

CHERRY-THROATED TANAGER & BRAZILIAN MERGANSER: SCOUTING TRIP REPORT SANTOS & MINAS GERAIS STATES

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Brazilian Merganser
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Nov 29. A very easy start for the trip, I had been in Rio with my family for a week visiting the “Cidade Maravillosa”, this day my family left heading back home and I went to meet Jay, Marilyn and Bob, who were already in the Galeao Airport, to take our uneventful flight from Rio de Janeiro to Vitoria, the capital city for the Santos Sate.

A very unusual weather pattern had been set on over the Central and Southern coastal states in Brazil and rain was prevailing in most of the area, the Santa Catarina State (further south) was facing floodings, Rio de Janeiro had light rains but Vitoria in Santos State was undertaking strong rains that accompanied us for the entire day, thus stopping us to go and look for birds and look for the Cherry-throated Tanager in our first day. Our original plan had us looking for birds most of the afternoon. Night in Venda Nova do Imigrante.

Nov 30. A very early morning start to look for the Cherry-throated Tanager for most of the day seeing many species but our goal bird among the specialties we had Mantled Hawk, Reddish-bellied (Maroon-bellied) Parakeet, Violet-capped Woodnymph, Brazilian Ruby, Spot-billed Toucanet, Yellow-fronted Woodpecker, White-browed Woodpecker, Rufous-capped Spinetail, Pallid Spinetail, Ochre-breasted Foliage-Gleaner, Pale-browed Treehunter, Sharp-tailed Lochmias, Spot-breasted Antwreio, White-bibbed Antbird, Such’s Antthrush, Variegated Antpitta, Oustalet’s Tyrannulet, Three-striped Flycatcher, Gray-hooded Attila, Cinnamon-vented Piha, Bare-throated Bellbird, Sharpbill, Greenish Schifornis, Azure-shouldered Tanager, Golden-chevroned Tanager, Rufous-headed Tanager, Chestnut-bellied Euphonia and Blue-



naped Chlorophonia, we decided to stay one more night and try once again for the CT Tanager next morning too.

Spot-billed Toucanet

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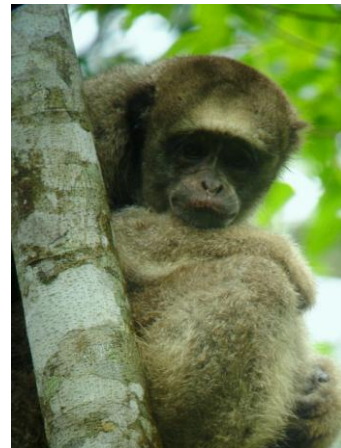
Dec 1. Another early morning start to finally find the extremely rare Cherry-throated Tanager, a very big mixed species flock was found in the late morning and the Tanagers were accompanying them, some of the species for the morning were Scale-throated Hermit, Crescent-chested Puffbird, Saffron Toucanet, Yellow-eared Woodpecker, White-throated Woodcreeper, Black-billed Scythebill, Chicli (Spix's) Spinetail, Rufous-capped Spinetail, White-collared Foliage-Gleaner, Star-throated Antwren, Ferruginous Antbird,

Streak-capped Antwren, White-breasted Tapaculo, Drab-breasted Baboo Tyrant, Ochre-faced Tody-Flycatcher, Hooded Berryeater, Pin-tailed Manakin and Blackish-blue Seedeater; the views of the Cherry-throated Tanager were distant and brief but no doubt that this was our bird, we returned to Venda Nova do imigrante for lunch, then a long drive to the Caratinga city.

Northern Wolly Spider Monkey

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Dec 2. Drove from Caratinga to the Caratinga Biological Station (Muriquí forest) with various stops in the way, to join our local guide remaining walking the trails for the morning, some of the highlights were Golden Capped Parakeet, Rusty-barred Owl (h), Rufous-capped Motmot (h), Black-necked Aracari, Sooretama Slaty-Antshrike, Plumbeous Antwreio, Eared Pygmy-Tyrant, then checking in our Hotel in the Ipanema city to return to the protected forest for the afternoon where we stayed after dusk looking for Owls. Our local guide had been searching for Spider Woolly Monkey while we were resting in Ipanema, then when we returned we were taking to a place where we saw a few of these critically endangered monkeys. Night in Ipanema.



Dec 3. One another early morning to visit the Caratinga Biológica station, unfortunately the weather shifted once again and it intermittently rained for most of the morning, we stayed close to the headquarters where we were birding nearby when not raining seeing Blue-winged Macaw and a 30 individuals troop of the Muriquí (Spider Wolly) Monkey, after lunch we drove to the Parque Natural do Caraca, where we birded briefly before dusk but witness the Main Wolf feeding. Night in Caraca.

Dec 4. The monastery is surrounded by forest and we did to start too early to bird the various trails, were we found Dusky-legged Guan, Blackish Rail, Hyacinth Visorbearer, Lesser Woodcreeper, Gray-bellied Spinetail, Serra Antwren, Black-capped Antwren, Ochre-rumped Antbird, Dusky-tailed Antbird, a pair of nesting Swallow tailed Cotingas, Serrado Mar Tyrant Manakin, Highland Elaenia, Velvety Black Tyrant, Gray-eyed Greenlet, Brassy-breasted Tanager, Black-goggled Tanager, Lowland Hepatic Tanager, Uniform Finch, Pale-throated Serra Finch Green-winged Saltator, White-bellied Warbler and Duboi's Seedeater a Rusty-barred Owl was singing at 3:00 AM in the morning. Night in Caraca.



Dec 5. One more morning in the Caraca preserve where we added Sooty Swift, Biscutate Swift, White-throated hummingbird, Rough-legged Tyrannulet, Red-ruffed Fruitcrow, Swallow-tailed Manakin, Gilt-edged Tanager, White-browed (rimmed) Warbler and Neotropical River Warbler before driving to the Cerra do Cipó where in the late afternoon we had a fairly productive birding walk including several Hyacinth Visorbearers, Cinereous Warbling-Finch, Yellow-billed Blue-Finch and Black-throated Saltator. Night in Serra do Cipó.

Maned Wold & Bob
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Gray-backed Tachuri
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Dec 6. An early morning start to visit the upper part of the Serra looking for the Cipó Canastero which proved to be very rare, the bird eluded us and after much trying we had to head back to the hotel and start our long drive to Serra do Canastra, not before adding Gray-backed Tachuri to our list. Night in Sao Roque de Minas close to Serra da Canastra.

Dec 7. In the morning we visited the lower entrance of the Serra do Canastra NP near the small city of Bargem Bonita where we saw a family of 19 Brazilian Merganser, Reddish(Maroon)-bellied Parakeet, Great Dusky Swift, Blond-crested Woodpecker, White-eyed Foliage-Gleaner, Gray-hooded Flycatcher, Streamer-tailed Tyrant, Curl-crested Jay and Yellow-rumped Marshbird; in the afternoon we returned to Sao Roque de Minas to visit the upper part of the Serra do Canastra NP where the grassy habitats rewarded us with Red-legged Seriema, Firehood Gatherer, quick views of a Brasilia Tapaculo, Gray-backed

Tachuri, Crested Black Tyrant, White-rumped Monjita, Cock-tailed Tyrant, Sharp-tailed Grass-Tyrant, Cinnamon Tanager, Great-Pampa-Finch, Plumbeous Seedeater, Black-masked Finch and Black-throated Saltator. Night in Sao Roque de Minas.

Dec 8. We decided to visit the lower entrance of Canastra with the goal to find the Russet-mantled Foliage-gleaner which did not show up but we got some views of Planalto Hermit, White-eared Puffbird, Toco Toucan, crippling views of Brasilia Tapaculo, Helmeted Manakin, Lined Seedeater, Chestnut-capped Blackbird and White-browed Blackbird before heading to Belo Horizonte for the night.

Dec 9. Morning Flight to the city of Recife on the Pernambuco State to continue with our scouting trip this time on the Caatinga region.

Species Account:

- Solitary Tinamou – It was only heard two different days inside the Murici forest.
- Brown Tinamou – Heard inside forest when looking for the Cherry-throated tanager, another one heard inside forest at Caraca.
- Tataupa Tinamou – It was heard in Caratinga and also in the lower part of Caraca preserve.

- Dusky-legged Guan – A common bird in Caraca where birds were also seen feeding from the monks food and been chased by the Maned Wolf.
- Brazilian Duck (Brazilian Teal) – A pair was seen along the drive from Caratinga city to the Caratinga Biological Station.
- Brazilian Merganser – A family conformed by a pair with the numerous offspring (17 chicks) was seen in the lower entrance of the Canastra NP.
- Least Grebe – One was seen in a pond near the Caratinga Biological Station.
- Neotropical Cormorant – At least some 10 birds were seen near the Serra do Canastra NP.
- Striated Heron – A pair was in a marshy area close to the Caratinga Biological Station.
- Cattle Egret – A numerous and common bird near water.
- Great Egret – A few (3) were seen near Venda Nova do Imigrante and a pair more near the Caratinga Biological Station.
- Whistling Heron – A pair was seen in some pond in the drive from Caratinga city to Caratinga Biological Station.
- Buff-necked Ibis – A pair was heard flying over near the lower entrance of the Serra da Canastra NP.
- Black Vulture – A common bird seen almost daily.
- Turkey Vulture – Small numbers almost daily.
- Plumbeous Kite – A pair was seen flying over forest in the Caratinga Biological Station.
- Swallow-tailed Kite – Four were only seen flying over the Cherry-throated Tanager.
- Rufous-thighed Kite – Small numbers (1 – 2) were seen flying over forest two different days over the Murici forest and a pair also over the Caratinga Biological Station and one more over the Lower entrance of the Serra da Canastra NP.
- Mantled Hawk – Only one was seen flying around way in the distance over the Cherry-throated Tanager forest.
- Savanna Hawk – Only one bird was seen near the lower part of the Serra da Canastra NP.
- Roadside Hawk – Single birds almost daily.
- White-tailed Hawk – Three were seen only in the upper part of the Serra da Canastra NP.
- Southern Crested Caracara – Small numbers (1 – 2) were seen almost daily.
- Yellow-headed Caracara – Small numbers (1-3) almost daily near Serra do Canastra NP and a single in Caraca.
- Barred Forest-Falcon – It was only heard inside forest in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest.
- Aplomado Falcon – Only one was seen flying by in some grassland habitat near the lower entrance the Serra da Canastra NP.
- American Kestrel – A pair was seen in the Caraca preserve.
- Gray-necked Wood-Rail – It was only heard near the Caratinga Biological Station.
- Ash-throated Crake – One was heard in a marshy area along the drive from Caratinga to the Caratinga Biological Station.
- Blackish Rail – Hear a couple of times near the Caratinga Biological Station and one was seen near the monastery of Caraca.
- Common Moorhen – A pair was seen along the drive from Caratinga to the Caratinga Biological Station.
- Red-legged Seriema – It was heard along the drive from Caratinga to the Caratinga Biological Station, a pair was seen at close range in the upper entrance of the Canastra NP also near Sao Roque de Minas.
- Wattled Jacana – A pair was seen along the drive from Caratinga to the Caratinga Biological Station.
- Southern Lapwing – Fairly common bird and in small numbers in every single grassland habitat.
- Pizuro Pigeon – Small numbers (2-6) seen almost daily and only absent from the Murici forest.

- Plumbeous Pigeon – Heard only in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest also at Caraca were it was also seen (2).
- Eared Dove – A pair near Venda Nova do Imigrante and pairs in the Caraca and Canastra reserves.
- Ruddy Ground-Dove – A common bird throughout the trip (10 -30) almost daily.
- Scaled Dove – Small numbers near the Caratinga Biological Station and Serra do Canastra.
- White-tipped Dove – Pairs almost single day near the Cherry-throated Tanager forest, the Caratinga Biological Station.
- Blue-winged Macaw –A pair was seen in the first day at the Caratinga Biological Station and at least a dozen more were seen in the second day visit to the Caratinga Biological Station.
- Golden -capped Parakeet – Half a dozen were seen in the first day at the Caratinga Biological Station forest, the following day we saw around 8 more in the same site.
- White-eyed Parakeet – Small numbers(2 -10) were seen almost daily while in the Caratinga Biological Station forest, Caraca and Canastra preserves.
- Peach-fronted Parakeet – It was only seen in the lower part of the Canastra NP were we saw around 10-12 in two separated days.
- Reddish(Maroon)-bellied Parakeet – A fairly big group (20+) was seen in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest, it was also fairly common in the lower entrance of the Serra do Canastra NP where at a time we saw as many as 30.
- Blue-winged Parrotlet – It was only heard near the Cherry-throated Tanager forest.
- Pileated (Red-capped) Parrot – It was only heard flying by over the Canopy at the Cherry-throated Tanager forest.
- Scaly-headed Parrot – A pair was seen in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest and small numbers daily (2-6) in the Caratinga Biological Station forest and Canastra NP.
- Squirrel Cuckoo – Three were seen in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest, heard in the Caratinga Biological Station forest and three more in the lower entrance of the Serra do Canastra NP.
- Smooth-billed Ani – Small numbers (4-10) bellow the Cherry-throated Tanager forest, in the vicinity of the Caratinga Biological Station forest and lower entrance of the Serra do Canastra NP.
- Guira Cuckoo – Pairs were seen very day at the Serra do Canastra NP.
- Striped Cuckoo – It was only heard along the drive from Caratinga to the Caratinga Biological Station.
- Rusty-barred Owl – One was heard at the Caratinga Biological Station forest and another one was singing close by the Monastery at the Caraca Reserve.
- Burrowing Owl – Small numbers (1-2) along the open country drive to the lower entrance of the Serra do Canastra NP.
- Great Potoo – It was only heard inside forest at Caratinga Biological Station.
- Pauraque - A male was seen at the Caratinga Biological Station forest.
- White-collared Swift – A few flying over the Caraca monastery the first day and in the second day there was a cloud of at least 100o birds swirling over the Caraca preserve, also common (50-60) every day at the Serra do Canastra NP.
- Great Dusky Swift – Common (200+) at the Cachoeira Casca da Anta in the Serra do Canastra NP.
- Sooty Swift – A small group of 6 was seen flying over the Caraca preserve.
- Biscutate Swift - A pair was seen flying over the monastery in the Caraca preserve.
- Sick's Swift – A small group of 10 along the drive from Caratinga to the Caratinga Biological Station.
- Scale-throated Hermit –One single bird was seen in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest.
- Planalto Hermit – Small numbers (1-2) in the Caratinga Biological Station and also in Caraca Reserve and Canastra NP.

- Swallow-tailed Hummingbird –There was a male loyal to some flowers at the Venda Nova do Imigrante hotel, single birds near Caratinga, every day in Caraca and also in the Serra do Canastra NP.
- White-vented Violetear - One single bird in the open area close to Vargem Bonita in the way to the lower entrance of the Canastra NP.
- Hyacinth Visorbearer – One single female was seen in the Caraca reserve and many other (at least 12) were seen in the Serra do Cipó.
- Glittering-bellied Emerald – A pair was seen nearthe Caraca Monastery.
- Violet-capped Woodnymph – Three were seen in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest, 3 more inside the Caratinga Biological Station forest and a pair more in the Caraca preserve.
- White-throated hummingbird – At least some four were seen in the Caraca preserve.
- Versicolored Emerald – One single bird in the Caraca preserve.
- Sapphire-spangled Emerald – Single birds were seen in the Caratinga Biological Station and the Caraca preserve.
- Glittering-throated Emerald - Single birds were seen in the Caratinga Biological Station and the Caraca preserve.
- Brazilian Ruby – Three birds were seen only in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest.
- Surucua Trogon – A pair was seen in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest and other were heard only in the Caraca preserve.
- Ringed Kingfisher –Heard only in Caraca forest and Canastra NP.
- Amazon Kingfisher – A pair was seen in the Caraca preserve.
- Green Kingfisher – One single bird was seen in the lower entrance of the Canastra NP.
- Rufous-capped Motmot – It was only heard in the Caratinga Biological Station.
- Rufous-tailed Jacamar – At least 3 birds were seen in the Caratinga Biological Station a pair more in the lower entrance of the Canastra NP.
- White-eared Puffbird – Single birds were seen in the open areas in the Canastra NP.
- Crescent-chested Puffbird – A pair was seen in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest.
- Black-necked Aracari – A small group (4) was seen along the drive from Caratinga to the Caratinga Biological Station and a pair more inside forest in the Caratinga Biological Station.
- Spot-billed Toucanet – One beautiful male was seen in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest.
- Saffron Toucanet One single bird was seen in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest.
- Toco Toucan – Small numbers (2-3) were seen in the way to the lower entrance of the Canastra NP in two separate days.
- Channel-billed Toucan – Single birds were seen in two separate days in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest.
- White-barred Piculet – Probably heard in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest, another one seen in the Caratinga Biological Station and heard only in the Canastra NP.
- Yellow- fronted Woodpecker – A pair was seen in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest, others were heard in the Caratinga Biological Station and the Caraca forest.
- Yellow-eared Woodpecker – A pair was seen along the drive from Caratinga to the Caratinga Biological Station and a pair more in the Caratinga Biological Station.
- White-browed Woodpecker - A pair was seen every day in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest.
- Campo Flicker - At least 10+ birds were seen in the upper part of the Canastra NP.
- Blond-crested Woodpecker – Single birds were seen in two separated days in the Caratinga Biological Station, one more was seen in the lower entrance of the Canastra NP.
- Robust Woodecker – It was only heard in the Caratinga Biológlcal station.
- Olivaceous Woodcreeper – Small numbers (2-3) were seen in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest and also in the Caraca forest.
- White-throated Woodcreeper – One was seen in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest and also in the Caraca forest.
- Planalto Woodcreeper – One was only heard in the Caratinga Biológlcal station.

- Narrow-billed Woodcreeper – One single bird was seen in the way up to the upper part of the Serra do Canastra NP.
- Scaled Woodcreeper – Small numbers (2-4) were seen each day in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest and also in the Caraca forest.
- Lesser Woodcreeper – A pair was seen in the Caraca forest and one more in the lower entrance of the Canastra NP.
- Black-billed Scythebill – One was seen in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest.
- Rufous Hornero – Small numbers (2-10) were seen almost every day in the open areas.
- Wing-banded Hornero - A pair was seen in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest and near the lower entrance of the Canastra NP.
- Sooty-fronted Spinetail – A pair was seen in the second growth in the Caratinga Biológico station and another one heard near the lower entrance of the Canastra NP.
- Chikli (Spixís) Spinetail - A pair was seen in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest and other were heard in the Caraca and Canastra forest.
- Rufous-capped Spinetail - A pair was seen in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest.
- Pale-breasted Spinetail – A bird was only heard near Sao Roque de Minas.
- Gray-bellied Spinetail – At least four birds were seen inside forest in the Caraca Reserve.
- Pallid Spinetail – Small number (2-4) were seen in different days in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest.
- Yellow-chinned Spinetail – Heard only in some marshy area when heading to the Cherry-throated Tanager forest.
- Rufous-fronted Thornbird – Three were seen in second growth in the Caratinga Biológico station and several nests also seen along the drive from Caratinga to the Caratinga Biological Station.
- Firehood Gatherer – A pair was seen singing from their nest near the upper entrance of the Canastra NP.
- White-collared Foliage-Gleaner – At least four were seen in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest also heard in the Caraca forest.
- Ochre-breasted Foliage-Gleaner – Small numbers (1-3) each day in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest.
- Buff-fronted Foliage-Gleaner – Fairly common (8-10) in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest and a pair more was also heard in the Caraca forest.
- Pale-browed Treehunter – It was only heard in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest.
- White-eyed Foliage-Gleaner – Only one was seen inside forest in the lower entrance of the Canastra NP.
- Sharp-tailed Lochmias – At least a pair each day in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest.
- Streaked Xenops – A pair was seen in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest and also single birds each day in the Caraca forest.
- Great Antshrike – It was only heard from the Caratinga Biological Station.
- Chestnut-backed Antshrike – A pair was only seen in some second growth in the Caratinga Biológico station.
- Sooretama Slaty-Antshrike – At least half a dozen were seen inside forest only at the Caratinga Biológico station.
- Variable Antshrike – It was heard in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest, at least 3-4 seen each day in the Caraca forest and one more heard from the lower entrance of the Canastra NP.
- Plain Antwreio – A male was seen in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest.
- Spot-breasted Antwreio – One or two were seen in the day visits to the Cherry-throated Tanager forest.
- Plumbeous Antwreio – A nice pair was seen only inside forest in the Caratinga Biológico station where others were also heard.
- Star-throated Antwren – A nice pair was seen in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest where it was a common bird by voice.

- Black-capped Antwren – We saw small numbers (2-6) every day inside forest canopy at Caraca Reserve.
- Rufous-winged Antwren – One or two a day were seen in the Caraca Reserve.
- Ferruginous Antbird – a pair was seen in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest.
- Ochre-rumped Antbird – It was only heard from the Cherry-throated Tanager forest but finally seen inside forest at the Caraca Reserve.
- Dusky-tailed Antbird – At least 2-3 were seen daily in the Caraca Reserve.
- Scaled Antbird – Two to three were seen daily inside forest in the Caratinga Biológico station where others were also heard.
- Serra Antwren – A nice pair was seen in the stunted forest in the Caraca Reserve.
- Streak-capped Antwren – Several heard from the Cherry-throated Tanager forest where we saw at least a pair each day.
- White-shouldered Fire-eye – A male was seen inside forest the Caraca reserve.
- White-bibbed Antbird – It was only heard inside the Cherry-throated Tanager forest.
- Such's Antthrush – One was briefly seen in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest.
- Variegated Antpitta – A airwas only heard in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest.
- Black-cheeked Gnateater – It was only heard from inside forest in the Caratinga Biológico station.
- Rufous Gnateater – One was only heard inside the Cherry-throated Tanager forest.
- White-breasted Tapaculo – A male was seen after searching for its song, it was found singing from its nest, the nest seeming too big for the size of the bird.
- Brasilia Tapaculo – One was seen briefly in the upper entrance of the Canastra NP then at last a nice view of a singing bird inside forest in the lower entrance of the Canastra NP.
- Rough-legged Tyrannulet – A bird was seen after locating its voice from the canopy forest at the Caraca reserve.
- Planalto Tyrannulet – A common voice in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest where we saw at least four, a common bird in the Caraca forest where we saw 6-10 daily.
- Yellow-bellied Elaenia – A common bird from all the open areas where small numbers (2-5) seen almost every day.
- Lesser Elaenia – A pair was seen in the second growth near a town heading to the Cherry-throated Tanager forest.
- Highland Elaenia – A few (4-5) were seen in the Caraca forest and others also in the Serra do Cipó.
- Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet – Heard only in the second growth at the Caratinga Biológico station.
- Yellow Tyrannulet – It was only heard in the Caratinga Biológico station.
- Gray-backed Tachuri – One was seen in the grassy habitat of the upper entrance of the Canastra NP and one more was seen in the Serra do Cipó.
- Oustalet's Tyrannulet – It was only seen in the forest edge of the Cherry-throated Tanager site.
- Motled-checked Tyrannulet – It was a fairly common (3-10) bird in the canopy at the Caraca reserve.
- Gray-hooded Flycatcher – Heard in the Cherry-throated Tanager site, heard in the Caraca reserve and finally one seen in the lower entrance of the Canastra NP.
- Sepia-capped Flycatcher – A pair was seen nesting in the Cherry-throated Tanager site, at least we saw some 4 in the Caratinga Biológico station and heard again in Caraca.
- Eared Pygmy-Tyrant – A nice pair was seen inside forest in the Caratinga Biológico station.
- Drab-breasted Bamboo Tyrant - Heard commonly and seen (6) in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest.
- Yellow-lored Tody-Flycatcher – Pairs were seen daily in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest, the Caratinga Biológico station and also in Caraca reserve.

- Yellow-olive Flycatcher – Small numbers (2-6) were seen almost daily only absent from Cipó and Canastra.
- White-throated Spadebill – At least 3 were seen in the Cherry-throated Tanager site and one more in the lower entrance of Canastra NP.
- Bran-colored Flycatcher – A pair was seen the Caratinga Biological Station and a pair more in the Caraca Reserve.
- Black-tailed Flycatcher – A pair was seen inside forest at the Cherry-throated Tanager site.
- Cliff Flycatcher – Small numbers (3-6) daily at the Monastery in Caraca.
- Euler's Flycatcher – Small numbers (2-5) almost daily inside forest or forest edges.
- Tropical Pewee – Only one was seen in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest.
- Crested Black Tyrant – At least three were seen in the upper entrance of the Canastra NP.
- Velvety Black Tyrant - Small numbers (3-6) daily at the Monastery in Caraca.
- White-rumped Monjita – Small numbers in the open areas near the Canastra NP and particularly common in the upper entrance of the Canastra NP.
- Cock-tailed Tyrant – At least a dozen including fully grown males in the upper entrance of the Canastra NP.
- Sharp-tailed Grass-Tyrant – One single bird was seen in the upper entrance of the Canastra NP.
- Long-tailed Tyrant – One was seen in the Cherry-throated Tanager site and one more in the Caraca reserve.
- Streamer-tailed Tyrant – One was seen along the drive from Caratinga to the Caratinga Biological Station and a pair in the open country heading to the lower entrance of the Canastra NP and finally at least 3 more in the upper entrance of the Canastra NP.
- Masked Water Tyrant – Small numbers (2 -8) almost daily in the open areas .
- Cattle Tyrant – A pair was seen in the open grounds of Serra do Cipó.
- Piratic Flycatcher – Small numbers (2-4) only in the Caratinga Biological Station.
- Rusty-margined Flycatcher – A pair only seen in the Caraca Preserve.
- Three-striped Flycatcher – A few (5) were seen only in the Cherry-throated Tanager site.
- Great Kiskadee – Small numbers almost daily (2-10) throughout the trip.
- Streaked Flycatcher - Small numbers (2-4) almost in a daily basis.
- Boat-billed Flycatcher – A couple seen along the drive from Caratinga to the Caratinga Biological Station, one more in the station itself and a pair in the Serra do Cipó hotel.
- Variegated Flycatcher – It was only heard in the open country close to the lower entrance of the Canastra NP.
- Tropical Kingbird – Common bird throughout the trip.
- Fork-tailed Flycatcher – Small numbers (6-8) in the lower part of the Serra do Cipó but much more numerous (20-30) in the lower area of the Canastra NP.
- Sirystes – Small numbers (5-10) were seen daily in the Cherry-throated Tanager site.
- Short-crested Flycatcher – A pair was only seen in the lower entrance of the Serra do Canastra NP.
- Brown-crested Flycatcher – Only one was seen along the drive from Caratinga to the Caratinga Biological Station.
- Gray-hooded Attila – A couple (daily) in the Cherry-throated Tanager site and also heard in the Caraca forest.
- Green-backed Becard – One was only heard in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest.
- Chestnut-crowned Becard – Small numbers (4-6) in a daily basis in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest and was also heard in the Caraca preserve.
- White-winged Becard – It was heard in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest and a pair was seen in the Caratinga Biological Station.
- Black-capped Becard – One male was seen in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest.
- Crested Becard – A family group of three birds was seen in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest.

- Cinnamon-vented Piha – I was the only one that got a very brief view when a bird came and got a couple of berries from a dense tree before flying away under cover, at least 6 birds were heard, all of that only in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest.
- Red-ruffed Fruitcrow – I was the only one seen a male that disappeared down into a densely vegetated slope along one of the trails in the Caraca reserve.
- Bare-throated Bellbird – One male and three females were seen in the distant canopy in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest.
- Swallow-tailed Cotinga – At pair was building a nest in the low forest close to the Monastery in Caraca allowing even good pictures of them and at least some other 6 birds flying by inside forest.
- Sharpbill – Single birds were seen in the two visits to the Cherry-throated Tanager forest others were heard in Caratinga and Caraca reserves.
- Serra Do Mar Tyrant Manakin – Several birds were heard inside forest only in Caraca forest where we manage to see one very well. This seems to be a range extension for the bird.
- Swallow-tailed Manakin – Small numbers (3-6) every day in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest and the Caraca preserve, many others were also heard.
- Helmeted Manakin – Only a young male was seen in the lower entrance of the Canastra NP.
- Pin-tailed Manakin – A few were seen (4) in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest with many others, also heard in Caraca.
- White-bearded Manakin – A couple of males and 3 females were seen in the Caratinga Biological Station.
- Greenish Schiffornis – It was only heard in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest.
- Wing-barred Piprites – It was only heard in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest.
- Rufous-browed Peppershrike – A couple seen in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest and a common voice in Caraca.
- Rufous-crowned Greenlet – Heard several times in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest.
- Gray-eyed Greenlet – A pair was seen in the Caraca scrubby forest.
- Curl-crested Jay – Small numbers (3-6) were seen every day when visiting the lower entrance of the Canastra NP.
- White-rumped Swallow – Small numbers (2-6) seen in the Canastra NP, especially in the upper part.
- Brown-chested Martin – seen only in the open country close to Sao Roque de Minas.
- Blue-and-white Swallow – Common bird throughout the trip.
- Tawny-headed Swallow – Fairly common (35-40) in the upper entrance of the Canastra NP.
- Southern Rough-winged Swallow – Small numbers (2-8) in the Caratinga Biological Station and also in Caraca.
- Southern House Wren - Common bird throughout the trip.
- Black-capped Donacobius – Heard only along the drive from Caratinga to the Caratinga Biological Station.
- Rufous-bellied Thrush - Small numbers seen every day (2-10) missing only from Cipó and Canastra.
- Pale-breasted Thrush – One in Caraca and much more common in Canastra.
- Creamy-bellied Thrush – Common (10-15) in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest and a few (3-6) in the Caratinga Biological Station.
- White-necked Thrush – Only five were seen in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest.
- Chalk-browed Mockingbird - Common bird throughout the trip.
- Yellowish Pipit – A few (5-6) were seen in the upper entrance of the Canastra NP.
- Bananaquit – One or two every day in Caraca and also heard in Canastra.
- Magpie Tanager – Small numbers (2-6) everyday in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest and Caraca.
- Cinnamon Tanager – Small numbers (2-4) in the way to the upper entrance of the Canastra NP.

- Sayaca Tanager - Common bird throughout the trip.
- Azure-shouldered Tanager – Small numbers (2-5) every day in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest.
- Golden-chevrons Tanager - Small numbers (2-9) every day in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest and some 10+ in Caraca forest.
- Palm Tanager – Only a pair seen in the Caraca forest.
- Brassy-breasted Tanager – A pair seen in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest and two more in the Caraca reserve.
- Gilt-edged Tanager – A pair only seen in the Caraca forest.
- Burnished-buff Tanager - Small numbers (2-4) in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest, Caratinga , Caraca and Canastra.
- Swallow-Tanager A small group (3-4) in the lower entrance of the Serra do Canastra NP.
- Blue Dacnis – Small numbers (2-6) in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest and a pair more in the Caraca preserve.
- Green Honeycreeper – A pair was seen in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest.
- Black-goggled Tanager – A few (2-6) per day in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest, four more in Caraca reserve and four more in the lower entrance of the Canastra NP.
- Rufous-headed Tanager – At least some 9 were seen in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest and a pair more in the Caratinga Biological Station.
- Hooded Tanager – One or two a day in the Caraca forest.
- Cherry-throated Tanager – After much worrying and looking for two days we finally saw one distant bird with a huge bird flock.
- Lowland Hepatic Tanager – A pair was seen in the Caraca preserve.
- Red-crowned Ant-Tanager – A female was seen inside forest only in the Caratinga Biological Station.
- Purple-throated Euphonia – It was only heard in Caratinga and Caraca.
- Chestnut-bellied Euphonia – One or two every day in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest.
- Blue-naped Chlorophonia – A pair was seen in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest.
- Rufous-collared Sparrow – A very common bird throughout the trip.
- Uniform Finch – At least some 10 birds were seen inside forest in the Caraca reserve.
- Cinereous Warbling-Finch – It was only seen in the Serra do Cipó where we had a pair every day.
- Yellow-billed Blue-Finch - It was only seen in the Serra do Cipó where we had a pair every day.
- Saffron Finch – A common bird not seen only in Caraca and Cipó.
- Pale-throated Serra Finch – A pair was seen in the Caraca scrub and also in the upper part of the Serra do Cipó.
- Great-Pampa-Finch – At least six were seen in the upper entrance of the Serra do Canastra NP.
- Blue-black Grassquit – Common in the grasslands.
- Plumbeous Seedeater – A pair was seen in the scrub at the lower part of the Serra do Canastra NP.
- Lined Seedeater – At least 6 singing males were seen in the grassland areas very close to the Bargem Bonita town in the way to the lower entrance of the Canastra NP.
- Dubois's Seedeater – A male was seen in the scrubby forest behind the Monastery in Caraca, a pair more was seen in the grassland areas very close to the Bargem Bonita town in the way to the lower entrance of the Canastra NP.
- Double-collared Seedeater – A few (3) in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest and from 6 to 10 each day in the Caraca reserve, one more in the grassland areas very close to the Bargem Bonita town in the way to the lower entrance of the Canastra NP.
- Blackish-blue Seedeater – One singing male was seen in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest and one more heard from the second growth at the Caratinga Biological Station.

- Grassland Sparrow – At least some 10+ were seen in the upper entrance of the Serra do Canastra NP.
- Black-masked Finch – Only one male was seen in the grasslands in the upper entrance of the Serra do Canastra NP.
- Green-winged Saltator – Heard in almost all the days and seen in the Caraca reserve with 3 to 5 per day.
- Black-throated Saltator – It was seen in the grasslands in the upper entrance of the Serra do Canastra NP (2) and in the Serra do Cipó (6).
- Masked Yellowthroat – Heard in the grassy areas in the way to the Cherry-throated Tanager forest and a pair seen in the Serra do Cipó.
- Golden-crowned Warbler – Common in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest (20+ a day) and at least some 6 in Caraca.
- White-browed (rimmed) Warbler – One was seen in the Caraca reserve and it was heard in the lower entrance of the Serra do Canastra NP
- White-bellied Warbler – At least 6 every day in the Caraca reserve also heard and seen in the lower entrance of the Serra do Canastra NP
- Neotropical River Warbler – It was only heard in the Caraca reserve.
- Crested Oropendola – A few (5-8) a day in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest and at least some 10+ in Caraca, a few (4-8) in the Serra do Canastra NP.
- Red-rumped Cacique – A few (3-6) in the Cherry-throated Tanager forest and very common in the Caraca forest were we saw at least some 20 to 30 a day.
- Chopi Blackbird – A common bird only missing from the Cherry-throated Tanager forest.
- Chestnut-capped Blackbird – At least 6 were seen in the way to the lower entrance of the Canastra NP.
- Yellow-rumped Marshbird - At least 6 per day in the way to the lower entrance of the Canastra NP.
- Shiny Cowbird – Only a pair was seen in the way to the lower entrance of the Serra do Canastra NP.
- White-browed Blackbird – At least some 6 + were seen in the grassy areas close to Sao Roque de Minas.
- Hooded Siskin – A pair was seen in the way to the lower entrance of the Serra do Canastra NP.
- Rock Dove
- House Sparrow

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