

Birding trip report Brazil 5-15 April 2018

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photo below: Wing-banded Hornero



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I spent one very rewarding weekend (5-8 April) in Campos do Jordão, a holiday resort at about 1600 meters above sea level, about two hours' drive from São Paulo towards Rio de Janeiro. My excellent guide was ornithologist/herpetologist Carlos Henrique ([ornithocarlos\(a\)gmail.com](mailto:ornithocarlos@gmail.com); www.carduelis.bio.br) who knew practically all the calls, used well his playback, and was able to take me to exact locations where to find the interesting birds. The weather was excellent, at night down to about 10 degrees centigrade, but during daytime between 20 and 30 degrees. We stayed at Villa Hegus (www.pousadavillahegus.com.br) where interesting birds could be seen from our breakfast table and from our room balcony. The early mornings we stayed within walking distance and could see dozens of interesting birds. We also made excursions by car to a bit higher 1800 asl (Pico do Itapeva, Estrada do Horto) and a bit lower 1300 asl (Estrada do Horto, Estrada da Pedra do Baú) altitudes. Carlos picked me up at the São Paulo airport at about 5 a.m. when I

Upper left:

Pallid Spinetail



Upper right: Buff-breasted Warbling-finch

Lower left:

Blue Manakin



Lower right:

Dusky-legged Guan

arrived from Frankfurt, and on the way we stopped to observe birds at Tremembé, also its ricefields (Taubaté/Arrozal). When leaving Campos do Jordão, we also birded early afternoon in Tremembé. With Carlos, I was able to get over 50 lifers. Wikiaves has a useful list of the Campos do Jordão birds.

My other great weekend (13-15 April) was near Paraty, State of Rio de Janeiro, some five hours from Rio by collective van. I stayed in the middle of the Mata Atlântica in a lovely guesthouse Le Gite d'Indaiatiba (legitedindaiatiba(a)gmail.com), 20 minutes drive from Paraty town, altitude 300-500 asl. Superb culinary experience and good care by Olivier (French) and Valeria (Brazilian). Their dog Naomi accompanied me to most of my walks and seemed to have experience in finding birds for birdwatchers. During several decades, Olivier and Valeria have recreated the natural ecosystem from scratch and now they have an awesome avifauna at their door, with a rewarding short walk to a heliport which is good for observing flying Psittacidae and bamboo-loving birds. Even without playback, I managed to get over ten lifers – and there would have been so many more, the song and calls of which I did not know. Fortunately strong rain started only the minute I left, not before. I slept in a comfortable bungalow near natural rapids and swam in a pool of fountain water. One could get professional guidance from Paratybirds, but because of my very short stay, I decided to venture on my own. The owners told me they have a resident pair of Murucututu (probably Tawny-browed Owl *Pulsatrix koeniswaldiana*) which I did not see. Species that were coming to the fruit feeder were **Green-headed Tanager** and **Golden-chevroned Tanager**, plus all four species of thrushes. Also **Common Marmoset** (*Mico estrela*, *Callithrix jacchus*), a monkey species from northern Atlantic forest, was a regular visitor.

During my visit to Brazil, I observed some 185 species of birds, of which 16 were Brazilian endemics, one of them being endangered while non-endemic (**Crowned Solitary Eagle**); two are vulnerable (**Vinaceous-breasted Parrot** and **Red-browed Parrot**) and two near-threatened (**Turquoise-fronted Amazon** and **Atlantic Royal-flycatcher**). Of the birds seen on

this trip, 69 were lifers for me. Several Brazilian endemics I had seen before on my previous trips 1989 in Amazonas and Roraima, 2000 in Brasilia National Park, and 2012 in Ubatuba.

Among the events of greatest impact were two very short morning walks from Villa Hegus with Carlos when we stayed at a group of flowering and fruiting small trees which attracted up to some hundreds of birds of a few dozen species, including a large flock of the unbelievably beautiful **Brassy-breasted Tanagers**. With us standing still, the birds were feeding calmly a few meters from us allowing close observation and photography. One of the finest birds seen was **Black-capped Piprites** which is a relative of the Manakins. A flock of rarely observed **Swallow-tailed Cotingas** landed in a tall pine just in front of us. Thanks to Carlos' expertise, I could see and photograph several other Araucaria specialists such as **Araucaria Tit-spinetail**, **White-throated Hummingbird**, **Green-crowned Plovercrest**, **Surucua Trogon**, **Scalloped Woodcreeper**, **Serra do Mar Tyrannulet**, **Serra do Mar Tyrant-manakin**, **Diademed Tanager**, **Rufous Gnatcatcher**, **Golden-winged Cacique**, **Bay-chested Warbling-finch**, **Buff-breasted Warbling-finch** and **White-rimmed Warbler**. Also a visit to a lek of **Blue Manakin** was memorable. **Rufous-tailed Anthrush** we only heard, could not see.



Photo: Bassy-breasted Tanager, one of the most beautiful birds of the highlands

It was a truly moving moment when playback brought a male **Barred Forest-falcon** (photo below) to perch right in front of us on a tree branch some 20 meters away, in faint light just before sunrise. We also had a rare sighting from a hilltop of **Crowned Solitary Eagle** perched in a low tree several hundred meters from us. Its global population is estimated at 250-1000 individuals only.



Some of the birds which responded very well to playback were **Green-barred Woodpecker, White-spotted Woodpecker, Surucua Trogon, Robust Woodpecker, Narrow-billed Woodcreeper, Scalloped Woodcreeper, Streamcreeper, Sharp-billed Treehunter, Wing-banded Hornero, Spix's Spinetail, Grey-bellied Spinetail, Buff-browed Foliage-gleaner, White-crested Tyrannulet, Grey-capped Tyrannulet, Mottle-cheeked Tyrannulet, Olivaceous Elaenia, Diademed Tanager, and Rufous-crowned Greenlet.**

I was also able to see some 40 species of birds in Rio de Janeiro where I stayed at Bed&Breakfast O Veleiro on a ridge in Botafogo, not far from the Christ Statue, offering nice views of many interesting species such as **Channel-billed Toucan, Plain Parakeet, Yellow-chevroned Parakeet, Peach-fronted Parakeet and Swallow-tailed Hummingbird.**



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Photo above: Mottle-cheeked Tyrannulet, tail typically cocked. Photo right: Robust Woodpecker

Several species which the literature indicates of being lower altitude birds, have actually been recorded normally in this area in the past. Such species are e.g. Greenish Warbler, White-throated Hummingbird, Bay-chested Warbling-finch, and to some extent Crested Black-tyrant.

The handbook I used was Ber van Perlo (2009) *A Field Guide to the Birds of Brazil* (Oxford). In this report I follow the systematic order of Howard and Moore. Particularly useful for these birding sites was the book Juha Honkala and Seppo Niiranen: *A Birdwatching Guide to South-East Brazil* (Portal do Bosque 2010). I follow the latest scientific names as in *Handbook of the Birds of the World* (Lynxeds and BirdLife), and have tried to include many subspecies names, also. My lifers



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Photo above: **Diademed Tanager** is one of the spectacular birds of the Araucaria forests

are indicated in bold. I did not much try to see birds quite familiar for me which we only heard, even if a different subspecies. The list of threatened birds used here is the 2014 version by ICMBIO. I have also consulted works by James Clements and Robert Ridgely.

Some 70 of my bird pictures of this trip have been uploaded on Internet Bird Collection with precise indication of the location. Those you can look up under my IBC profile <https://www.hbw.com/ibc/u/3849>.

Photo right: **Serra do Mar Tyrant-manakin**, also Araucaria specialist



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Photo above: Green-barred Woodpecker

List of species observed

- Brown Tinamou *Crypturellus obsoletus obsoletus* (heard only) CdJ
- Neotropic Cormorant *Nannopterum brasilianus* Rio groups flying
- Magnificent Frigate Bird *Fregata magnificens* Rio many over the ocean
- Whistling Heron *Syrigma sibilatrix* Tremembé/Taubaté Arrozal one
- Great Egret *Ardea alba* Tremembé/Taubaté Arrozal several
- Snowy Egret *Egretta thula* Tremembé/TaubatéArrozal several
- Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis* Tremembé/Taubaté Arrozal common where animals graze
- Striated Heron *Butorides striatus* Tremembé/Taubaté Arrozal several
- Buff-necked Ibis *Theristicus caudatus hyperorius* (heard only) Tremembé/Taubaté Arrozal
- Brazilian Teal *Amazonetta brasiliensis* Tremembé/Taubaté Arrozal several flying around
- Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus* CdJ common in all places visited, Rio
- Great Black Hawk *Buteogallus urubitinga urubitinga* seen from car near Angra dos Reis
Nuclear Power Station

Crowned Solitary Eagle *Urubitinga coronata* **ENDANGERED** CdJ Estrada do Horto, one subadult perched for about 10 minutes far out. Photographed (fuzzy).

Roadside Hawk *Rupornis magnirostris magniplumis* CdJ, Estrada do Horto, Estrada da Pedra do Baú, Rio, Indaiatiba

Short-tailed Hawk *Buteo brachyurus brachyurus* Tremembé two adults in flight

Black Hawk-eagle *Spizaetus tyrannus* Estrada da Pedra do Baú one flying

Southern Caracara *Caracara plancus* CdJ, Pico do Itapeva, Estrada do Horto, Estrada da Pedra do Baú, single birds commonly seen

Yellow-headed Caracara *Milvago chimachima* CdJ Tremembé common

Laughing Falcon *Herpetotheres cachinnans* (heard only) Tremembé one

Barred Forest-falcon *Micrastus ruficollis ruficollis* CdJ, Pico do Itapeva, called near our hotel and approached very close with playback

American Kestrel *Falco sparverius* CdJ Pico do Itapeva

Dusky-legged Guan *Penelope obscura* CdJ one on a fence near the hotel

Spot-winged Wood-quail *Odontophorus capoeira* (heard only) CdJ Estrada do Horto dusk concert

Slaty-breasted Wood-rail *Aramides saracura* CdJ in town, also along the road to Pico do Itapeva

Red-legged Seriama *Cariama cristata* CdJ, Estrada do Horto one in tall grass

Southern Lapwing *Vanellus chilensis lampronotus* CdJ a family at entrance to town

South American Snipe *Gallinago paraguayae paraguayae* Tremembé/Taubaté Arrozal one came close with playback. Photo below.



Rock Pigeon *Columba livia* CdJ common in all residential areas
 Picazuro Pigeon *Patagioenas picazuro* regular in all environments
 Plumbeous Pigeon *Patagioenas plumbea plumbea* CdJ, Estrada do Horto, Rio, individuals seen
 Eared Dove *Zenaida auriculata chrysauchenia* CdJ fairly common
 Ruddy Ground-dove *Columbina talpacoti* Tremembé, Rio, common
 White-tipped Dove *Leptotila verreauxi decipiens* (or *chalcauchenia*) Indaiatiba a few calling and seen
 Grey-fronted Dove *Leptotila ruffaxilla reichenbachii* Indaiatiba one calling and seen
 White-eyed Parakeet *Psittacara leucophthalmus leucophthalmus* CdJ, Rio, Indaiatiba several groups moving around. Photo below.



Peach-fronted Parakeet *Eupsittula aurea* Rio, also in São Paulo town, noisy groups, unafraid
 Maroon-bellied Parakeet *Pyrrhura frontalis* CdJ, Tremembé/Taubaté, the most common parakeet in CdJ
 Blue-winged Parrotlet *Forpus xanthopterygius xanthopterygius* CdJ a small group near our hotel
Plain Parakeet *Brotogeris tirica* ENDEMIC Rio, groups seen every morning in fruiting trees

Yellow-chevroned Parakeet *Brotogeris chiriri chiriri* CdJ at our hotel, Tremembé/Taubaté
Arrozal, Rio feeding in a fruiting tree

Pileated Parrot *Pionopsitta pileata* CdJ, Indaiatiba flying groups seen

Scaly-headed Parrot *Pionus maximiliani* CdJ, Tremembé observed without failure

Turquoise-fronted Amazon *Amazona aestiva* **NEAR THREATENED** CdJ small numbers
observed

Vinaceous-breasted Amazon *Amazona vinacea* **ENDEMIC VULNERABLE** CdJ, Estrada do
Horto a few perched in tall Araucarias before dusk

Photo below left Vinaceous-breasted Amazon photo right White-throated Hummingbird



Red-browed Parrot *Amazona rhodocorytha* **ENDEMIC VULNERABLE** Indaiatiba small groups
flying

Squirrel Cuckoo *Piaya cayana* CdJ one near the hotel

Smooth-billed Ani *Crotophaga ani* CdJ, Tremembé, common in open areas

Guira Cuckoo *Guira guira* Tremembé common

Grey-rumped Swift *Chaetura cinereiventris* Indaiatiba one seen at dusk

Sick's Swift *Chaetura meridionalis* CdJ Tremembé/Taubaté, Indaiatiba, small numbers flying

Saw-billed Hermit *Ramphodon naevius* **ENDEMIC** Indaiatiba one feeding low in trees at
sunrise

Rufous-breasted Hermit *Glaucis hirsuta* Indaiatiba most common hummingbird here

Scale-throated Hermit *Phaetornis eurynome* CdJ, Pico do Itapeva, one seen feeding

Swallow-tailed Hummingbird *Eupetomena macroura* CdJ, Estrada do Horto, Estrada da Pedra
do Baú, Rio, perhaps the most common hummingbird in the region

Green-crowned Plovercrest *Stephanoxis lalandi* CdJ, Estrada da Pedra do Baú, one seen,
several heard

White-throated Hummingbird *Leucochloris albicollis* CdJ a few observed near the hotel

Brazilian Ruby *Helidoxa rubricauda* **ENDEMIC** CdJ, Estrada da Pedra do Baú, one seen

Southern Surucua Trogon *Trogon surrucura* CdJ, Pico do Itapeva, several heard, one male
seen. This species was recently split from Northern Surucua Trogon (*Trogon
aurantius*) which has an orange, not red belly. Photo p. 11

Rufous-tailed Jacamar *Galbula ruficauda rufoviridis* Rio, one pair flew by the hostel



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Photo above: Southern Surucua Trogon, identified by bright red belly and yellow eye
Red-breasted Toucan *Ramphastos dicolorus* CdJ, Pico do Itapeva, in pairs or small groups
 Channel-billed Toucan *Ramphastos vitellinus* Rio, two seen and heard calling after 6 a.m. at distance

Toco Toucan *Ramphastos toco* CdJ, Indaiatiba, flew over when leaving Sao Paulo
 White-barred Piculet *Picumnus cirratus* CdJ, Estrada da Pedra do Baú, Tremembé, Rio. Most commonly seen/heard woodpecker

White Woodpecker *Melanerpes candidus* Tremembé, gregarious and noisy-
Yellow-fronted Woodpecker *Melanerpes flavifrons* Indaiatiba one noisy pair in courtship.

Photo below left Yellow-fronted Woodpecker Photo below right White Woodpecker



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White-spotted Woodpecker *Veniliornis spilogaster* CdJ one male responded well to playback. Photos above of male

White-browed Woodpecker *Piculus aurulentus* (heard only) CdJ Estrada do Horto

Green-barred Woodpecker *Colaptes melanochloros melanochloros* Tremembé/Taubaté Arrozal, in trees. Photo p. 7

Campo Flicker *Colaptes campestris* CdJ, Estrada da Pedra do Baú, Tremembé/Taubaté, common

Robust Woodpecker *Campephilus robustus* CdJ, Pico do Itapeva, conspicuous drumming
 Eastern Olivaceous Woodcreeper *Sittasomus griseicapillus griseicapillus* CdJ, Indaiatiba, common

Planalto Woodcreeper *Dendrocolaptes platyrostris* CdJ, Estrada do Horto, one seen and heard

Narrow-billed Woodcreeper *Lepidocolaptes angustirostris bivittatus* Tremembé, one male, photo below



Scalloped Woodcreeper photo below. Note distinctive belly feathers.



Scalloped Woodcreeper *Lepidocolaptes falcinellus* CdJ Estrada do Horto, two together
Wing-banded Hornero *Furnarius figulus figulus* **ENDEMIC** Tremembé, pair in display
Rufous Hornero *Furnarius rufus* Tremembé, several in open areas

Araucaria Tit-spinetail *Leptasthenura setaria* CdJ Estrada do Horto, uncommon, seen only in
Araucaria treetops

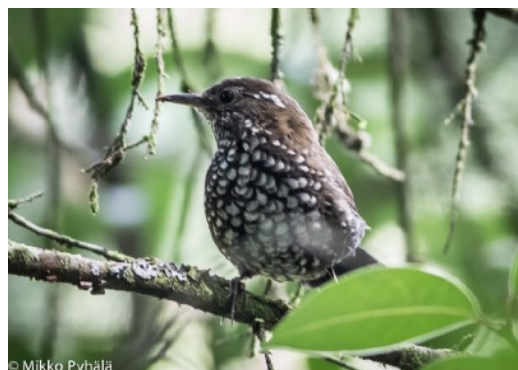
Spix's Spinetail *Synallaxis spixi* CdJ, Pico do Itapeva, Estrada do Horto, common, hiding

Gray-bellied Spinetail *Synallaxis cinerascens* CdJ, Pico do Itapeva, difficult to see

Pallid Spinetail *Cranioleuca pallida* **ENDEMIC** CdJ, Estrada do Horto, single birds, photo p. 2

Firewood-Gatherer *Anumbius annumbi* Tremembé/Taubaté one pair at nest

Streamcreeper *Lochmias nematura nematura* CdJ a pair near a pond on the way to Pico do
Itapeva. Photo below left., Buff-browed Foliage-gleaner photo below right



Buff-browed Foliage-gleaner *Syndactyla rufosuperciliata rufosuperciliata* CdJ one pair responded to playback but kept inside the foliage

Rufous-breasted Leaf-tosser *Sclerurus scansor* Indaiatiba, several called at dawn and dusk, one seen

Sharp-billed Treehunter *Heliobletus contaminatus contaminatus* CdJ, Estrada do Horto, responded to playback

Giant Antshrike *Batara cinerea cinerea* (heard only) CdJ near the hotel
 [Large-tailed Antshrike *Mackenziaena leachii*] CdJ, Estrada da Pedra do Baú heard by Carlos]

Variable Antshrike *Thamnophilus caerulescens caerulescens* CdJ several heard

Chestnut-backed Antshrike *Thamnophilus palliatus* (heard only) Rio, Indaiatiba, typical song heard

Spot-breasted Antwren *Dysithamnus stictothorax* Indaiatiba, several in mixed party in bamboo

Ochre-rumped Antbird *Drymophila ochropyga* **ENDEMIC** Indaiatiba, in mixed party in bamboo

Dusky-tailed Antbird *Drymophila malura* CdJ, Estrada da Pedra do Baú. Very secretive, but one seen

Rufous-tailed Antthrush *Chamaeza ruficauda* (heard only) CdJ Pico do Itapeva Estrada do Horto, sang but did not respond to playback

Rufous Gnateater *Conopophaga lineata vulgaris* CdJ, Pico do Itapeva, two responded immediately to playback. Photo below.



Photo left Greenish Tyrannulet;



photo right Planalto Tyrannulet



Greenish Tyrannulet *Phyllomyias virescens* CdJ, Pico do Itapeva, Estrada do Horto, several
Planalto Tyrannulet *Phyllomyias fasciatus brevirostris* CdJ, Pico do Itapeva, Estrada do Horto, strada da Pedra do Baú, widely spread and vocal



Grey-capped Tyrannulet *Phyllomyias griseocapilla* ENDEMIC CdJ, Estrada do Horto, several heard and seen. Photo above left, note typical yellow flanks

Southern Beardless Tyrannulet *Camptostoma obsoletus obsoletum* CdJ common in the region

Grey Elaenia *Myiopagis caniceps* Indaiatiba one foraging, calling and seen

Olivaceous Elaenia *Elaenia mesoleuca* CdJ, Estrada da Pedra do Baú, common in this location

White-crested Tyrannulet *Serpophaga subcristata* CdJ, Estrada do Horto, one responded to playback. Photo above right.

Gray-hooded Flycatcher *Mionectes rufiventris* CdJ, one in a fruiting tree near our hotel

Sepia-capped Flycatcher *Leptopogon amaurocephalus amaurocephalus* Indaiatiba, one or more feeding at mid-level

Mottle-cheeked Tyrannulet *Phylloscartes ventralis* CdJ, Estrada do Horto, several singing actively tail cocked, photo p. 5

Serra do Mar Tyrannulet *Phylloscartes difficilis* ENDEMIC CdJ Pico do Itapeva, hiding

Ochre-faced Tody-flycatcher *Poecilatriccus plumbeiceps* CdJ Estrada da Pedra do Baú,
extremely secretive in its very small territory

Gray-headed Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum poliocephalum* Indaiatiba, one foraging at mid-level

Yellow-olive Flatbill *Tolmomyias sulphurescens sulphurescens* CdJ, Estrada da Pedra do Baú, Indaiatiba, fairly common

Atlantic Royal-flycatcher *Onychorhynchus swainsoni* ENDEMIC NEAR THREATENED
Indaiatiba, one seen in forest

Euler's Flycatcher *Latrotriccus euleri euleri* (heard only) CdJ one heard singing

White-rumped Monjita *Xolmis velatus* Tremembé one in open country

Blue-billed Black-tyrant *Knipolegus cyanirostris* CdJ one in a tree next to our hotel

Crested Black-tyrant *Knipolegus lophotes* CdJ Estrada do Horto one or more loosely with Velvety BT, clearly territorial in Taubaté, photo below left

Velvety Black-tyrant *Knipolegus nigerrimus* ENDEMIC CdJ, Estrada do Horto, a family group in trees and wires by the roadside, photo below right



Long-tailed Flycatcher *Colonia colonus* Indaiatiba, one perched on a treetop

Cliff Flycatcher *Hirundinea ferruginea ferruginea* Tremembé, one on a grassy hillside. Pretty far from the main population in northern South-America. Obviously there is a small local population here.

Rufous-tailed Attila *Attila phoenicurus* Indaiatiba, one foraging in treetops

Short-crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus ferox australis* (heard only) Tremembé, one calling at riverside

Great Kiskadee *Pitangus sulphuratus maximiliani* CdJ, Rio, Indaiatiba, perhaps the most conspicuous species everywhere

Boat-billed Flycatcher *Megarhynchus pitangua pitangua* (heard only) Indaiatiba, forest

Social Flycatcher *Myiozetetes similis pallidiventris* CdJ, Tremembé Rio, Indaiatiba, territorial in small numbers. This ssp has a pale yellow belly.

Piratic Flycatcher *Legatus leucophaius leucophaius* Indaiatiba, one at forest edge

Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus melancholicus* Tremembé, one in open country

White-winged Becard *Pachyramphus polychopterus spixii* (heard only) CdJ, Estrada do Horto

Greenish Schiffornis *Schiffornis virescens* (heard only) CdJ, Pico do Itapeva

Photo below: Black-capped Piprites is one of the spectacular Araucaria specialists



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Black-capped Piprites *Piprites pileata* CdJ, Estrada do Horto. One male responded extremely well to playback near our hotel

Unidentified Manakin (*Pipra*, *Manacus*) or Tyrant-manakin (*Neopelma*) Indaiatiba, two in a treetop at forest edge by the heliport. No clear markings, only greenish-grey plumage. Shorter tail than Serra do Mar Tyrant-manakin which only occurs at much higher elevation.

Serra do Mar Tyrant-manakin *Neopelma chrysolophum* ENDEMIC CdJ, singing near our hotel, photo p. 6

White-bearded Manakin *Manacus manacus gutturosus* (heard only) Tremembé

Blue (earlier Swallow-tailed) Manakin *Chiroxiphia caudata* CdJ Pico do Itapeva, Estrada do Horto, Estrada da Pedra do Baú, common and vocal, only in the last place responded to playback

Swallow-tailed Cotinga *Phibalura flavirostris* CdJ, one flock of about 10 in treetops near our hotel

White-rumped Swallow *Tachycinetta leucorhoa* CdJ, Rio, Indaiatiba, flying in small numbers

Brown-chested Martin *Progne tapera* CdJ, Indaiatiba, in parties of dozens

Blue-and-white Swallow *Pygochelidon cyanoleuca* CdJ, Tremembé, Rio, Indaiatiba, most numerous swallow

Southern House Wren *Troglodytes musculus* CdJ, Tremembé, Rio, Indaiatiba. One of the most common bird songs heard

Chalk-browed Mockingbird *Mimus saturninus* Tremembé, one in open country

Yellow-legged Thrush *Turdus flavipes flavipes* Indaiatiba common here

Rufous-bellied Thrush *Turdus rufiventris rufiventris* CdJ, Pico do Itapeva, Tremembé, Rio, Indaiatiba, usually single birds observed

Creamy-bellied Thrush *Turdus amaurochalinus* Rio, Indaiatiba, several seen and heard

Pale-bellied Thrush *Turdus leucomelas leucomelas* CdJ, Pico do Itapeva, Rio, Indaiatiba, several seen and heard

Rufous-collared Sparrow *Zonotrichia capensis subtorquata* CdJ, Rio, always and everywhere

Grassland Sparrow *Ammodramus humeralis humeralis* Taubaté, one male singing in grassland

Bay-chested Warbling-finch *Castanozoster thoracica* CdJ, Pico do Itapeva, several feeding parties seen. Photo below. Araucaria specialist.



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Buff-breasted Warbling-finch *Microspingus lateralis* CdJ Pico do Itapeva, in loose feeding parties with the previous species

Saffron Finch *Sicalis flaveola brasiliensis* Tremembé very common

Blue-black Grassquit *Volatinia jacarina jacarina* Tremembé very common

Lined Seedeater *Sporophila lineola* Tremembé/Taubaté in large parties

Double-collared Seedeater *Sporophila caerulescens* Tremembé, in smaller numbers, often with Lined S.

Green-winged Saltator *Saltator similis* CdJ One pair in a fruiting tree near our hotel

Chestnut-headed Tanager *Pyrrhocomma ruficeps* CdJ, Estrada da Pedra do Baú, one male seen

Hooded Tanager *Nemosia pileata* Tremembé, foraging birds seen in vegetation in small numbers

Olive-green Tanager *Orthogonys chloricterus* **ENDEMIC** Indaiatiba, small number in a mixed party

Ruby-crowned Tanager *Tachyphonus coronatus* Indaiatiba common

Brazilian Tanager *Ramphocelus bresilius* Rio, one pair flew by

Golden-chevroned Tanager *Thraupis ornata* Indaiatiba a pair was frequenting the feeding station. Photo below left, below right Azure-shouldered Tanager



Sayaca Tanager *Tangara sayaca* CdJ, Estrada da Pedra do Baú, Tremembé, Rio, Indaiatiba, small numbers often with Azure-shouldered and Palm T.

Azure-shouldered Tanager *Tangara cyanoptera* **ENDEMIC** Tremembé, Rio, Indaiatiba

Palm Tanager *Tangara palmarum palmarum* Tremembé, Rio, Indaiatiba

Diademed Tanager *Stephanophorus diadematus* CdJ, Pico do Itapeva, Estrada da Pedra do Baú, responded fairly well to playback, in pairs, Photo p. 6

Fawn-breasted Tanager *Pipraeidea melanota melanota* CdJ, some in mixed parties, ph. p.24

Golden-rumped Euphonia *Euphonia cyanocephala cyanocephala* CdJ, Pico do Itapeva, actively singing, foraging in small parties

Blue-naped Chlorophonia *Chlorophonia cyanea cyanea* (heard only) CdJ, Pico do Itapeva, Estrada do Horto, moved with other tanagers

Green-headed Tanager *Tangara seledon* Indaiatiba, single birds or pairs, visited feeding station

Brassy-breasted Tanager *Tangara desmaresti* ENDEMIC CdJ, large party of some 20 visited fruiting trees. Photo p. 2

Gilt-edged Tanager *Tangara cyanoventris* ENDEMIC Tremembé a few individuals loosely with other tanagers

Burnished-buff Tanager *Tangara cayana chloropsis* CdJ Estrada do Horto, single birds or pairs in mixed parties. The birds here, a somewhat isolated population, have much more black on their breast than in northern South America. HBW does not suggest which ssp it could be, but James Clements (*Birds of the World. A Checklist*) gives ssp *chloropsis* for SE Brazil. Photo below.



Blue Dacnis *Dacnis cayana paraguayensis* CdJ, Tremembé, Rio, small numbers moving alone or in mixed parties

Swallow Tanager *Tersina viridis viridis* Indaiatiba, a pair in a treetop, also one juvenile

Bananaquit *Coereba flaveola chloropyga* Rio, Indaiatiba, several visited fruiting trees

Tropical Parula *Setophaga pitayumi pitayumi* CdJ, Estrada do Horto, one or two in mixed parties

Golden-crowned Warbler *Basileuterus auricapilla* CdJ, singing in vegetation (split from *B. culicivorus* of Central America)

White-rimmed Warbler *Myiothlypis leucoplebhara leucoplebhara* CdJ, Pico do Itapeva, Estrada da Pedra do Baú, its beautiful song often heard in many locations. The earlier name White-browed W. was not really appropriate, hence the recently taken new name in English. Photo below l, below r Chestnut-vented Conebill fe



Southern Riverbank (earlier Neotropical) Warbler *Myiothlypis rivularis* Indaiatiba, loud morning song from middle-low perch, unafraid

Chestnut-vented Conebill *Conirostrum speciosum speciosum* CdJ, Tremembé, below female Rufous-browed Peppershrike *Cyclarhis gujanensis* CdJ, single birds seen and singing

Rufous-crowned Greenlet *Hylophilus poicilotis* CdJ Pico do Itapeva, a pair responded to playback. Photo below



Crested Oropendola *Psarocolius decumanus decumanus* Indaiatiba, resident near the heliport

Red-rumped Cacique *Cacicus haemorrhous* Indaiatiba, one seen foraging

Golden-winged Cacique *Cacicus chrysopterus* CdJ, Estrada do Horto, Estrada da Pedra do Baú, responded to playback. Some perched visibly in treetops. Photo below.



Chestnut-capped Blackbird *Chrysomus ruficapillus* Tremembé/Taubaté Arrozal, males with territorial song, gregarious groups moving around. Photo p. 23

White-browed Blackbird *Sturnella superciliaris* Tremembé/Taubaté Arrozal, several males displaying, responded well to playback. Photo p. 23

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus* CdJ Tremembé, Rio, all towns and villages

Curl-crested Jay *Cyanocorax cristatellus* CdJ Estrada do Horto a small flock

Plush-crested Jay *Cyanocorax chrysops* a flock flew over when leaving São Paulo

Upper: White-Browed Blackbird male; lower: Chestnut-capped Blackbird subadult male





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Above Southern Caracara,

below Fawn-breasted Tanager



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