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**A TRIP REPORT FOR A BIRDING TRIP TO BRAZIL
ATLANTIC FOREST, CERRADO and SAVANNAS**

May 07th – 26th 2011

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With: Philip and Mey Critchlow

DAY BY DAY ACTIVITIES

May 07th: Meeting in the morning at the Sao Paulo airport, and 5h drive to the Intervalles Estaduales Park. We arrive there around 5 p.m. and do a little bit of birding before night.

May 08-11th: 4 full days at Intervalles Estaduales Park. We bird mostly on Carmao road, Lajiado and Pesquisa trails. Singing activity is very low, but we had excellent mixed species flocks, and found some wonderful species as Sharpbill, Red-ruffed Fruitcrow, Hooded Berryeater, Rusty-breasted Nunlet, Squamate Antbird, etc...

May 12th: A long drive from Intervalles to Ubatuba (about 550 km and 7 hours, but you can expect 10 hours if traffic is bad in Sao Paulo). Arriving at our nice hotel on the front beach at 1 p.m., we spend the rest of the day birding at Folha Seca. We particularly visited the Jonas garden, a wonderful place with hundreds of hummingbirds and tanagers flying continuously around you.

May 13th: Full day around Ubatuba, birding the Fazenda Angelim trail in the morning, and Folha Seca in the afternoon. Good birds here included Buff-throated Purpletuft, Slaty Bristlefront, Spotted Bamboowren, Spot-billed Toucanet, Saw-billed Hermit, Frilled Coquette, etc...

May 14th: Birding Folha Seca in the morning, and after a lunch in Ubatuba we drove to Parati. We arrived at our fancy resort in mid afternoon, and spent the rest of the day visiting the wonderful colonial village of Parati or just having a rest.

May 15th: We bird the Perequê area in the morning, looking for the endangered and very localized Black-hooded Antwren. Other good species are present there, like Fork-tailed Pygmy-tyrant, Blond-crested Woodpecker, Black-capped Foliage-gleaner, Brazilian Tanager, etc...

After a good morning birding there, we drove to Itatiaia, arriving at the wonderful Ipê hotel in mid afternoon.

May 16-17th: 2 full days at the wonderful Itatiaia National Park. We spent the first day birding the highest part of the reserve (Black-and-gold Cotinga, Black-capped Piprites, Rufous-tailed Antbird, Itatiaia Thistletail, etc...) and the second day birding the Tres Picos trail and the hotel surroundings. Too much rain on the second day forced us to stay at the hotel for few hours, watching the numerous tanagers, hummingbirds and even Saffron Toucanet coming to the feeders.

May 18th: A long day travelling from Itatiaia to Sao Roque de Canastra: 4h driving from Itatiaia to Sao Paulo airport, flight to Belo Horizonte, and then 5 more hours driving to Sao Roque.

May 19-21th: 3 full days visiting the Serra da Canastra National Park. Stunning landscapes and birding here: Helmeted Manakin, Steamer-tailed Tyrant, White-rumped Tanager, Crested Black-tyrant, Cock-tailed Tyrant, Toco Toucan, White Woodpecker, to mention a few of the superb birds we had there. Of course, the

star of the area is the endangered Brazilian Merganser and we had a wonderful view on 2 birds along the Sao Francisco River.

We also had good mammal watching here, with Giant Anteater, Pampa's Deer and Masked Titi Monkey.

May 22nd: another long day driving from Canastra to Caraça (a bridge collapse during the last rainy season obliged us to make a long detour). We arrived at the Caraça monastery at mid-afternoon and had enough time to find a few good birds like Serra Antwren, Buff-throated Pampa-finch and Hyacinth Visorbear.

In the evening, a "habituated" Maned Wolf gave us a show, coming to feed on chicken bones in front of the Monastery entrance!!

May 23rd: Full day at Caraça. A wonderful and peaceful place to bird!!

The best surprise here was to find a group of 8 Swallow-tailed Cotinga, unexpected at this time of the year!!

We also found Orange-eyed Thornbird, Blackish Rail, Blue-naped Chlorophonia, and had nice looks on a group of Masked Titi Monkey.

May 24th: travelling from Caraça to Cipo. It was very hot when we arrived in Cipo, and birding was slow, but fortunately the shiny Plain-crested Elaenia are numerous there and gave us a nice show!

May 25th: Birding Cipo all day. The main target here is obviously the Cipo Canastero and we saw it very well!! But Cipo is also a great place for Horned Sungem, Hyacinth Visorbear, Cinnamon Tanager, Checkered Woodpecker, Blue Finch, White-eared Puffbird, and others!!

May 26th: end of the trip... driving back to the airport, flight to Sao Paulo and connections.

To see some of the birds seen during the trip, have a look on the fabrice's Flickr account:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/fabrice-schmitt/>

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/fabrice-schmitt/sets/72157626828270188/show/>

Philip voted for the following best birds of the trip:

- 1 – Saffron Toucanet
- 2 – Swallow-tailed Cotinga
- 3 – Blond-crested Woodpecker
- 4 – Helmeted Manakin
- 5 – Brazilian Merganser
- 6 – White-bearded Antshrike
- 7 – Diademed Tanager
- 8 – Red-legged Seriema
- 9 – Long-trained Nightjar
- 10 – Plovercrest



We had wonderful views of Saffron Toucanet at Itatiaia.
Bird of the trip for Philip!!

THE BIRD LIST

The Key to the Birdlist

Species which were heard but not seen are indicated by the symbol *

RED – IUCN RED LIST CATEGORY

SACC = South American Classification Committee

RHEAS RHEIDAE

Greater Rhea Rhea americana Near-threatened

8 seen on a single day in Canastra

TINAMOUS TINAMIDAE

Tataupa Tinamou Crypturellus tataupa*

Heard at different places

Red-winged Tinamou Rhynchotus rufescens*

Heard at Canastra

DUCKS ANATIDAE

Muscovy Duck Cairina moschata

Good views of a few birds at Canastra

Brazilian Merganser Mergus octosetaceus Critical

Wonderful scope views on 2 birds along the Sao Francisco River at Canastra. According to BirdLife, the global population is below 250 individuals. A very endangered species, threatened by the deforestation and bad water quality.

GUANS CRACIDAE

Dusky-legged Guan Penelope obscura

Numerous at Itatiaia and Caraça

Black-fronted Piping-Guan Pipile jacutinga Endangered

A wonderful sighting at Intervalles PP.

NEW WORLD QUAILS ODONTOPHORIDAE

Spot-winged Wood-Quail Odontophorus capueira*

Heard on several occasions.

GREBES PODICIPEDIDAE

Pied-billed Grebe Podilymbus podiceps

One seen during one of our drives.

FRIGATEBIRDS FREGATIDAE

Magnificent Frigatebird Fregata magnificens

Common at Ubatuba and along the coast.

CORMORANTS PHALACROCORACIDAE

Neotropic Cormorant Phalacrocorax brasilianus

A few seen along the coast

HERONS ARDEAIDAE

Cattle Egret Bubulcus ibis

Great Egret Ardea alba

Whistling Heron Syrigma sibilatrix

Two of this beautiful heron were seen at Canastra.

In December 2009, during a trip with Philip and Mey in Chile, we made the first record of Whistling Heron for Chile!!! A very exciting moment!!

Little Blue Heron Egretta caerulea

One seen by Mey at Parati

IBISES THRESKIORNITHIDAE

Buff-necked Ibis Theristicus caudatus

Heard daily at Canastra and one seen at the Sao Paulo airport

NEW WORLD VULTURES CATHARTIDAE

Turkey Vulture Cathartes aura

Black Vulture Coragyps atratus

HAWKS ACCIPITRIDAE

White-tailed Kite Elanus leucurus

Three in total seen at Canastra

Mantled Hawk Leucopternis polionotus **Near-threatened**

One seen very briefly at Intervalles PP

Great Black-Hawk Buteogallus urubitinga

One at Canastra

Savanna Hawk Buteogallus meridionalis

A few seen at Canastra

Crowned Eagle Harpyhaliaetus coronatus **Endangered**

Fantastic!!! An immature bird just came from nowhere and gave us a wonderful show!!!

What a powerful and wonderful raptor!

This species qualifies as Endangered because it has a very small, fragmented population, and the severity of the threats it faces strongly suggest a significant and continuing decline in numbers. BirdLife estimates the world population between 250-1000 individuals.

Roadside Hawk Buteo magnirostris

Common

White-rumped Hawk **Buteo leucorrhous**

A nice view of a perched adult at Itatiaia

White-tailed Hawk **Buteo albicaudatus**

Fairly common.

Black Hawk-Eagle **Spizaetus tyrannus**

One just perched very close to us near Ubatuba, but unfortunately saw us quickly and left...

FALCONS **FALCONIDAE**

Laughing Falcon **Herpetotheres cachinnans**

Excellent view at Canastra

Barred Forest-Falcon **Micrastur ruficollis***

Heard at Intervalles PP and Ubatuba

Collared Forest-Falcon **Micrastur semitorquatus***

Heard at Intervalles but never came to the tape...

Southern Caracara **Caracara plancus**

Common and beautiful!

Yellow-headed Caracara **Milvago chimachima**

Common

American Kestrel **Falco sparverius**

Strange, but we only saw one American Kestrel during all the trip.... what is going on with this species ?

Bat Falcon **Falco ruficularis**

Two seen at Caraça, including one perched on the Monastery bell-tower!

Aplomado Falcon **Falco femoralis**

One seen at Canastra

RAILS **RALLIDAE**

Gray-necked Wood-Rail **Aramides cajanea**

Three seen well at Canastra

Slaty-breasted Wood-Rail **Aramides saracura**

Seen several times and very well at Intervalles PP, Itatiaia and Caraça.

Rufous-sided Crake **Laterallus melanophaius***

It came close after playback, but never left the vegetation...

Uniform Crake **Amaurolimnas concolor***

Heard at Ubatuba

Blackish Rail **Pardirallus nigricans**

Two seen very well and easily at Caraça

Common Gallinule **Gallinula galeata**

Seen during one of our drives. Now split from the Old World Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus*.

SERIEMAS **CARIAMIDAE**

Red-legged Seriema **Cariama cristata**

Seen daily and very well at Canastra, and heard here and there. What a strange and fascinating species!

PLOVERS **CHARADRIIDAE**

Southern Lapwing **Vanellus chilensis**

Common

GULLS **LARIDAE**

Kelp Gull **Larus dominicanus**

A few seen on the coast at Ubatuba

PIGEONS **COLUMBIDAE**

Ruddy Ground-Dove **Columbina talpacoti**

Common

Scaled Dove **Columbina squammata**

Especially common at Canastra

Rock Pigeon **Columba livia**

Should we count this one?

Picazuro Pigeon **Patagioenas picazuro**

Seen daily

Pale-vented Pigeon **Patagioenas cayennensis**

Only seen at Canastra

Plumbeous Pigeon **Patagioenas plumbea**

Seen well at Intervalles PP

Eared Dove **Zenaida auriculata**

Common at Canastra

White-tipped Dove **Leptotila verreauxi**

A few seen and heard

PARROTS **PSITTACIDAE**

Blue-winged Macaw **Primolius maracana** **Near-threatened**

A wonderful view of a group of 10 birds seen perched close to the road at Canastra.

White-eyed Parakeet **Aratinga leucophthalma**

Seen at Canastra

Golden-capped Parakeet *Aratinga auricapillus* **Near-threatened**

A few groups seen at Canastra. What a wonderful parakeet!!

Peach-fronted Parakeet *Aratinga aurea*

Common at Canastra

Maroon-bellied Parakeet *Pyrrhura frontalis*

Probably the most common parrot seen during the trip

Blue-winged Parrotlet *Forpus xanthopterygius*

A few sightings

Plain Parakeet *Brotogeris tirica*

Particularly common on the coast. Very vocal in our hotel garden at Ubatuba!

Yellow-chevroned Parakeet *Brotogeris chiriri*

Four seen at Canastra

Red-capped Parrot *Pionopsitta pileata*

Just a fly-by of a group of five birds at Intervalles PP

Yellow-faced Parrot *Alipiopsitta xanthops* **Near-threatened**

A rare bird in Canastra, but we had nice views of 2 birds.

Scaly-headed Parrot *Pionus maximiliani*

Common

Blue-bellied Parrot *Triclaria malachitacea* **Near-threatened**

First seen at Intervalles PP where one bird was flushed from a trail where he was feeding on seeds. Fortunately we found, later, four more birds at Folha Seca, where the species is rare.

CUCKOOS **CUCULIDAE**

Squirrel Cuckoo *Piaya cayana*

A few seen or heard

Smooth-billed Ani *Crotophaga ani*

Common

Guira Cuckoo *Guira guira*

One seen on our last day, on the way to the Belo Horizonte airport.... Usually a very common species!!

OWLS **STRIGIDAE**

Tropical Screech-Owl *Megascops choliba*

Two seen daily at their day roost at Intervalles PP.

Black-capped Screech-Owl *Megascops atricapilla*

Two seen very well close to our cabin at Intervalles PP!!

Tawny-browed Owl **Pulsatrix koeniswaldiana***

Heard only at Intervalles PP

Great Horned Owl **Bubo virginianus***

Heard in the garden of our hotel at Canastra

Rusty-barred Owl **Strix hylophila** **Near-threatened**

A few heard and one seen very well at Intervalles PP

Mottled Owl **Ciccaba virgata***

Two heard at Intervalles

Least Pygmy-Owl **Glaucidium minutissimum***

A non-cooperative bird at Intervalles PP

Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl **Glaucidium brasilianum***

Heard daily during our breakfast at Canastra

Burrowing Owl **Athene cunicularia**

Two seen downtown in Ubatuba, and also in Canastra

NIGHTJARS **CAPRIMULGIDAE**

Lesser Nighthawk **Chordeiles acutipennis**

One seen on its day roost in a city park in Ubatuba

Common Pauraque **Nyctidromus albicollis**

Seen during our night drives, at Intervalles and Ubatuba

Long-trained Nightjar **Macropsalis forcipata**

What a bird!!!!

A wonderful sighting of a male feeding on insects around a flowering eucalyptus tree, at Intervalles PP.

SWIFTS **APODIDAE**

White-collared Swift **Streptoprocne zonaris**

A few sightings

Gray-rumped Swift **Chaetura cinereiventris**

A few seen at Intervalles, but more common along the coast (Ubatuba, Perequê)

HUMMINGBIRDS **TROCHILIDAE**

Black Jacobin **Florisuga fusca**

At the Jonas garden and also at the Itatiaia feeders

Saw-billed Hermit **Ramphodon naevius** **Near-threatened**

A few seen “in the wild” around Ubatuba, but the best views were at the Jonas garden, where at least 8-10 individuals were visiting the feeders.

Dusky-throated Hermit **Phaethornis squalidus**
Seen daily at Intervalles

Reddish Hermit **Phaethornis ruber**
A few seen around Ubatuba

Planalto Hermit **Phaethornis pretrei**
One seen at Perequê, and also at Canastra and Caraça

Scale-throated Hermit **Phaethornis eurynome**
Good views at Intervalles and at the Ipê hotel feeders.

White-vented Violetear **Colibri serrirostris**
Common at Canastra

Horned Sunbeam **Heliactin bilophus**
Brief but spectacular views at Cipo

Hyacinth Visorbearer **Augastes scutatus** **Near-threatened**
Fantastic view of a male at Caraça, and another at Cipo.

Frilled Coquette **Lophornis magnificus**
Lucky us!! We had a female at the Jonas garden, the first one of the season!

Festive Coquette **Lophornis chalybeus**
Very common at the Jonas garden, with probably more than 20 birds!!!

Brazilian Ruby **Clytolaema rubricauda**
First a female seen in the forest at Intervalles, but latter we had excellent views of this stunning species at the Jonas garden and Ipê hotel feeders.

Stripe-breasted Starthroat **Helimaster squamosus**
Another stunning hummingbird!! After finding a male on the way to the Casca d'Anta, we found a house whose owner had a hummingbird feeder where at least 10 Starthroats were feeding!! Amazing!!

Glittering-bellied Emerald **Chlorostilbon aureoventris**
A few at Canastra and Cipo

Plovercrest **Stephanoxis lalandi**
A fantastic view of one in the upper part of the Itatiaia NP. This male really deserved to be in the top 10 list!!

Swallow-tailed Hummingbird **Eupetomena macroura**
Beautiful and very aggressive at the feeders!

Fork-tailed Woodnymph **Thalurania furcata**
A few seen at Canastra and Cipo

Violet-capped Woodnymph **Thalurania glaucopis**

Seen daily during the first part of the trip.

Sombre Hummingbird **Aphantochroa cirrochloris**
One in the Jonas garden

White-throated Hummingbird **Leucochloris albicollis**
One coming at the hotel Ipê feeders

Versicolored Emerald **Amazilia versicolor**
A few in the Jonas garden

Glittering-throated Emerald **Amazilia fimbriata**
Excellent views in the Jonas garden

Sapphire-spangled Emerald **Amazilia lactea**
Good views at Canastra and Caraça

White-chinned Sapphire **Hylocharis cyanus**
One in the Jonas garden

TROGONS TROGONIDAE

Green-backed Trogon **Trogon viridis**
Good views at Intervalles and around Ubatuba. A recent split from White-tailed Trogon
Trogon chionurus found from Panama to west Colombia and Ecuador.

Surucua Trogon **Trogon surrucura**
Seen daily at Intervalles

Black-throated Trogon **Trogon rufus**
Seen daily at Intervalles

KINGFISHERS ALCEDINIDAE

Ringed Kingfisher **Megaceryle torquata**
A few seen - mostly during our drives

Amazon Kingfisher **Chloroceryle amazona**
One seen on the way to Cipo

MOTMOTS MOMOTIDAE

Rufous-capped Motmot **Baryphthengus ruficapillus**
A good scope view at Intervalles

JACAMARS GALBULIDAE

Rufous-tailed Jacamar **Galbula ruficauda**
Excellent view at Perequê

PUFFBIRDS BUCCONIDAE

White-eared Puffbird **Nystalus chacuru**
Excellent views of three very cooperative birds at Canastra, and two more at Cipo.

Crescent-chested Puffbird *Malacoptila striata*

Four seen at Intervalles

Rusty-breasted Nunlet *Nonnula rubecula*

A pair seen very well at Intervalles

TOUCANS **RAMPHASTIDAE**

Toco Toucan *Ramphastos toco*

Common at Canastra. What a stunning bird!!

Channel-billed Toucan *Ramphastos vitellinus**

Heard only around Ubatuba

Red-breasted Toucan *Ramphastos dicolorus*

Good views at Intervalles and Itatiaia

Spot-billed Toucanet *Selenidera maculirostris*

Excellent scope view on a female at Ubatuba

Saffron Toucanet *Pteroglossus bailloni* **Near-threatened**

Bird of the trip for Philip!!! A team of four birds seen one morning at the Itatiaia feeders, giving us wonderful views and great pictures!!

WOODPECKERS **PICIDAE**

White-barred Piculet *Picumnus cirratus*

1-2 seen daily on the coast

Ochre-collared Piculet *Picumnus temminckii*

Seen daily at Intervalles

White Woodpecker *Melanerpes candidus*

Fantastic view of a group of 8 birds at Canastra.

Yellow-fronted Woodpecker *Melanerpes flavifrons*

Four seen at Intervalles and a hungry female coming to the feeders at Itatiaia

White-spotted Woodpecker *Veniliornis spilogaster*

Good views at Intervalles

Checkered Woodpecker *Veniliornis mixtus*

A very excited pair coming to the playback at Cipo

Little Woodpecker *Veniliornis passerines*

One seen in the Monastery garden at Caraça

White-browed Woodpecker *Piculus aurulentus* **Near-threatened**

Good views at Intervalles

Green-barred Woodpecker *Colaptes melanochloros*

One seen the last day at Cipo, coming when I was imitating the Pygmy-owl!

Campo Flicker **Colaptes campestris**
Common at Canastra

Blond-crested Woodpecker **Celeus flavescens**
A few sightings, with excellent views at Ubatuba and Perequê

Lineated Woodpecker **Dryocopus lineatus**
Heard at few times at Canastra

Robust Woodpecker **Campephilus robustus**
Excellent views of two birds at Intervalles when we were sitting quietly and waiting for an antthrush!

OVENBIRDS **FURNARIIDAE**
Tawny-throated Leaf Tosser **Sclerurus mexicanus**
Excellent view of one bird at Ubatuba

Rufous-breasted Leaf Tosser **Sclerurus scansor**
Contacted daily at Intervalles where we had very good views.

Rufous Hornero **Furnarius rufus**
Common

Araucaria Tit-Spinetail **Leptasthenura setaria** **Near-threatened**
A beautiful Tit-spinetail, seen very well at Itatiaia

Rufous-capped Spinetail **Synallaxis ruficapilla**
Contacted daily at Intervalles

Sooty-fronted Spinetail **Synallaxis frontalis**
A very cooperative bird seen very well at Cipo

Pale-breasted Spinetail **Synallaxis albescens***

Spix's Spinetail **Synallaxis spixi**
Common

Pallid Spinetail **Cranioleuca pallida**
Very well seen at Intervalles and Itatiaia

Yellow-chinned Spinetail **Certhiaxis cinnamomeus**
Two very interested by the tape at Cipo

Cipo Canastero **Asthenes luizae** **Vulnerable**
Not an easy one, but we had excellent views of this recently described species!!
This species has a small range, within which some of its habitat may be deteriorating in quality. Its range has recently been found to be larger than was previously thought and further information on its distribution and on the threats facing its habitat is likely to lead to downlisting to Near Threatened or even Least Concern.

Itatiaia Spinetail *Asthenes moreirae*

Another very local species, but quite easy to see when you are at the right place!

Rufous-fronted Thornbird *Phacellodomus rufifrons*

Good views at Canastra and Cipo

Orange-eyed Thornbird *Phacellodomus erythrophthalmus*

Three birds, at Caraça, seen building their huge hanging nest.

Orange-breasted Thornbird *Phacellodomus ferrugineigula*

A recent split of the preceding species, seen near Ubatuba.

Firewood-gatherer *Anumbius annumbi*

A few seen at Canastra. Appropriately named!!

White-browed Foliage-gleaner *Anabacerthia amaurotis* **Near-threatened**

Just one seen at Intervalles.

Buff-browed Foliage-gleaner *Syndactyla rufosuperciliata*

One seen at Intervalles

Ochre-breasted Foliage-gleaner *Philydor lichtensteini*

One following a mixed-species flock at Fazenda Angelim near Ubatuba

Black-capped Foliage-gleaner *Philydor atricapillus*

Two in a mixed-species flock at Perequê.

Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner *Philydor rufum*

Common at Intervalles

White-collared Foliage-gleaner *Anabazenops fuscus*

Contacted daily at Intervalles

Pale-browed Treehunter *Cichlocolaptes leucophrus*

A singing bird seen very well at Intervalles.

White-eyed Foliage-gleaner *Automolus leucophthalmus*

A few seen at Intervalles and around Ubatuba

Sharp-tailed Streamcreeper *Lochmias nematura*

A wonderful ovenbirds seen very well at Canastra

Sharp-billed Treehunter *Heliobletus contaminatus*

A good view at Itatiaia

Plain Xenops *Xenops minutes*

One following a mixed-species flock at Perequê

Streaked Xenops *Xenops rutilans*

A total of three seen at Intervalles

Plain-brown Woodcreeper **Dendrocincla fuliginosa**
Seen at Intervalles and Ubatuba

Olivaceous Woodcreeper **Sittasomus griseicapillus**
The most common woodcreeper seen during the trip. The SACC comment that *Sittasomus griseicapillus* almost certainly consists of multiple species (Hardy et al. 1991, Ridgely & Tudor 1994, Parker et al. 1995, Ridgely & Greenfield 2001, Hilty 2003), with at least five subspecies groups possibly deserving separate species status (Marantz et al. 2003). All the ones we saw belong to the *sylviellus* group.

White-throated Woodcreeper **Xiphocolaptes albicollis**
Seen or heard daily at Intervalles

Planalto Woodcreeper **Dendrocolaptes platyrostris**
One seen in the garden at Intervalles

Lesser Woodcreeper **Xiphorhynchus fuscus**
A singing bird came directly to the tape at Intervalles.

Scaled Woodcreeper **Lepidocolaptes squamatus**
Excellent views at Itatiaia

Scalloped Woodcreeper **Lepidocolaptes falcinellus**
Well seen at Intervalles. A recent split of the preceding species.

Black-billed Scythebill **Campylorhamphus falcularius**
Wonderful view on this impressive species at Intervalles!!

ANTBIRDS **THAMNOPHILIDAE**

Spot-backed Antshrike **Hypoedaleus guttatus**
One of the most beautiful antshrikes, seen well around Ubatuba.

Giant Antshrike **Batara cinerea**
A very excited bird at Intervalles, where we heard a few more

Large-tailed Antshrike **Mackenziaena leachii***
Too bad... heard only at Intervalles and Caraça. One bird came quite close, but never came into the open.

Tufted Antshrike **Mackenziaena severa**
Excellent views at Intervalles

White-bearded Antshrike **Biatas nigropectus** **Vulnerable**
What a superb bird!!!! And a lifer for Fabrice!
A total dependence on one or few species of bamboo whose reproduction is followed by massive die-off events, coupled with a substantial reduction in suitable habitat, suggests that this species' current population is small, fragmented and rapidly declining. It

consequently qualifies as Vulnerable. The world population is estimated to 2500-10.000 individuals.

Rufous-winged Antshrike *Thamnophilus torquatus*

One seen at Canastra and one more heard

Chestnut-backed Antshrike *Thamnophilus palliatus*

Excellent views at Perequê

Variable Antshrike *Thamnophilus caerulescens*

Common at Intervalles

Spot-breasted Antwreos *Dysithamnus stictothorax* **Near-threatened**

Common at Intervalles and along the coast

Plain Antwreos *Dysithamnus mentalis*

Common during the first part of our trip.

Rufous-backed Antwreos *Dysithamnus xanthopterus*

Two seen very well at the upper part of the Itatiaia NP

Star-throated Antwrens *Myrmotherula gularis*

Seen daily at Intervalles, and also contacted frequently along the coast.

Unicolored Antwrens *Myrmotherula unicolor* **Near-threatened**

Two seen in a mixed-species flock at Ubatuba

Black-capped Antwrens *Herpsilochmus atricapillus*

Excellent views at Caraça

Rufous-winged Antwrens *Herpsilochmus rufimarginatus*

Fairly common around Ubatuba

Black-hooded Antwrens *Formicivora erythronotos* **Endangered**

A very endangered species recently rediscovered at Perequê, where we had good views on a pair. The male is absolutely stunning!!

This species is listed as Endangered because it has a very small and severely fragmented range that is likely to be declining rapidly as a result of habitat loss. It is known from just seven sites. The total population is estimated between 1000-2500 individuals.

Serra Antwrens *Formicivora serrana*

Good views at Caraça

Ferruginous Antbird *Drymophila ferruginea*

A common one, especially around Ubatuba

Bertoni's Antbird *Drymophila rubricollis*

Good views at Intervalles

Rufous-tailed Antbird *Drymophila genei* **Near-threatened**

Only found at high elevation, we had good views of this one at the upper part of Itatiaia

Ochre-rumped Antbird **Drymophila ochropyga** **Near-threatened**
Seen well at Itatiaia

Dusky-tailed Antbird **Drymophila malura**
Good views at Intervalles

Scaled Antbird **Drymophila squamata**
Perhaps the most stunning of the 6 species of Drymophila antbirds we saw during that trip!! It is common around Ubatuba.

Streak-capped Antwren **Terenura maculata**
Found in mixed-species flocks, at Intervalles and Ubatuba

White-shouldered Fire-eye **Pyriglena leucoptera**
Contacted daily at Intervalles where we had excellent views!!

Squamate Antbird **Myrmeciza squamosa**
It is common at Intervalles. Wonderful bird!!

ANTTHRUSHES FORMICARIIDAE

Rufous-capped Antthrush **Formicarius colma**
Contacted by voice at many places, and one was seen very well at Intervalles!!

Short-tailed Antthrush **Chamaeza campanisona**
Just seen on a trail at Intervalles: we followed it for about 5 minutes and got very close to the bird, fantastic!! Several more heard.

Such's Antthrush **Chamaeza meruloides**
A few heard and one seen on the Tres Picos trail at Itatiaia

Rufous-tailed Antthrush **Chamaeza ruficauda**
Stunning view of one bird at Itatiaia, where two more were heard.

ANTPITTAS GRALLARIIDAE

Variagated Antpitta **Grallaria varia***
A few heard at Intervalles, where we tried frequently and persistently to attract one, but we never had even a glimpse...

GNATEATERS CONOPOPHAGIDAE

Rufous Gnatcatcher **Conopophaga lineata**
Seen daily at Intervalles

Black-cheeked Gnatcatcher **Conopophaga melanops**
Excellent view at Intervalles, and also heard at Ubatuba

TAPACULOS RHINOCRYPTIDAE

Spotted Bamboowren **Psilorhamphus guttatus** **Near-threatened**
One seen very well at Ubatuba... just above us at 5 meters in a tree!!!

Slaty Bristlefront *Merulaxis ater* **Near-threatened**

Excellent view of this particular tapaculo, at Ubatuba.

White-breasted Tapaculo *Eleoscytalopus* **Near-threatened**

A skulker... brief views at Intervalles.

Mouse-colored Tapaculo *Scytalopus speluncae*

One seen very well without the use of the tape, and few more heard at Intervalles and Itatiaia.

Brasilia Tapaculo *Scytalopus novacapitalis* **Near-threatened**

Fantastic view on this one at Canastra: he stayed perched in the open for at least a minute!!

CRESCENTCHESTS

MELANOPAREIIDAE

Collared Crescentchest *Melanopareia torquata*

Several heard at Canastra but none close enough to be seen. We finally had a good view near Belo Horizonte, after a short detour to a place known by Fred!

TYRANT-FLYCATCHERS

TYRANNIDAE

Rough-legged Tyrannulet *Phyllomyias burmeisteri**

Heard at Itatiaia

Greenish Tyrannulet *Phyllomyias virescens*

Two following a mixed-species flock at Intervalles

Planalto Tyrannulet *Phyllomyias fasciatus*

A few seen here and there

Gray-capped Tyrannulet *Phyllomyias griseocapilla* **Near-threatened**

Excellent views at Intervalles and Itatiaia

Small-billed Elaenia *Elaenia parvirostris*

Seen at Canastra and Cipo

Olivaceous Elaenia *Elaenia mesoleuca*

At Intervalles and Itatiaia

Plain-crested Elaenia *Elaenia cristata*

Very common at Cipo

Lesser Elaenia *Elaenia chiriquensis*

Another stunning Elaenia, seen at Canastra

Highland Elaenia *Elaenia obscura*

Seen well in the monastery garden at Caraça.

Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet *Camptostoma obsoletum*

Often one of the first to come when somebody whistled the pygmy-owl call!

Sooty Tyrannulet *Serpophaga nigricans*

Very good views at Canastra!

White-crested Tyrannulet *Serpophaga subcristata*

One seen at Intervalles in the shrubs around our cabin, and another one in a similar habitat at Canastra

Yellow Tyrannulet *Capsiempis flaveola*

Seen in bamboo, his preferred habitat, at Canastra

Gray-backed Tachuri *Polystictus superciliaris* **Near-threatened**

What a lovely flycatcher!!!

Three very cooperative ones at Canastra!

Mottle-cheeked Tyrannulet *Phylloscartes ventralis*

Seen at Itatiaia and Cipo.

São Paulo Tyrannulet *Phylloscartes paulista* **Near-threatened**

Excellent views on this one at Intervalles and Ubatuba

Oustalet's Tyrannulet *Phylloscartes oustaleti* **Near-threatened**

Seen daily at Intervalles, in mixed-species flocks including the previous species.

Serra do Mar Tyrannulet *Phylloscartes difficilis* **Near-threatened**

A beautiful tyrannulet, only seen at Itatiaia

Bay-ringed Tyrannulet *Phylloscartes sylviolus* **Near-threatened**

Seen daily at Intervalles, probably present in every mixed-species flock.

Gray-hooded Flycatcher *Mionectes rufiventris*

Common and seen daily at Intervalles and around Ubatuba

Sepia-capped Flycatcher *Leptopogon amaurocephalus*

Common; seen at Intervalles, Ubatuba and Caraça

Sharp-tailed Tyrant *Culicivora caudacuta* **Vulnerable**

Wonderful little flycatcher, specialized to the grassland habitat, seen well at Canastra. This species qualifies as Vulnerable because it appears to be undergoing a rapid decline owing to continuing habitat degradation and destruction.

Eared Pygmy-Tyrant *Myiornis auricularis*

A superb Pygmy-tyrant seen well at Intervalles.

Drab-breasted Pygmy-Tyrant *Hemitriccus diops*

Seen along the Tres Picos trail at Intervalles.

Brown-breasted Pygmy-Tyrant *Hemitriccus obsoletus*

A restricted-range species - seen well at Intervalles.

Eye-ringed Tody-Tyrant **Hemitriccus orbitatus*** **Near-threatened**
Heard only at Ubatuba

Hangnest Tody-Tyrant **Hemitriccus nidipendulus**
Good views at Intervalles.

Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant **Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer***
Heard at Canastra

Fork-tailed Pygmy-Tyrant **Hemitriccus furcatus** **Vulnerable**
One of the most beautiful Pygmy-tyrants, well seen at Perequê.
This species has a small and severely fragmented population and range, which are declining rapidly as a result of ongoing habitat loss. It consequently qualifies as Vulnerable.

Ochre-faced Tody-Flycatcher **Poecilatriccus plumbeiceps**
Good views at Intervalles

Gray-headed Tody-Flycatcher **Todirostrum poliocephalum**
A few seen at Intervalles and Perequê.

Common Tody-Flycatcher **Todirostrum cinereum**
One seen at Ubatuba

Yellow-olive Flycatcher **Tolmomyias sulphurens**
Very common vocally, and a few seen.

White-throated Spadebill **Platyrinchus mystaceus**
Seen daily at Intervalles.

Bran-colored Flycatcher **Myiophobus fasciatus**
One seen at Canastra.

Sulphur-rumped Flycatcher **Myiobius barbatus**
Two following a mixed-species flock at Perequê, and another at Caraça.

Cliff Flycatcher **Hirundinea ferruginea**
Regular sightings during the trip

Tropical Pewee **Contopus cinereus**
Seen daily along the coast

Blue-billed Black-Tyrant **Knipolegus cyanirostris**
One seen at Intervalles, and two at Itatiaia

Crested Black-Tyrant **Knipolegus lophotes**
A common bird at Canastra and Cipo.

Velvety Black-Tyrant **Knipolegus nigerrimus**
Good views at Itatiaia and at Caraça.

Yellow-browed Tyrant **Satrapa icterophrys**
Only one seen at Canastra

Gray Monjita **Xolmis cinereus**
One seen on the way to Casca d'Anta at Canastra

White-rumped Monjita **Xolmis velatus**
Really common at Canastra, with maybe 20 birds seen daily.

Streamer-tailed Tyrant **Gubernetes yetapa**
What a display!!!!
The few seen at Canastra gave us an amazing show, displaying together on the top of a tree!!

Shear-tailed Gray Tyrant **Muscipipra vetula**
A grey flycatcher in a tailcoat!! Seen at Intervalles and Itatiaia.

Masked Water-Tyrant **Fluvicola nengeta**
Black and white birds like this one are really wonderful!! Seen many times.

Cock-tailed Tyrant **Alectrurus tricolor** **Vulnerable**
A lovely flycatcher easily seen at Canastra.
Extensive and continuing habitat loss throughout the range of this species has presumably resulted in a rapid population decline. It consequently qualifies as Vulnerable.

Long-tailed Tyrant **Colonia colonus**
Another nice bird, regularly seen all along the trip.

Cattle Tyrant **Machetornis rixosa**
A few sightings

Rusty-margined Flycatcher **Myiozetetes cayanensis**
Five near the pond at the Caraça Monastery.

Social Flycatcher **Myiozetetes similis**
A few

Great Kiskadee **Pitangus sulphuratus**
Common

Three-striped Flycatcher **Conopias trivirgatus**
Excellent view of this one at Intervalles PP.

Boat-billed Flycatcher **Megarynchus pitangua**
Calling frequently, and seen regularly.

Tropical Kingbird **Tyrannus melancholicus**
A few.

Sirystes **Sirystes sibilator**
Seen daily at Intervalles

Short-crested Flycatcher **Myiarchus ferox**
A few seen

Gray-hooded Attila **Attila rufus**
A wonderful bird - seen well at Intervalles.

SCHARPBILL **OXYRUNCIDAE**

Sharpbill **Oxyruncus cristatus**
Common at Intervalles. And a lifer for Fabrice (finally!!).

COTINGAS **COTINGIDAE**

Hooded Berryeater **Carpornis cucullata** **Near-threatened**
Very close views at Intervalles, and what a lovely song!!

Red-ruffed Fruitcrow **Pyroderus scutatus**
A very quiet afternoon at Intervalles, but a Fruitcrow just gave us a nice show and made our day!

Cinnamon-vented Piha **Lipaugus lanioides** **Near-threatened**
Seen daily at Intervalles

Black-and-gold Cotinga **Tijuca atra** **Near-threatened**
What a song!!! And beautiful bird seen well at the upper part of the Itatiaia NP!!

Bare-throated Bellbird **Procnias nudicollis** **Vulnerable**
Seen along the road on the way to Parati!

MANAKINS **PIPRIDAE**

Serra do Mar Tyrant-Manakin **Neopelma chrysolophum**
Good views at Intervalles and Itatiaia

Pin-tailed Manakin **Ilicura militaris**
An amazing bird, seen very well at Intervalles.

White-bearded Manakin **Manacus manacus**
Fairly common around Ubatuba and Perequê

Helmeted Manakin **Antilophia galeata**
If Elvis Presley was a Manakin, he would be that one!!! Wonderful!!

Swallow-tailed Manakin **Chiroxiphia caudata**
The common Manakin of the trip, contacted in almost every patch of forest visited.

TITYRAS **TITYRIDAE**

Greenish Schiffornis **Schiffornis virescens**
Contacted daily at Intervalles, where we had very good views.

Buff-throated Purpleuft *Iodopleura pipra* **Near-threatened**

A very restricted range species, seen very well at Ubatuba!!

Chestnut-crowned Becard *Pachyramphus castaneus*

Common at Intervalles.

Black-capped Becard *Pachyramphus marginatus*

Two following a mixed-species flock at Fazenda Angelim.

INCERTAE SEDIS

Swallow-tailed Cotinga *Phibalura flavirostris* **Near-threatened**

A wonderful surprise at Caraça, where we found a group of 8 birds feeding in a fruiting tree!!! One of the best birds of the trip, that we were not really supposed to see in May (easier from October to February).

Wing-barred Piprites *Piprites chloris*

Contacted daily at Intervalles.

Black-capped Piprites *Piprites pileata* **Vulnerable**

A wonderful bird seen in the upper part of the Itatiaia NP.

This species is classified as Vulnerable because the extent of forest loss indicates that its apparently small population is declining. The world population is only estimated between 2500 and 10.000 individuals.

VIREOS VIREONIDAE

Rufous-browed Peppershrike *Cyclarhis gujanensis*

Common

Red-eyed Vireo *Vireo olivaceus*

Just a few seen along the coast

Rufous-crowned Greenlet *Hylophilus poicilotis*

Common in Intervalles and the upper part of Itatiaia NP.

JAYS CORVIDAE

Curl-crested Jay *Cyanocorax cristatellus*

A few groups seen at Canastra

SWALLOWS

HIRUNDINIDAE

Blue-and-white Swallow *Pygochelidon cyanoleuca*

Common

Tawny-headed Swallow *Alopochelidon fucata*

Five seen at Canastra

Southern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*

A few

Brown-chested Martin *Progne tapera*

A few

White-rumped Swallow *Tachycineta leucorrhoa*

Just two, seen too briefly at Canastra

WRENS **TROGLODYTIDAE**

House Wren *Troglodytes aedon*

Sedge Wren *Cistothorus platensis*

Two seen at Canastra

Long-billed Gnatwren *Ramphocaenus melanurus*

Excellent views of a singing bird at Intervalles.

DONACOBIOUS **DONACOBIIDAE**

Black-capped Donacobius *Donacobius atricapilla*

Nice view of two birds on the way to Casca d'Anta at Canastra.

THRUSHES **TURDIDAE**

Yellow-legged Thrush *Turdus flavipes*

One at Intervalles and another one at Itatiaia

Pale-breasted Thrush *Turdus leucomelas*

At Canastra and Cipo

Rufous-bellied Thrush *Turdus rufiventris*

Very common

Creamy-bellied Thrush *Turdus amaurochalinus*

A few at Cipo

White-necked Thrush *Turdus albicollis*

A few seen daily at Intervalles.

MOCKINGBIRDS **MIMIDAE**

Chalk-browed Mockingbird *Mimus saturninus*

Common

PIPITS **MOTACILLIDAE**

Yellowish Pipit *Anthus lutescens*

One only at Canastra

Hellmayr's Pipit *Anthus hellmayri*

One at Cipo.

TANAGERS **THRAUPIDAE**

Brown Tanager *Orchesticus abeillei* **Near-threatened**

Seen daily at Intervalles

Cinnamon Tanager *Schistochlamys ruficapillus*

Good views at Canastra and Cipo

Magpie Tanager **Cissopis leverianus**

A few sightings at Intervalles and Itatiaia

White-banded Tanager **Neothraupis fasciata** **Near-threatened**

Should be called Shrike Tanager!! Good views at Canastra.

Olive-green Tanager **Orthogonys chloricterus**

Several sightings at Intervalles, Ubatuba and Itatiaia where we saw them coming to the feeders.

White-rumped Tanager **Cypsnagra hirundinacea**

And this one should be called the Donacobius Tanager!! Surprising display and song for a tanager, fantastic!!

Black-goggled Tanager **Trichothraupis melanops**

Very common at Intervalles

Flame-crested Tanager **Tachyphonus cristatus**

10+ seen around Ubatuba

Ruby-crowned Tanager **Tachyphonus coronatus**

Common

Brazilian Tanager **Ramphocelus bresilius**

We first just saw a female at the Jonas garden, but fortunately found later a group including several males at Perequê!!

Sayaca Tanager **Thraupis sayaca**

Common at Canastra and Cipo

Azure-shouldered Tanager **Thraupis cyanoptera** **Near-threatened**

Common at Intervalles and along the coast

Golden-chevroned Tanager **Thraupis ornata**

Several good sightings during the trip

Palm Tanager **Thraupis palmarum**

Only seen around Cipo

Diademed Tanager **Stephanophorus diadematus**

A wonderful tanager seen well at Intervalles and Itatiaia

Fawn-breasted Tanager **Pipraeidea melanonota**

A total of three birds seen at Intervalles.

Black-backed Tanager **Tangara peruviana** **Vulnerable**

A nice surprise with a female found at Ubatuba.

This species has a complex distribution and undertakes some seasonal movements. Clarification of these will provide an improved understanding of its actual conservation status, but currently populations appear small and fragmented, and are probably declining rapidly in response to extensive habitat loss. It is consequently listed as Vulnerable.

Chestnut-backed Tanager *Tangara preciosa*

This one came to the feeders at Intervalles.

Burnished-buff Tanager *Tangara cayana*

Common in the cerrado habitat at Canastra and Cipo

Green-headed Tanager *Tangara seledon*

An extremely colorful species and common visitor to the feeders. At Jonas garden, more than 20 together where competing for a single banana!!

Red-necked Tanager *Tangara cyanocephala*

Common at Intervalles and Ubatuba, but they were not coming to the feeders.

Brassy-breasted Tanager *Tangara desmaresti*

A few nice flocks found at Intervalles, Itatiaia and Caraça

Gilt-edged Tanager *Tangara cyanoventris*

15+ in a large mixed-species flock at Caraça

Blue Dacnis *Dacnis cayana*

Common and visiting all feeders!

Green Honeycreeper *Chlorophanes spiza*

Fantastic views in the Jonas garden.

Rufous-headed Tanager *Hemithraupis ruficapilla*

A few sightings, especially around Ubatuba.

INCERTAE SEDIS

Bananaquit *Coereba flaveola*

Common

Black-throated Grosbeak *Saltator fuliginosus*

Four together at Intervalles

Green-winged Saltator *Saltator similis*

A few sightings, especially at Intervalles and Cipo

Black-throated Saltator *Saltator atricollis*

Fantastic saltator seen very well at Canastra and Cipo.

SPARROWS

EMBERIZIDAE

Rufous-collared Sparrow *Zonotrichia capensis*

Just a few...

Grassland Sparrow *Ammodramus humeralis*

A typical savanna species, common at Canastra

Blue Finch *Porphyrospiza caerulescens* Near-threatened

A young male seen at Cipo

Uniform Finch *Haplospiza unicolor*

A male seen while feeding on the ground at Intervalles

Bay-chested Warbling-Finch *Poospiza thoracica*

Two seen at the upper part of Itatiaia NP

Buff-throated Warbling-Finch *Poospiza lateralis*

Common at the upper part of the Itatiaia NP, with 20+ seen.

Saffron Finch *Sicalis flaveola*

Common at Canastra and Cipo

Wedge-tailed Grass-Finch *Emberizoides herbicola*

A few seen at Canastra and Cipo

Great Pampa-Finch *Embernagra platensis*

Just one seen at Canastra... a usually much more common species!!

Buff-throated Pampa-Finch *Embernagra longicauda* Near-threatened

Very well seen at Caraça

Blue-black Grassquit *Volatinia jacarina*

Common at Canastra

Plumbeous Seedeater *Sporophila plumbea*

10+ seen at Canastra

Capped Seedeater *Sporophila bouvreuil*

Just two seen at Canastra

Chestnut-bellied Seed-Finch *Oryzoborus angolensis*

A female seen at Intervalles

Pileated Finch *Coryphospingus pileatus*

One seen in our hotel garden at Cipo.

CARDINAL GROSBEAKS CARDINALIDAE

Hepatic Tanager *Piranga flava*

A pair seen at Cipo

Red-crowned Ant-Tanager *Habia rubica*

Nice views at Intervalles and Ubatuba.

WOOD-WARBLERS PARULIDAE

Tropical Parula *Parula pitiayumi*

Common at Intervalles and along the coast

Golden-crowned Warbler *Basileuterus culicivorus*

Very common the first part of the trip

White-bellied Warbler *Basileuterus hypoleucus*

Common at Caraça

White-browed Warbler *Basileuterus leucoblepharus*

Common at Intervalles

Riverbank Warbler *Phaeothlypis rivularis*

Seen daily at Intervalles and around Ubatuba

BLACKBIRDS ICTERIDAE

Crested Oropendola *Psarocolius decumanus*

Common

Red-rumped Cacique *Cacicus haemorrhous*

Common

Golden-winged Cacique *Cacicus chrysopterus*

Seen daily at Intervalles, where one was even coming to the feeders.

Chopi Blackbird *Gnorimopsar chopi*

A few seen at Canastra

Chestnut-capped Blackbird *Chrysomus ruficapillus*

A big flock of 200+ feeding together, somewhere on the way to Cipo.

Yellow-rumped Marshbird *Pseudoleistes guirahuro*

A few groups seen daily at Canastra and Cipo.

FINCHES FRINGILLIDAE

Hooded Siskin *Carduelis magellanica*

A few seen at Itatiaia and Canastra

Violaceous Euphonia *Euphonia violacea*

Common around Ubatuba. Close views at the Jonas feeders.

Green-throated Euphonia *Euphonia chalybea* **Near-threatened**

Seen daily at Intervalles

Chestnut-bellied Euphonia *Euphonia pectoralis*

The male is really a stunning bird!! Common around Ubatuba and Itatiaia, where they come to the feeders.

Blue-naped Chlorophonia *Chlorophonia cyanea*

Another stunning bird!! Very good views at Itatiaia and Caraça.

ESTRILDIDS ESTRILDIDAE

Common Waxbill Estrilda astrild

Feral population in Brazil.

OLD WORLD SPARROWS PASSERIDAE

House Sparrow Passer domesticus



We found a group of 8 Swallow-tailed Cotingas at Caraça!!!

THE MAMMAL LIST

Crab-eating Fox *Cerdocyon thous*

Three seen at Intervalles the first day of the trip.

Maned Wolf *Chrysocyon brachyurus* **Near-threatened**

The Caraça Monastery is well known for the wolves, coming every night to feed on pieces of chicken and fruits served by the priests. This kind of close relationship between the priests and wolves has developed over more than 30 years now. Up to five wolves have been seen together.

We saw one when doing our bird list on the terrace, and one more just after dinner. At midnight, when the bar closed, Fred and Fabrice saw 4 more finishing the chicken plate... or where they just 2??

We also found prints at Canastra where one also crossed the road by night, giving us just a glimpse on its tail...

Puma *Puma concolor*

Footprints at Intervalles

Pampa's Deer *Ozotoceros bezoarticus* **Near-threatened**

One male at Canastra

Tapir *Tapirus terrestris* **Vulnerable**

Prints at Intervalles, and two heard very close to our trail during a night walk at Caraça.

Giant Anteater *Myrmecophaga tridactyla* **Vulnerable**

Excellent views at Canastra, one of the best places to see this curious animal.

Giant Armadillo *Priodontes maximus* **Vulnerable**

Very fresh print at Canastra...

Tufted Capuchin *Cebus robustus* **Endangered**

Troupes seen at Intervalles and Itatiaia

This species is listed as Endangered due to a severe and ongoing population decline.

Over the past 3 generations (48 years), it is estimated that the species has undergone a 50% decline due primarily to habitat loss through conversion to agriculture.

Common Marmoset *Callithrix jacchus*

A group of 15+ individuals seen on the way to Perequê. They were using an electric wire to cross the road, avoiding the risk of collision with vehicles... a very smart monkey!!

These belong to a feral population introduced here several hundred years ago.

Black Tufted-eared Marmoset *Callithrix penicillata*

A very nice troupe with several young ones, seen at Cipo

Masked Titi Monkey *Callicebus nigrifrons* **Near-threatened**

Seen at Canastra and Caraça, where the loud calls of several groups were heard every morning.

Brazilian Squirrel **Sciurus aestuans**
Very tame at Itatiaia and Caraça.

Capybara **Hydrochaeris hydrochaeris**
A few between the highway and the Sao Paulo airport!!

And also a **Rattle Snake** *Crotalus durissus terrificus*, waiting for us on the road at Canastra. What a wonderful snake!!



Canastra is an excellent place to see Giant Anteater!!