

# Guyana - A Timeless Paradise

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Kaieteur Falls



Giant Anteater



Red-handed Tamarin



*Victoria amazonica* lilies

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## Day 1

**Saturday 20th October**

London – Barbados - Georgetown

Weather details: sunny and warm

Our flight with Virgin Atlantic to Barbados departed London on time, arriving during late afternoon. At the airport we were picked up by a local birder who took us to the Graeme Creswell reserve for a short birding session.

We had a great time looking at a typical Caribbean fauna that included such good birds as Antillean Crested Hummingbird, the endemic Barbados Bullfinch, localized Caribbean Martin and many Red-necked Pigeons feeding in the roadside trees.

We then took a short flight to Georgetown where our hosts were waiting for us and taken to our hotel for the night. Built in the 1840s and originally consisting of two houses, the Cara Lodge is one of the oldest wooden buildings in Georgetown.

## Day 2

**Sunday 21st October**

Georgetown-Arrowpoint

Weather details: humid, sunny and warm.

After breakfast and a quick look in the garden where we located our first common garden birds as Ruddy Ground Dove, Orange-winged Parrot and House Wren after which we were taken to the mighty Demarara River.

From here we took a small boat to Arrowpoint. Soon we were on the Kumuni River, a small black water river that took us through seasonally flooded forest and swamp forest through open savannah areas. En route we found a well camouflaged Common Potoo pretending to be a dead branch high in a tree, many Greater Yellow-headed Vultures, Green Ibis and our first Amazon Kingfishers.

The lodge itself is surrounded by a variety of habitats, including open grassy marsh and scattered stands of Moriche Palm and fairly tall sand belt forest.

After a great lunch we were taken inside the forest for a walk. Very quiet at first things improved once we got to a large clearing. Here we found several Black-necked Aracaris and Red-billed Toucan side by side, a perched Versicolored Emerald and many Red-bellied and Red-shouldered Macaws overhead.

After dinner we went for a spotlighting session on the Pokerero creek and were rewarded with great sightings of several Pauraque and Spectacled Cayman.

## Day 3

Monday 22nd October

### Arrowpoint

Weather details: sunny and warm

This morning we took the lodge canoes for a trip upriver, walking back to the lodge through the forest. Once we got hang of it (steering in the right direction), we found a good selection of birds along the rivers margin. Several Black-capped Donacobius, Striated Heron, a nice pair of perched Paradise Jacamar, Moriche Oriole and a single female Crimson Topaz.

We then left the canoes behind and walked back through the swamp forest. Large Blue Morpho Butterflies stole the show, while a small flock held several Cayenne Jays, Lineated Woodpecker and Violaceous Trogon.

Back at the Lodge we had a closer look at some of the bats that had take up residence in Caroline's room.

After lunch we had an interesting Casava preparation demonstration, interrupted by a large flock of Red-shouldered Macaws that decided to land in a nearby palm!

Late afternoon we took a boot trip downriver. Muscovy Ducks, several close Ringed Kingfisher, Pigeons and Macaws were added to the list. A fantastic dinner under the stars rounded off a beautiful day.

## Day 4

Tuesday 23rd October

### Arrowpoint – Georgetown -Shanklands

Weather details: overcast with sunny spells, rain in during late afternoon

A pre-breakfast trip took us upriver again to look for the rare and beautiful Crimson Topaz Hummingbird. We were not going to be disappointed as we soon found our query. Several male and female Crimson Topaz were lekking in a small tree ahead of us showing off their bright colours. White-necked Jacobins and several male Goldthroats were also lekking nearby.

It was then time to leave for Shanklands. A short stop was made to visit the Indian village of Santa Mission, a community of Arawak and Carib Indians, before continuing downstream only to find out that the road to Shanklands was covered in fallen trees.

An alternative route was worked out. After a stop for lunch in Georgetown and a bus ride to the Essequibo River we took another speedboat towards Shanklands where we arrived just after dark. We quickly settled in to our colonial style cottages on a large cliff set amidst a large garden and surrounded by dense forest.

## Day 5

Wednesday 24th October

### Shanklands

Weather details: sunny and warm

In the company of our local guide we explored the clearing of the lodge this morning and it proved to be very rewarding. Many birds were active. Orange-winged and the rare Red-fan Parrot feeding in a palm tree allowed fantastic scope views. Smart Red-handed Tamarin Monkeys and a pair of rare White-faced Saki Monkeys gave good views. The small marshy area nearby held a beautiful male Sunbittern showing off its butterfly-wings and our first Black Cayman. A colony of Yellow and Red-rumped Caciques were alerted a couple of times by a Laughing Falcon and Roadside Hawk.

After breakfast we took a walk in the nearby forest and found a flock holding White-tailed Trogon, Black Nunbird, several Woodcreepers and a nice male Golden-headed Manakin.

Late afternoon we walked along the Military road. Birding the sandy belt forest we were soon rewarded with great views of Yellow-green Grosbeak, Gray-breasted Sabrewing, Fulvous Shrike-tanager, Black-headed Parrot, Green Aracari and Slaty Antshrike.

## Day 6

Thursday 25th October

### Shanklands – Kaieteur Falls – Rockview - Surama

Weather details: sunny, overcast and thunderstorms during the afternoon

A bit of pre breakfast birding was done before taking the boat upriver to the airstrip at Baganara Island where we caught our flight Kaieteur Falls. After a flight over endless forest we finally landed on the table top of a tepuis - (or Tepuy) a table-top mountain (mesa) found only in the Guayana highlands of South America. From here we explored the area. Tank Bromeliads were everywhere but the Golden Frogs remained elusive.

We then stopped at the various viewpoints to admire the sheer drop of 822 feet (five times the height of Niagara Falls), over the mist covered boulders of the gorge. We found several flocks of Swifts over and in the gorge that included White-collared and White-chinned Swifts. Several Vultures and Macaws flew overhead and in the terminal building we found two Molossid Bats.

We then continued by plane to Annai and Rock View where we had lunch before going on to Amerindian community at Surama. After checking in and being shown to our basic accommodation the local guides took us for a walk through the savannah to nearby woodland. Here we found a well camouflaged Great Potoo, several Red and Green Macaws, Swallow-wing, Pied Puffbird and Grassland Sparrow.

## Day 7

Friday 26th October

### Surama

Weather details: hot, humid and sunny

After an early breakfast we went for a three mile hike through the rainforest to the Buro Buro River. We found tracks of the Giant Armadillo and then heard the strange call of the rare Capuchinbird in the distance. It took a while before we located these strange birds feeding in the canopy of some fruiting trees but in the end we all good views of one of the target birds of the trip.

We then went on a boat trip where we soon found a small party of Giant Otter that unfortunately did not stay around long enough for all to see. The roosting Long-nosed Bats under a tree over the river were seen by all as were a Green-tailed Jacamar, Black-spotted Barbet, Streaked and Slaty Antwren. A Basilisk or Jesus Christ Lizard was first seen perched on a log before “running” over the stream!

After a siesta during the heat of the day we decided to walk to the village to look at the school and church. Unfortunately the village was a bit further than anticipated so that we turned around early, bird watching on the way back to the lodge.

## Day 8

Saturday 27th October

### Surama – Canopy Walkway – Iwokrama

Weather details: sunny, hot and humid

Today we made a very early start to travel by road through the forest (in the dark) to visit the recently constructed canopy walkway deep in the Iwokrama Rainforest. The Walkway is a series of suspension bridges and observation decks of up to 30 metres (98 ft) in height and 154 metres (505 ft) in length. Using the observation decks we were soon looking at a procession of canopy-dwelling birds such as Dusky and Caica Parrot, Channel-billed Toucan, Spotted Tanager, Ruddy Pigeon and Spider Monkey.

After breakfast and admiring a tiny Hermit on its nest we drove to Iwokrama seeing an adult King Vulture en route. A short boat ride later found us at the Iwokrama International Centre for Rainforest Conservation and Development. Here we based ourselves at the research field station, which overlooks the black waters of the Essequibo River, deep in the heart of the forest.

During the afternoon we split into two groups and explored the different trails. We quickly found a well camouflaged Three-toed Sloth, a family of Howler Monkeys, and small bird flocks held several species of Woodcreeper and Antbirds.

After dinner we went for a spotlighting session seeing Ladder-tailed Nightjar, Black Caymen, Tree Boa and several Fishing Bats.

## Day 9

Sunday 28th October

### Iwokrama

Weather details: humid, sunny and hot

A boat trip around the island was planned for this morning and soon we found a nice sandbar with Pied and Collared Plover, Black Skimmer and Large-billed Tern side by side. A Capped Heron was watching us from the dense vegetation and several rare Black-collared Swallows were perched on the rocks or flying low over the river.

After breakfast we travelled once more by boat for about half an hour downstream to the foot of Turtle Mountain. The trail to Turtle Mountain winds its way through beautiful primary forest, the enormous trees towering above us. Screaming Pihás called loudly from their perches, and with a little effort, we located several birds belting out their song. We continued climbing to the top at an elevation of about 900 feet with a spectacular view of the forest canopy below. On the descent we found a pair of Blue-crowned Motmot but not much else.

Late afternoon, part of the group went back in the forest to have another look at the Sloth which was more or less in the same area as we left it yesterday. This was followed by a boat trip to the falls. Here we saw some old rock carvings, more swallows and macaws overhead.

## Day 10

Monday 29th October

### Iwokrama - Canopy Walkway - Rockview

Weather details: sunny, humid and hot

We left Iwokrama early this morning and paid another visit to the canopy walkway seeing a small flock of Black Currawong en route. Birds were keeping a low profile at the walkway with more or less same species seen here as the day before yesterday.

After breakfast we made another stop en route at the Cock of the Rock place. A walk through the forest ended at some caves where we quickly found several bats and after a little while finally a beautiful male Cock-of-the-Rock. We had fantastic looks at this orange ball of the trip for the next fifteen minutes until it flew off into the dense undergrowth. Very happy we continued to Rock View for lunch and a well deserved siesta.

In the afternoon an orientation tour of the Lodge grounds was followed by walk along the entrance road. Yellow-crowned Parrots came into roost and American Kestrel, Buff-breasted Tanager, Meadowlark, Buff-necked ibis and Yellow Oriole all past the revue.

## Day 11

Tuesday 30th October

### Rockview

Weather details: humid, sunny and hot

The morning was spent exploring the Panorama trail. Again birding was slow but still we found a snake, several tanagers and best of all White-bellied Antwren. Some then went for a Village tour.

During the afternoon we birded along the main road. A stop at a small lake was very rewarding with sightings of the beautifully coloured Spangled Cotinga, a perched Blue-tailed Emerald, Jabiru and White-tailed Kite flying overhead. We also saw Lineated and Crimson-crested Woodpecker perched in the same tree. A stop in the savannah quickly added many Fork-tailed Flycatchers, a pair of Burrowing Owl and a single Thick-knee. A thunderstorm rounded off a nice birding afternoon.

## Day 12

Wednesday 31st October

### Rockview - Karanambu

Weather details: sunny and hot

We birded the road towards Lethem this morning. Again birding was very successful with a good variety of birds and mammals seen. We quickly spotted a family of Howler Monkeys high in a tree allowing scope views, several perched White-tailed Hawk and a single young Great Black Hawk, a Pearl Kite near its nest and a Maguary Stork fishing in the marshes.

After lunch we departed by boat upriver for Karanambu. This is the home of Diane McTurk, widely known for her work in rehabilitating orphaned Giant River Otters to the wild.

We spend the whole afternoon slowly making our way upriver arriving after dark. En route we were entertained by a good selection of kingfishers and egrets, Anhinga, Muscovy Duck, a colony of Long-nosed Bat, Rufescent Tiger Heron, Brown Capuchin Monkey, Green Iguana and Osprey.

As the sun disappeared behind the horizon other wildlife came out. Best were several Boat-billed Herons, Fishing Bats, Least and Lesser Nighthawks and Band-tailed Nightjar.

## Day 13

Thursday 1st November

### Karanambu

Weather details: sunny and hot

A boat trip to Crane Lake this morning was worth the effort not only because it was blanketed by the enormous pads of the *Victoria amazonica* water lily, Guyana's national flower (many of which were flowering) but also because we had great looks at the rare Pygmy Kingfisher and Agami Heron. On the lake we found Capped Heron, Jacana, Purple Gallinule, Capybara, Black-crested Antshrike and White-flanked Antwren.

The afternoon was spent driving in the lodges rustic vehicles through the savannah and visiting some marshy areas. Purple Gallinule, a single Sungrebe, Black-collared Hawk and Yellow-billed Terns were all feeding in the ponds. After dark we went for a spotlighting session on and near the airstrip. Going back and forth several times we managed to get good views of Nacunda, Lesser and Least Nighthawks and White-tailed Nightjar.

## Day 14

Friday 2nd November

### Karanambu

Weather details: sunny and hot

This morning we made an early start to reach an area of rolling grasslands, which in the past has been the home to a population of Giant Anteaters. It did not take long before one of the "Guacho's" located one and soon we were all looking at this six-foot long animal walking across the savannah. A fantastic encounter and certainly the mammal highlight of the trip.

We then birded a small marshy area and quickly found our other targets. A large Bicolored Wren, Bearded Tachuri and Yellow-chinned Spinetail. After breakfast some went for a short walk along the river trail. Late afternoon we explored the maze of lagoons near Sumaco searching for Giant Otters. They remained elusive but we spent a great hour looking at Guianan Howler, Squirrel and Capuchin Monkeys feeding and jumping from tree to tree. These lagoons are also home to the legendary Arapaima, the largest of all scaled freshwater fish, and we briefly saw at least two jumping out of the water.

A beautiful sunset with the whole set of Nightjars flying overhead rounded off another successful afternoon.

## Day 15

Saturday 3rd November

### Karanambu – Georgetown

Weather details: sunny and hot

Buffalo Lake, a lake crammed with Herons and Egrets was the reason of our visit this morning. Among the *Victorica amazonica* we found a good selection of birds. A distant group of Giant Otters was a good start soon followed by Agami Heron and Pygmy Kingfisher and a lake full of egrets and herons.

Late afternoon we flew back to Georgetown. After settling into our hotel, Le Meridien Pegasus, our palatial accommodation for the night, we made a city tour. We had time to enjoy the colonial architecture, which has survived since the colonial days of the Dutch, French and British. We marvelled at Saint George's Cathedral, one of the worlds tallest freestanding wooden buildings, built in 1892 with a roof made of English oak and sides of Greenheart and paid a visit to the famous Stabroek Market.

We also made a stop at the seafront (Brown Pelican, Magnificent Frigatebird) and a short visit to the Botanical Gardens. Here we found a large roost of Cattle Egret and a few Tricolored Heron, Snail Kites and feeding Manatees.

## Day 16

Sunday 4th November

### Georgetown – Barbados

Weather details: sunny and warm!

During the morning we visited the nearby Botanic Gardens where a range of habitats support a wealth of birdlife. We birded along the trails until Brian suddenly spotted a small bird high in a dead tree. It was the rare and elusive Blood-coloured Woodpecker, an astonishingly colourful *Veniliornis* found only in the Guianas. We spend the next fifteen minutes looking at not one but three of these rare woodpeckers!

We then transferred to the airport in time to check in for our flight to Barbados with connection to London.

## Day 17

Monday 5th November

### Barbados-London

Arriving safely at Gatwick we collected our luggage and said our farewells.



## Species Lists

### Birds

Great Tinamou , *Tinamus major*  
 Brown Pelican , *Pelecanus occidentalis*  
 Anhinga , *Anhinga anhinga*  
 Capped Heron , *Pilherodius pileatus*  
 Great Egret , *Ardea alba*  
 Little Blue Heron , *Egretta caerulea*  
 Cattle Egret , *Bubulcus ibis*  
 Agami Heron , *Agamia agami*  
 Boat-billed Heron , *Cochlearius cochlearius*  
 Wood Stork , *Mycteria americana*  
 Jabiru , *Jabiru mycteria*  
 Green Ibis , *Mesembrinibis cayennensis*  
 Turkey Vulture , *Cathartes aura*  
 Greater Yellow-headed Vulture , *Cathartes melambrotus*  
 King Vulture , *Sarcorampus papa*  
 Hook-billed Kite , *Chondrohierax uncinatus*  
 White-tailed Kite , *Elanus leucurus*  
 Double-toothed Kite , *Harpagus bidentatus*  
 Black-faced Hawk , *Leucopternis melanops*  
 Common Black-hawk , *Buteogallus anthracinus*  
 Savanna Hawk , *Buteogallus meridionalis*  
 Roadside Hawk , *Buteo magnirostris*  
 Zone-tailed Hawk , *Buteo albonotatus*  
 Crested Caracara , *Caracara cheriway*  
 Laughing Falcon , *Herpetotheres cachinnans*  
 American Kestrel , *Falco sparverius*  
 Bat Falcon , *Falco rufigularis*  
 Little Chachalaca , *Ortalis motmot*  
 Spix's Guan , *Penelope jacquacu*  
 Crested Bobwhite , *Colinus cristatus*  
 American Purple Gallinule , *Porphyrio martinica*  
 Sunbittern , *Eurypyga helias*  
 Double-striped Thick-knee , *Burhinus bistriatus*  
 Southern Lapwing , *Vanellus chilensis*  
 Collared Plover , *Charadrius collaris*  
 Lesser Yellowlegs , *Tringa flavipes*  
 Spotted Sandpiper , *Actitis macularia*  
 Yellow-billed Tern , *Sterna superciliosa*  
 Black Skimmer , *Rynchops niger*  
 Pale-vented Pigeon , *Patagioenas cayennensis*  
 Ruddy Pigeon , *Patagioenas subvinacea*  
 Undulated Tinamou , *Crypturellus undulatus*  
 Neotropic Cormorant , *Phalacrocorax brasilianus*  
 Magnificent Frigatebird , *Fregata magnificens*  
 Cocoi Heron , *Ardea cocoi*  
 Tricoloured Heron , *Egretta tricolor*  
 Snowy Egret , *Egretta thula*  
 Green Heron , *Butorides virescens*  
 Black-crowned Night Heron , *Nycticorax nycticorax*  
 Rufescent Tiger Heron , *Tigrisoma lineatum*  
 Maguari Stork , *Ciconia maguari*  
 Buff-necked Ibis , *Theristicus caudatus*  
 Muscovy Duck , *Cairina moschata*  
 Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture , *Cathartes burrovianus*  
 Black Vulture , *Coragyps atratus*  
 Osprey , *Pandion haliaetus*  
 Pearl Kite , *Gampsonyx swainsonii*  
 Snail Kite , *Rostrhamus sociabilis*  
 Crane Hawk , *Geranospiza caerulescens*  
 White Hawk , *Leucopternis albicollis*  
 Great Black-hawk , *Buteogallus urubitinga*  
 Black-collared Hawk , *Busarellus nigricollis*  
 White-tailed Hawk , *Buteo albicaudatus*  
 Black Caracara , *Daptrius ater*  
 Yellow-headed Caracara , *Milvago chimachima*  
 Slaty-backed Forest-falcon , *Micrastur mirandollei*  
 Aplomado Falcon , *Falco femoralis*  
 Peregrine Falcon , *Falco peregrinus*  
 Marail Guan , *Penelope marail*  
 Black Curassow , *Crax alector*  
 Grey-necked Wood-rail , *Aramides cajanea*  
 Sungrebe , *Heliornis fulica*  
 Wattled Jacana , *Jacana jacana*  
 Pied Lapwing , *Vanellus cayanus*  
 Grey Plover , *Pluvialis squatarola*  
 Wilson's Snipe , *Gallinago delicata*  
 Solitary Sandpiper , *Tringa solitaria*  
 Laughing Gull , *Larus atricilla*  
 Large-billed Tern , *Phaetusa simplex*  
 Scaled Pigeon , *Patagioenas speciosa*  
 Plumbeous Pigeon , *Patagioenas plumbea*  
 Eared Dove , *Zenaida auriculata*

Common Ground Dove , <i>Columbina passerina</i>	Plain-breasted Ground Dove , <i>Columbina minuta</i>
Ruddy Ground Dove , <i>Columbina talpacoti</i>	White-tipped Dove , <i>Leptotila verreauxi</i>
Grey-fronted Dove , <i>Leptotila rufaxilla</i>	Blue-and-yellow Macaw , <i>Ara ararauna</i>
Scarlet Macaw , <i>Ara macao</i>	Red-and-green Macaw , <i>Ara chloropterus</i>
Red-bellied Macaw , <i>Orthopsittaca manilata</i>	Red-shouldered Macaw , <i>Diopsittaca nobilis</i>
Brown-throated Parakeet , <i>Aratinga pertinax</i>	Green-rumped Parrotlet , <i>Forpus passerinus</i>
Golden-winged Parakeet , <i>Brotogeris chrysopterus</i>	Black-headed Parrot , <i>Pionites melanocephalus</i>
Caica Parrot , <i>Pionopsitta caica</i>	Blue-headed Parrot , <i>Pionus menstruus</i>
Dusky Parrot , <i>Pionus fuscus</i>	Yellow-crowned Parrot , <i>Amazona ochrocephala</i>
Orange-winged Parrot , <i>Amazona amazonica</i>	Mealy Parrot , <i>Amazona farinosa</i>
Red-fan Parrot , <i>Deroptryus accipitrinus</i>	Squirrel Cuckoo , <i>Piaya cayana</i>
Black-bellied Cuckoo , <i>Piaya melanogaster</i>	Greater Ani , <i>Crotophaga major</i>
Smooth-billed Ani , <i>Crotophaga ani</i>	Tropical Screech Owl , <i>Megascops choliba</i>
Burrowing Owl , <i>Athene cunicularia</i>	Great Potoo , <i>Nyctibius grandis</i>
Common Potoo , <i>Nyctibius griseus</i>	Least Nighthawk , <i>Chordeiles pusillus</i>
Lesser Nighthawk , <i>Chordeiles acutipennis</i>	Common Nighthawk , <i>Chordeiles minor</i>
Band-tailed Nighthawk , <i>Nyctiprogne leucopyga</i>	Nacunda Nighthawk , <i>Podager nacunda</i>
Pauraque , <i>Nyctidromus albicollis</i>	White-tailed Nightjar , <i>Caprimulgus cayennensis</i>
Ladder-tailed Nightjar , <i>Hydropsalis climacocerca</i>	White-chinned Swift , <i>Cypseloides cryptus</i>
White-collared Swift , <i>Streptoprocne zonaris</i>	Grey-rumped Swift , <i>Chaetura cinereiventris</i>
Short-tailed Swift , <i>Chaetura brachyura</i>	White-tipped Swift , <i>Aeronautes montivagus</i>
Fork-tailed Palm-swift , <i>Tachornis squamata</i>	Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift , <i>Panyptila cayennensis</i>
Rufous-breasted Hermit , <i>Glaucis hirsuta</i>	Pale-tailed Barbthroat , <i>Threnetes leucurus leucurus</i>
Eastern Long-tailed Hermit , <i>Phaethornis superciliosus</i>	Streak-throated Hermit , <i>Phaethornis rufurumii</i>
Reddish Hermit , <i>Phaethornis ruber</i>	Grey-breasted Sabrewing , <i>Campylopterus largipennis</i>
White-necked Jacobin , <i>Florisuga mellivora</i>	Black-throated Mango , <i>Anthracothorax nigricollis</i>
Crimson Topaz , <i>Topaza pella</i>	Blue-tailed Emerald , <i>Chlorostilbon mellisugus</i>
Fork-tailed Woodnymph , <i>Thalurania furcata</i>	White-chinned Sapphire , <i>Hylocharis cyanus</i>
White-tailed Goldenthrout , <i>Polytmus guainumbi</i>	Green-tailed Goldenthrout , <i>Polytmus theresiae</i>
White-chested Emerald , <i>Amazilia brevirostris</i>	Glittering-throated Emerald , <i>Amazilia fimbriata</i>
Black-eared Fairy , <i>Heliophryx aurita</i>	White-tailed Trogon , <i>Trogon viridis</i>
Violaceous Trogon , <i>Trogon violaceus</i>	American Pygmy Kingfisher , <i>Chloroceryle aenea</i>
Green-and-rufous Kingfisher , <i>Chloroceryle inda</i>	Green Kingfisher , <i>Chloroceryle americana</i>
Amazon Kingfisher , <i>Chloroceryle amazona</i>	Ringed Kingfisher , <i>Megaceryle torquata</i>
Blue-diademed Motmot , <i>Momotus momota momota</i>	Green-tailed Jacamar , <i>Galbula galbula</i>
Paradise Jacamar , <i>Galbula dea</i>	Pied Puffbird , <i>Notharchus tectus</i>
Spotted Puffbird , <i>Bucco tamatia</i>	Black Nunbird , <i>Monasa atra</i>
Swallow-winged Puffbird , <i>Chelidoptera tenebrosa</i>	Black-spotted Barbet , <i>Capito niger</i>
Green Aracari , <i>Pteroglossus viridis</i>	Black-necked Aracari , <i>Pteroglossus aracari</i>
Channel-billed Toucan , <i>Ramphastos vitellinus</i>	Red-billed Toucan , <i>Ramphastos tucanus tucanus</i>
Yellow-tufted Woodpecker , <i>Melanerpes cruentatus</i>	Blood-coloured Woodpecker , <i>Veniliornis sanguineus</i>
Chestnut Woodpecker , <i>Ceelus elegans</i>	Cream-coloured Woodpecker , <i>Ceelus flavus</i>
Lineated Woodpecker , <i>Dryocopus lineatus</i>	Crimson-crested Woodpecker , <i>Campephilus melanoleucos</i>
Pale-legged Hornero , <i>Furnarius leucopus</i>	Yellow-chinned Spinetail , <i>Certhiaxis cinnamomeus</i>
Plain Xenops , <i>Xenops minutus</i>	Wedge-billed Woodcreeper , <i>Glyphorhynchus spirurus</i>

Chestnut-rumped Woodcreeper , *Xiphorhynchus pardalotus*  
 Straight-billed Woodcreeper , *Dendroplex picus*  
 Black-crested Antshrike , *Sakesphorus canadensis*  
 Northern Slaty Antshrike , *Thamnophilus punctatus*  
 Brown-bellied Antwren , *Myrmotherula gutturalis*  
 Todd's Antwren , *Herpsilochmus stictocephalus*  
 Grey Antbird , *Cercomacra cinerascens*  
 Warbling Antbird , *Hypocnemis cantator*  
 White-bellied Antbird , *Myrmeciza longipes*  
 White-plumed Antbird , *Pithys albifrons*  
 Screaming Piha , *Lipaugus vociferans*  
 Purple-throated Fruitcrow , *Querula purpurata*  
 White Bellbird , *Procnias albus*  
 Golden-headed Manakin , *Pipra erythrocephala*  
 Blue-backed Manakin , *Chiroxiphia pareola*  
 Greenish Elaenia , *Myiopagis viridicata*  
 Rufous-crowned Elaenia , *Elaenia ruficeps*  
 Mouse-coloured Tyrannulet , *Phaeomyias murina*  
 MacConnell's Flycatcher , *Mionectes macconnelli*  
 Helmeted Pygmy-tyrant , *Lophotriccus galeatus*  
 Common Tody-flycatcher , *Todirostrum cinereum*  
 Vermilion Flycatcher , *Pyrocephalus rubinus*  
 White-headed Marsh-tyrant , *Arundinicola leucocephala*  
 Rusty-margined Flycatcher , *Myiozetetes cayanensis*  
 Lesser Kiskadee , *Philohydor lictor*  
 Sulphury Flycatcher , *Tyrannopsis sulphurea*  
 Tropical Kingbird , *Tyrannus melancholicus*  
 Fork-tailed Flycatcher , *Tyrannus savana*  
 Dusky-capped Flycatcher , *Myiarchus tuberculifer*  
 Bright-rumped Attila , *Attila spadiceus*  
 Cinereous Becard , *Pachyramphus rufus*  
 Grey-breasted Martin , *Progne chalybea*  
 Blue-and-white Swallow , *Notiochelidon cyanoleuca*  
 Black-collared Swallow , *Atticora melanoleuca*

American Barn Swallow , *Hirundo rustica erythrogaster*  
 Bicoloured Wren , *Campylorhynchus griseus*  
 Buff-breasted Wren , *Thryothorus leucotis*  
 Donacobius , *Donacobius atricapilla*  
 Black-billed Thrush , *Turdus ignobilis*  
 Tropical Gnatcatcher , *Polioptila plumbea*  
 Ashy-headed Greenlet , *Hylophilus pectoralis*  
 Violaceous Euphonia , *Euphonia violacea*  
 Blackpoll Warbler , *Dendroica striata*  
 Neotropical River Warbler , *Basileuterus rivularis*

Buff-throated Woodcreeper , *Xiphorhynchus guttatus*  
 Fasciated Antshrike , *Cymbilaimus lineatus*  
 Mouse-coloured Antshrike , *Thamnophilus murinus*  
 Guianan Streaked Antwren , *Myrmotherula surinamensis*  
 White-flanked Antwren , *Myrmotherula axillaris*  
 White-fringed Antwren , *Formicivora grisea*  
 White-browed Antbird , *Myrmoborus leucophrys*  
 Black-headed Antbird , *Percnostola rufifrons*  
 Black-throated Antbird , *Myrmeciza atrothorax*  
 Thrush-like Antpitta , *Myrmothera campanisona*  
 Spangled Cotinga , *Cotinga cayana*  
 Capuchinbird , *Perissocephalus tricolor*  
 Guianan Cock-of-the-rock , *Rupicola rupicola*  
 White-crowned Manakin , *Dixiphia pipra*  
 White-throated Manakin , *Corapipo gutturalis*  
 Yellow-bellied Elaenia , *Elaenia flavogaster*  
 White-lored Tyrannulet , *Ornithion inermis*  
 Bearded Tachuri , *Polystictus pectoralis*  
 Double-banded Pygmy-tyrant , *Lophotriccus vitiosus*  
 Spotted Tody-flycatcher , *Todirostrum maculatum*  
 Grey-crowned Flycatcher , *Tolmomyias poliocephalus*  
 Pied Water-tyrant , *Fluvicola pica*  
 Piratic Flycatcher , *Legatus leucophaeus*  
 Great Kiskadee , *Pitangus sulphuratus*  
 Boat-billed Flycatcher , *Megarynchus pitangua*  
 White-throated Kingbird , *Tyrannus albogularis*  
 Grey Kingbird , *Tyrannus dominicensis*  
 Greyish Mourner , *Rhytipterna simplex*  
 Short-crested Flycatcher , *Myiarchus ferrox*  
 Black-tailed Tityra , *Tityra cayana*  
 White-winged Swallow , *Tachycineta albiventer*  
 Brown-chested Martin , *Progne tapera*  
 White-banded Swallow , *Atticora fasciata*  
 Southern Rough-winged Swallow , *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*

Yellowish Pipit , *Anthus lutescens*  
 Coraya Wren , *Thryothorus coraya*  
 Southern House Wren , *Troglodytes musculus*  
 Tropical Mockingbird , *Mimus gilvus*  
 Long-billed Gnatwren , *Ramphocaenus melanurus*  
 Cayenne Jay , *Cyanocorax cayanus*  
 Finsch's Euphonia , *Euphonia finschi*  
 Yellow Warbler , *Dendroica petechia aestiva*  
 Masked Yellowthroat , *Geothlypis aequinoctialis*  
 Bananaquit , *Coereba flaveola*

Fulvous-crested Tanager , *Tachyphonus surinamus*  
 Summer Tanager , *Piranga rubra*  
 Blue-grey Tanager , *Thraupis episcopus*  
 Turquoise Tanager , *Tangara mexicana*  
 Spotted Tanager , *Tangara punctata*  
 Opal-rumped Tanager , *Tangara velia*  
 Blue Dacnis , *Dacnis cayana*  
 Plumbeous Seedeater , *Sporophila plumbea*  
 Wing-barred Seedeater , *Sporophila americana*  
 Ruddy-breasted Seedeater , *Sporophila minuta*  
 Red-capped Cardinal , *Paroaria gularis*  
 Greyish Saltator , *Saltator coerulescens*  
 Red-breasted Blackbird , *Sturnella militaris*  
 Carib Grackle , *Quiscalus lugubris*  
 Giant Cowbird , *Molothrus oryzivorus*  
 Yellow Oriole , *Icterus nigrogularis*  
 Yellow-rumped Cacique , *Cacicus cela*  
 Crested Oropendola , *Psarocolius decumanus*

White-lined Tanager , *Tachyphonus rufus*  
 Silver-beaked Tanager , *Ramphocelus carbo*  
 Palm Tanager , *Thraupis palmarum*  
 Paradise Tanager , *Tangara chilensis*  
 Burnished-buff Tanager , *Tangara cayana*  
 Black-faced Dacnis , *Dacnis lineata*  
 Red-legged Honeycreeper , *Cyanerpes cyaneus*  
 Grey Seedeater , *Sporophila intermedia*  
 Lined Seedeater , *Sporophila lineola*  
 Large-billed Seed-finch , *Oryzoborus crassirostris*  
 Grassland Sparrow , *Ammodramus humeralis*  
 Yellow-green Grosbeak , *Caryothraustes canadensis*  
 Eastern Meadowlark , *Sturnella magna*  
 Shiny Cowbird , *Molothrus bonariensis*  
 Moriche Oriole , *Icterus chryscephalus*  
 Orange-backed Troupial , *Icterus croconotus*  
 Red-rumped Cacique , *Cacicus haemorrhous*  
 Green Oropendola , *Psarocolius viridis*

## Other wildlife seen

### **White-eared Opossum** (*Didelphis albiventris*)

A single animal was seen at dusk at Iwokrama

### **Pale-throated Sloth** (*Bradypus tridactylus*)

One was seen high in a cecropia tree at Iwokrama

### **Giant Anteater** (*Myrmecophaga tridactyla*)

Fantastic looks at close range of this bizarre, long-tailed, long-nosed animal. For most the **mammal of the trip!**

### **Red-handed Tamarin** (*Saguinus midas*)

A small group was seen at Shanklands

### **Tufted Capuchin** (*Cebus apella*)

Two small groups were seen at Karanambu

### **Weeper Capuchin** (*Cebus olivaceus*)

### **Common Squirrel Monkey** (*Saimiri sciureus*)

A small groups was seen during on our last evening at Karanambu in the compagny of the Brown Capuchins.

### **White-faced Saki** (*Pithecia pithecia*)

Splendid observation of a male and female during our morning walk at Shanklands.

### **Guyanese Red Howler** (*Alouatta macconnelli*)

Heard very regularly and finally excellent views near Rock View of a family group.

### **Red-faced Spider Monkey** (*Ateles paniscus*)

A few single mammals seen

### **Chestnut Sac-winged Bat** (*Cormura brevirostris*)

**Proboscis Bat** (*Rhynchonycteris naso*)

Common on rocks or below trees over rivers

**Greater Sac-winged Bat** (*Saccopteryx bilineata*)**Miller's Long-tongued Bat** (*Glossophaga longirostris*)

1 took up residence in one of the cabins at Karanambu

**Silky Short-tailed Bat** (*Carollia brevicauda*)**Lesser Bulldog Bat** (*Noctilio albiventris*)

Common during our spotlighting sessions at Karanambu, also large roost in one of the main buildings.

**Greater Bulldog Bat** (*Noctilio leporinus*)

Scarce

**Pallas's Mastiff Bat** (*Molossus molossus*)

Commonly seen at Barbados, singles at various places in Guyana

**Black Mastiff Bat** (*Molossus rufus*)

2 found roosting at Karanambu

**Giant Otter** (*Pteronura brasiliensis*)

Seen in small groups at Surama, Iwokrama and Karanambu

**South American Red Brocket** (*Mazama americana*)**Capybara** (*Hydrochoerus hydrochaeris*)

A single animal at Karanambu

**Red-rumped Agouty** (*Dasyprocta leporine*)

A single animal crossing the road ahead of us at Iwokrama

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