Yellow-lored Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum poliocephalum*  
Seen at Santa Teresa and Cambo.

Yellow-olive Flatbill *Tolmomyias sulphurescens*  
Seen and heard at several places.

Grey-crowned Flatbill *Tolmomyias poliocephalus*  
Seen at VALE Reserve.

Ochre-lored Flatbill *Tolmomyias flaviiventris*  
Seen at VALE Reserve.

White-throated Spadebill *Platyrinchus mystaceus*  
Seen at Santa Teresa and Intervales.

Russet-winged Spadebill *Platyrinchus leucoryphus*  
Good view this time at REGUA.

Cliff Flycatcher *Hirundinea ferruginea*  
Seen at Santa Teresa, Itatiaia and São J dos Campos.

Euler's Flycatcher *Lathrotriccus euleri*  
Seen at the lowlands of Rio Grande do Sul state.

Fuscous Flycatcher *Cnemotriccus fuscatus*  
Seen at Volta Velha Reserve.

Tropical Pewee *Contopus cinereus*  
Seen at Santa Teresa, Caetés, Cambo and Itatiaia N P.

Blue-billed Black Tyrant *Knipolegus cyanirostris*  
Seen at Caledonia Peak and Agulhas Negras.

Crested Black Tyrant *Knipolegus lophotes*  
Seen well at Cambo and near Itatiaia N P.

Velvety Black Tyrant *Knipolegus nigerrimus*  
Seen at Caledônia Peak and Agulhas Negras Road.

Spectacled Tyrant *Hymenops persiciillatus*  
Good views at Mostardas, Lagoa do Peixe N P.

Yellow-browed Tyrant *Satrapa ictyrophi*  
Seen at Sáo Francisco de Paula and Mostardas.

White Monjita *Xolmis irupero*  
Quite common at the lowlands of Rio Grande do Sul state.

Black-and-white Monjita *Heteroxolmis dominicana*  
Great views at Sáo F de Paula and Cambará do Sul.

Streamer-tailed Tyrant *Gubernetes yetapa*  
Good view at our stakeout near Taubaté.

Shear-tailed Grey Tyrant *Muscipipra vetula*  
Good views at Agulhas Negras Road.

Masked Water Tyrant *Fluvicola nengeta*  
Seen at several places.

White-headed Marsh Tyrant *Arundinicoa leucocephala*  
Seen at Tramandai.

Long-tailed Tyrant *Colonia colonus*  
Seen at several places on this tour.

Cattle Tyrant *Machetornis rixosa*  
Commonly recorded on this tour.

Piratic Flycatcher *Legatus leucocephalus*  
Seen and heard at a number of places.

Social Flycatcher *Myiornis similis*  
Commonly recorded on this tour.

Great Kiskadee *Pitangus sulphuratus*  
Common throughout the tour.

Three-striped Flycatcher *Conopias trivirgatus*  
Good views at Intervales S P.
Red-spectacled Amazon (Eduardo Patrial)

**Streaked Flycatcher** *Myiodynastes maculatus* Seen and heard at several places.
**Boat-billed Flycatcher** *Megarynchus pitangua* Same as above.
**Variegated Flycatcher** *Empidonax varius* Same as above.
**Tropical Kingbird** *Tyrrhispitta melanocephalus* Very common throughout the tour.
**Fork-tailed Flycatcher** *Tyrannus savana* Commonly recorded on this tour.
**Greyish Mourners** *Rhytipterna simplex* Seen well at VALE Reserve.
**Sibilant Sirystes** *Sirystes sibilator* Seen at CAETES Reserve and CAETES Forest. See note.
**Dusky-capped Flycatcher** *Myiarchus tuberculifer* Seen at VALE Reserve.
**Swainson's Flycatcher** *Myiarchus swainsoni* Seen well at 3 Pontões.
**Short-crested Flycatcher** *Myiarchus ferox* Seen at CAETES, Carmo and Itatiaia.
**Brown-crested Flycatcher** *Myiarchus tyrannulus* (H) Heard at Carmo.
**Large-headed Flatbill** *Ramphotrigon megacephalum* Seen at Itatiaia NP, also heard at Intervales S P.
**Rufous-tailed Attila** *Attila phoenicurus* Seen at Itatiaia and Intervales.
**Grey-hooded Attila** *Attila rufus* Seen well at CAETES and REGUA, heard at more places.
**Bright-rumped Attila** *Attila spadiceus* Great views at VALE Reserve.
**Hooded Berryeater** *Carpornis cucullata* First at CAETES Forest, later better views at Intervales.
**Black-headed Berryeater** *Carpornis melanoccephala* Good views at VALE Reserve.
**Bare-throated Bellbird** *Procnias nudicollis* Best views at Perequê and Intervales.
**Black-and-gold Cotinga** *Tijuca atra* Great views at Caledonia, also seen at Agulhas Negras Road.
**Grey-winged Cotinga** *Tijuca condita* Close views of a pair at Caledonia Peak.
**Screaming Piha** *Lipaugs vociferans* (H) Heard at VALE.
**Cinnamon-vented Piha** *Lipaugs lanioides* Seen well at CAETES and Intervales.
**Wied's Tyrant-Manakin** *Neopelma aurifrons* Great views at Santa Teresa.
**Serra do Mar Tyrant-Manakin** *Neopelma chrysolophum* First at Agulhas Negras, later at Intervales.
**Pin-tailed Manakin** *Ilicura militaris* Seen at 3 Pontões and CAETES, heard at more sites.
**White-bearded Manakin** *Manacus manacus* Seen at Carmo, REGUA, Perequê, Ubatuba and Itapoá.
Blue Manakin ◊ *Chiroxiphia caudata*  First at Santa Teresa, seen later at several places.

Red-headed Manakin *Dixiphia rubrocapilla*  Seen at VALE Reserve.

Sharpbill *Oxyruncus cristatus*  Good view at Caetes and Intervales.

Atlantic Royal Flycatcher ◊ *Onychorhynchus swainsoni*  Amazing views at Intervales. See note.

Black-tailed Myiobius *Myiobius atricaudus*  See well at Santa Teresa and Caetes Forest.

Black-crowned Titry *Tityra inquisitor*  Seen at VALE Reserve.

Black-tailed Titry *Tityra cyana*  Seen at Intervales and Itapoá.

Brown-winged Schifflornis *Schifflornis turdina* (H)  Heard at VALE Reserve.

Greenish Schifflornis ◊ *Schifflornis virens*  Seen at Santa Teresa and Itapoá, heard at more places.

Cinereous Mourner *Laniocera hypopyrrha* (H)  Heard at VALE Reserve.

Buff-throated Purpletuft ◊ *Iodopleura pipra*  Two birds at Perequê and two at Angelim Farm, Ubatuba.

Brazilian Lanisoma ◊ *Lanisoma elegans*  A huge effort but superb views at REGUA. A rare bird!

Green-backed Becard *Pachyramphus viridis*  Good views at Santa Teresa.

Chestnut-crowned Becard *Pachyramphus castaneus*  Seen well at Caetes, heard at several places.

White-winged Becard *Pachyramphus polychropterus*  Seen at Carmo and Intervales.

Black-capped Becard *Pachyramphus marginatus*  Seen at VALE Reserve.

Crested Becard *Pachyramphus validus*  Seen and heard at several places.

Swallow-tailed Cotinga ◊ *Phialaibur flaviostris*  First at Caetes (nesting), later at Caledonia Peak, good views.

Rufous-browed Peppershrike *Clytarchis gujanensis*  Heard at several places, seen at few.

Red-eyed Vireo *Vireo olivaceus*  Seen and heard at several places.

Rufous-crowned Greenlet ◊ *Hylophilus poicilotis*  Seen at Agulhas Negras, Cantareira and Intervales.

Grey-eyed Greenlet ◊ *Hylophilus amauraophalus*  Good views at Carmo.

Lemon-chested Greenlet ◊ *Hylophilus thoracicus*  Seen well at REGUA.

Azure Jay ◊ *Cyanocorax caeruleus*  Seen at Itapoá, Santana da Boa Vista and São Francisco de Paula.

Curl-crested Jay *Cyanocorax cristatellus*  A nice surprise coming down Caledônia Peak.

Sand Martin *Riparia riparia*  Few sightings in Mostardas.

White-rumped Swallow *Tachycineta leucorrhoa*  Spotted at several places.

Purple Martin *Progne subis*  Recorded at VALE Reserve.

Grey-breasted Martin *Progne chalybea*  Common throughout the tour.

Brown-chested Martin *Progne tapera*  Commonly recorded in the South.

Blue-and-white Swallow *Notiochelidon cyanoleuca*  Commonly recorded on the tour.

Southern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*  Common throughout the tour.

Tawny-headed Swallow *Alopecchelidon fucata*  Good views near Taubaté and at Tramandai.

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*  Seen at Mostardas.

Thrush-like Wren *Campylopterus turdinus*  Seen at VALE Reserve.

Moustached Wren *Pheugopedius genibarbis*  (H)  Heard at VALE and REGUA.

Long-billed Wren ◊ *Cantorchilus longirostris*  Good views at Ubatuba.

House Wren *Troglodytes aedon*  Common throughout the tour.

Long-billed Gnatwren *Ramphocacanus melanurus*  Seen at Angelim Farm, Ubatuba and at Intervales.

Masked Gnatcatcher *Polioptila dunicola*  Good view at Mostardas.

Chalk-browed Mockingbird *Mimus saturninus*  Common throughout the tour.

Yellow-legged Thrush *Turdus flavipes*  Seen and heard at several places.

Eastern Slaty Thrush *Turdus subalaris*  Good view at Cambará do Sul.

Rufous-bellied Thrush *Turdus rufiventris*  Common throughout the tour.

Creamy-bellied Thrush *Turdus amaurochalinus*  Seen at several places.

White-necked Thrush *Turdus albicollias*  Seen and heard at several forested places.

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*  Common at anthropic areas.

Common Waxbill *Estrilda astrild*  Seen at REGUA.

Yellowish Pipit *Anthus lutescens*  Seen at Mostardas.

Correndera Pipit *Anthus correndera*  Common at Lagoa do Peixe N P.

Hellmayr's Pipit *Anthus hellmayri*  Seen at São Francisco de Paula and Cambará do Sul.

Hooded Siskin *Spinus magellanica*  First at Agulhas Negras, later more records in the South.

Purple-throated Euphonia *Euphonia chlorotica*  Seen at VALE Reserve.

**Violaceous Euphonia** *Euphonia violacea*  
Seen and heard at several places.

**Green-chinned Euphonia**  
- *Euphonia chalybea*  
  Seen well at Intervales, heard in São F de Paula.

**Golden-rumped Euphonia** *Euphonia cyanoccephala*  
Seen a pair at Intervales.

**Chestnut-bellied Euphonia** *Euphonia pectoralis*  
Seen a male at Cantareira S P.

**Blue-naped Chlorophonia** *Chlorophonia cyanea*  
Seen and heard at several sites.

**Southern Yellowthroat** *Geothlypis velata*  
Seen at VALE, Intervales and in the South. See note.

**Tropical Parula** *Setophaga pitiayumi*  
Heard and seen at several places.

**White-rimmed Warbler**  
- *Myiothlypis leucoblephara*  
  Good views at Agulhas Negras and Intervales.

**Riverbank Warbler** *Myiothlypis rivularis*  
Seen at Perequê and Ubatuba.

**Golden-crowned Warbler** *Basileuterus culicivorus*  
Commonly recorded on the tour.

**Crested Oropendola** *Psarocolius decumanus*  
Seen at Caetes, Carmo and Ubatuba.

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**Red-rumped Cacique** *Cacicus haemorrhous*  
Commonly seen throughout the tour.

**Golden-winged Cacique** *Cacicus chrysopterus*  
Seen well at Intervales.

**Campo Troupial**  
- *Icterus jamacaii*  
  Seen at VALE Reserve, Santa Teresa and 3 Pontões.

**Chopi Blackbird** *Gnorimopsar chopii*  
Frequent at VALE Reserve, Santa Teresa and São F de Paula.

**Scarlet-headed Blackbird** *Amblyramphus holosericeus*  
Great views at Mostardas.

**Yellow-winged Blackbird** *Agelaioides thilius*  
Few sightings at Tramandaí and Mostardas.

**Chestnut-capped Blackbird** *Chrysomus ruficapillus*  
Seen at several places, very common in Rio Grande do Sul.

**Saffron-cowled Blackbird**  
- *Xanthopsar flavus*  
  Splendid views at São F de Paula and Cambará do Sul.

**Yellow-rumped Marshbird**  
- *Pseudoleistes guirahuro*  
  First near Taubaté, later quite common in the South.

**Brown-and-yellow Marshbird**  
- *Pseudoleistes virescens*  
  Good views at Tramandaí and Mostardas.

**Greyish Baywing** *Agelaioides badius*  
Seen at Santana da Boa Vista. See note.

**Giant Cowbird** *Molothrus oryzivorus*  
A surprise by the mangrove at Paranaguá’s Bay.

**Shiny Cowbird** *Molothrus bonariensis*  
Common throughout the tour.
White-browed Blackbird *Sturnella superciliaris* Common in Rio Grande do Sul State.

Bananaquit *Coereba flaveola* Commonly seen along the tour.

Rufous-collared Sparrow *Zonotrichia capensis* Same as above.

Grassland Sparrow *Ammodramus humeralis* Seen well at Tramandaí.

Half-collared Sparrow *Arremon semitorquatus* Great view at Caetés Peak and at Itatiaia NP.

Brown Tanager ♦ *Orchistis abeillei* Seen at Caetés Forest, later at Intervales.

Red-crowned Cardinal *Paroaria coronata* Quite common by the lowlands of Rio Grande do Sul State.

Red-cowled Cardinal ♦ *Paroaria dominicana* Seen well at REGUA wetlands.

Magpie Tanager *Cissopis leverianus* Seen at Caetés, Itatiaia and Intervales.

Hooded Tanager *Nemosia pileata* Seen at VALE Reserve.

Olive-green Tanager ♦ *Orthonyx chloricterus* Seen at Itatiaia and Intervales.

Orange-headed Tanager *Thlypis sordida* Seen at Perequê.

Chestnut-headed Tanager ♦ *Pyrrhocoma ruficeps* Great views near Curitiba, Bugre district.

Black-goggled Tanager *Trichothraupis melanops* Seen at a number of places.

Flame-crested Tanager *Tachyphonus cristatus* Seen at Perequê and Volta Velha Reserve.

Ruby-crowned Tanager *Tachyphonus coronatus* Seen at several places.

Brazilian Tanager ♦ *Ramphocelus bresilius* Seen at several places (lowlands) by the coast.

Sayaca Tanager *Thraupis sayaca* Common throughout the tour.

Azure-shouldered Tanager ♦ *Thraupis cyanoptera* Seen at Caetés, Ubatuba, Intervales and Itapoá.

Golden-chevroned Tanager ♦ *Thraupis ornata* Seen at a number of hilly areas.

Palm Tanager *Thraupis palmarum* Seen at several places.

Blue-and-yellow Tanager *Thraupis bonariensis* Great views at Santana da Boa Vista and Mostardas.

Diademed Tanager ♦ *Stephanophorus diadematus* Seen at Caledonia, Agulhas Negras, Intervales and South.

Fawn-breasted Tanager *Pipraeidea melanonota* Seen well at Itatiaia NP and Agulhas Negras Road.

Turquoise Tanager (White-bellied T) ♦ *Tangara mexicana brasilienis* Seen at VALE and REGUA; See note.

Green-headed Tanager ♦ *Tangara seledon* Seen at several places.

Red-necked Tanager ♦ *Tangara cyanoccephala* Seen at Perequê, Ubatuba and Itapoá.

Brassy-breasted Tanager ♦ *Tangara desmaresti* Seen at Caledonia and Agulhas Negras Road.

Gilt-edged Tanager ♦ *Tangara cyanoventris* Seen well at Santa Teresa, 3 Pontôes, Caetés, Carmo and Itatiaia.

Burnished-buff Tanager *Tangara cayana* Seen at 3 Pontôes, Caetes, Carmo and Itatiaia.

Black-backed Tanager ♦ *Tangara peruviana* Great views of pair at Volta Velha Reserve.

Chestnut-backed Tanager ♦ *Tangara preciosa* Great views at Intervales, later at S da B Vista and Cambará do Sul.

Swallow Tanager ♦ *Tersina viridis* Seen at Perequê, Ubatuba, Intervales and Paranaguá’s Bay.

Black-legged Dacnis ♦ *Dacnis nigripes* Brief view of a couple at Intervales S P.

Blue Dacnis *Dacnis cayana* Common throughout the tour.

Red-legged Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes cyaneus* Common by the feeders of Augusto Ruschi B S.

Rufous-headed Tanager ♦ *Hemithraupis ruficapilla* Seen at Santa Teresa and Carmo, heard at more sites.

Chestnut-vented Conebill ♦ *Conirostrum speciosum* Seen at VALE and at Carmo.

Grey Pileated Finch ♦ *Coryphospinus pileatus* Seen at Carmo.

Uniform Finch ♦ *Haplospiza unicolor* Good views at Intervales.

Long-tailed Reed Finch ♦ *Donacospiza albilabris* Close views at São F de Paula.

Bay-chested Warbling Finch ♦ *Poospiza thoracica* Great views at Caledonia Peak.

Black-and-rufous Warbling Finch ♦ *Poospiza nigrorufa* Good views at São F de Paula.

Buff-throated Warbling Finch ♦ *Poospiza lateralis* Good sightings at Agulhas Negras Road.

Grey-throated Warbling Finch ♦ *Poospiza cabanisi* First at Bugre district, more in RS State.

Saffron Finch ♦ *Sicalis flaveola* Common throughout the tour.

Grassland Yellow Finch ♦ *Sicalis luteola* Quite common at São F de Paula and Mostardas.

Lesser Grass Finch ♦ *Emberizoides ypiranganus* Seen near Curitiba, São F de Paula and Tramandai.

Pampa Finch ♦ *Embernagra platensis* First at Vargem Alta, later at Agulhas Negras and Rio Grande do Sul state.

Blue-black Grassquit ♦ *Volatinia jacarina* Common in disturbed areas and plantations, but few records on the tour.

Buffy-fronted Seedeeater ♦ *Sporophila frontalis* Seen well at Itarvales State Park.

Temminck’s Seedeeater ♦ *Sporophila falcirostris* Same as above.

Lined Seedeeater ♦ *Sporophila lineola* Same as above.
Double-collared Seedeater *Sporophila caerulescens*  Seen and heard at several places.

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Black-bellied Seedeater ♦ *Sporophila melanogaster*  Seen well at São F de Paula and Cambará do Sul.
Chestnut-bellied Seed Finch *Oryzoborus angolensis*  A female at São José dos Campos.
Sooty Grassquit ♦ *Tiaris fuliginosus*  Seen at Carmo.
Red-crowned Ant Tanager *Habia rubica*  Often seen leading mixed flocks.
Yellow-green Grosbeak *Caryothraustes canadensis*  Seen at VALE Reserve and at Santa Teresa.
Black-throated Grosbeak ♦ *Saltator fuliginosus*  First at REGUA, better views later at Intervales.
Buff-throated Saltator *Saltator maximus*  Seen at VALE Reserve and near Cabo Frio.
Green-winged Saltator *Saltator similis*  Seen at Perequê, heard at several places.
Thick-billed Saltator ♦ *Saltator maxillosus* (H)  Heard at Caledonia Peak.
Golden-billed Saltator *Saltator aurantirostris*  A nice surprise at Santana da Boa Vista.

**MAMMALS**

Big-eared Opossum ♦ *Didelphis aurita*  One at Caetes Forest.
Nine-banded Armadillo (N-b Long-nosed A) *Dasypus novemcinctus*  Seen at VALE Reserve.
Six-banded Armadillo *Euphractus sexcinctus*  Close views of one at São F de Paula.
Tapeti (Forest Rabbit, Brazilian Cottontail) *Sylvilagus brasiliensis*  Seen at VALE Reserve.
Coypu *Myocastor coypus*  Seen at São F de Paula, quite common at Mostardas.
Brazilian (Guianan) Squirrel *Sciurus aevutans*  Seen at VALE, Santa Teresa, Itatiaia and Intervales.
Brazilian Guinea-Pig *Cavia aperea*  Seen at Itatiaia, São José dos Pinhais, Santana da B Vista and Mostardas.
Capybara *Hydrochoerus hydrochaeris*  Seen at REGUA wetlands, São F de Paula and Mostardas.
South American Coati *Nasua nasua*  Few groups at VALE Reserve.
Buffy-headed Marmoset ♦ *Callithrix flaviceps*  A small group seen at Santa Teresa. See note.
White-headed (Geoffroy's) Marmoset ◊ Callithrix geoffroyi A nice group seen at Cupido Farm. See note.
Black-tufted Capuchin ◊ Cebus nigritus Seen at VALE, Santa Teresa, Itatiaia and Intervales. See note.
Black-fronted Titi ◊ Callicebus nigrifrons (H) Heard at Agulhas Negras Road. See note.
Masked Titi ◊ Callicebus personatus (H) Heard at VALE Reserve.
Brown Howler Monkey Alouatta guariba Good views at Santa Teresa, heard at Caetes Forest.
Grey Brocket (G B Deer) Mazama gouazoupira One at VALE Reserve.

Top five birds voted by the group:

1 – South American Painted Snipe;
2 – Brazilian Laniisoma;
3 – White-winged Potoo;
4 – Harpy Eagle;
5 – Long-trained Nightjar.

NOTES

Scaled Chachalaca Ortalis squamata
Some authors lump this species in Speckled Chachalaca O. guttata.

Western Cattle Egret Bubulcus ibis
Many authors use the name Cattle Egret for this species, but it has been renamed following the splitting off of the eastern (Asian) form coromandus under the name Eastern Cattle Egret.

Common Galliunule Gallinula galeata
This species was formerly lumped in Common Moorhen G. chloropus of the old world with either the name Common Galliunule (in the New World) or Common Moorhen (in the Old World) being used for the enlarged species.

White-backed Stilt Himantopus melanurus
Some authors lump this species in Black-necked Stilt H. mexicanus. In addition, Black-necked Stilt was formerly lumped in Black-winged Stilt H. himantopus.

Cabot's Tern Thalasseus acuflavidus
This species was formerly lumped in Sandwich Tern S. sandvicensis. Note that the subspecies eurygnatha, which is often yellow-billed, is colloquially known as Cayenne Tern. Recent studies showed Cayenne Tern T. eurygnatha is sister species to Elegant Tern, not Sandwich Tern of Europe.

**Sick’s Swift** Chaetura meridionalis
This species was formerly lumped in Ashy-tailed Swift C. andrei but andrei is now included in Vaux’s Swift C. vauxi.

**Green-crowned Plovercrest** Stephanoxis lalandi
The nominate form lalandi, restricted to hills of Southeast Brazil (north of São Paulo), is split of the southern form S. loddigesii (IOC). English name Plovercrest changed to provisional Green-crown Plovercrest.

**Purple-crowned Plovercrest** Stephanoxis loddigesii
The southern form S. loddigesii, formerly considered a separate species from S. lalandi, remained lumped after Peters (1945) until recent studies finally separate the two different species. S. loddigesii occurs in southern Brazil south of São Paulo, east Paraguay and northeast Argentina.

**Green-backed (or Amazonian White-tailed) Trogon** Trogon viridis
(Western) White-tailed Trogon T. chionurus is often lumped in this species, with the name White-tailed Trogon being used for the enlarged species.

**Orange-breasted Thornbird** Phacellodomus ferrugineigula
Some authors lump this species in Orange-eyed Thornbird P. erythrophthalmus.

**Plain-winged (or Thrush-like) Woodcreeper** Dendrocincla turdina
Some authors lump this species in Plain Brown Woodcreeper D. fuliginosa.

**Silvery-flanked Antwren** Mymotherula luctuosa
Some authors lump this species in White-flanked Antwren M. axillaris.

**Serra (Restinga) Antwren** Formicivora serrana littoralis
Recent studies (Firme & Raposo 2011) pointed F. s. littoralis as a subspecies of Serra Antwren F. serrana. Analyses reveal a lack of diagnostic characters to consider Restinga Antwren F. s. littoralis a valid phylogenetic species.

**Sao Paulo Antwren** Stymphalornis paludicola
A newly described species (2014) restricted to marshes north of the big São Paulo area. Not yet present on the IOC Bird list.

**Slaty Bristlefront** Merulaxis ater
There may be two species involved in Merulaxis ater. Recent studies point particularly vocal differences in populations from the southern range (south of São Paulo/Paraíba Valley).

**Mouse-colored Tapaculo** Scytalopus speluncae
There may be two species involved in Scytalopus speluncae. Recent studies point genetic differences in populations from the southern range (south of São Paulo/Paraíba Valley).

**Sibilant (Eastern) Sirystes** Sirystes sibilator
Some authors lump Western Sirystes S. albogriseus, White-rumped Sirystes S. albocinereus and Todd’s Sirystes S. subcanescens in this species, using the name Sirystes for the enlarged species.

**Atlantic Royal Flycatcher** Onychorhynchus swainsoni
Many authors lump this species (along with Northern Royal Flycatcher O. mexicanus and Pacific Royal Flycatcher O. occidentalis) in Amazonian Royal Flycatcher O. coronatus, using the name Royal Flycatcher for the enlarged species.

**Southern Yellowthroat** Geothlypsis velata
This species, together with several other closely related species, is often lumped in Masked Yellowthroat G. aequinoctialis.

**Greyish Baywing (Baywing)** Agelaioides badius
Change English name of A. badius to Greyish Baywing with split of Pale Baywing from NE Brazil.

**Turquoise (White-bellied) Tanager** Tangara [mexicana] brasiliensis
The IOC include this distinctive form in Turquoise Tanager T. mexicana. We have treated it as an allospecies as it is a likely future split.

**Buffy-headed Marmoset** Callithrix flaviceps
Some authors, including Emmons & Fear, lump this form in Tufted-ear Marmoset C. jacchus.
**White-headed (Geoffroy’s) Marmoset** *Callithrix geoffroyi*
Some authors, including Emmons & Fear, lump this form in Tufted-ear Marmoset *C. jacchus*.

**Black-tufted Capuchin** *Cebus nigritus*
Some authors, including Emmons & Fear, lump this form in Brown Capuchin Monkey *C. apella*.

**Black-fronted Titi** *Callicebus nigrifrons*
Some authors, including Emmons & Fear, lump this form in Masked Titi Monkey *C. personatus*.