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Naturetrek Tour Report

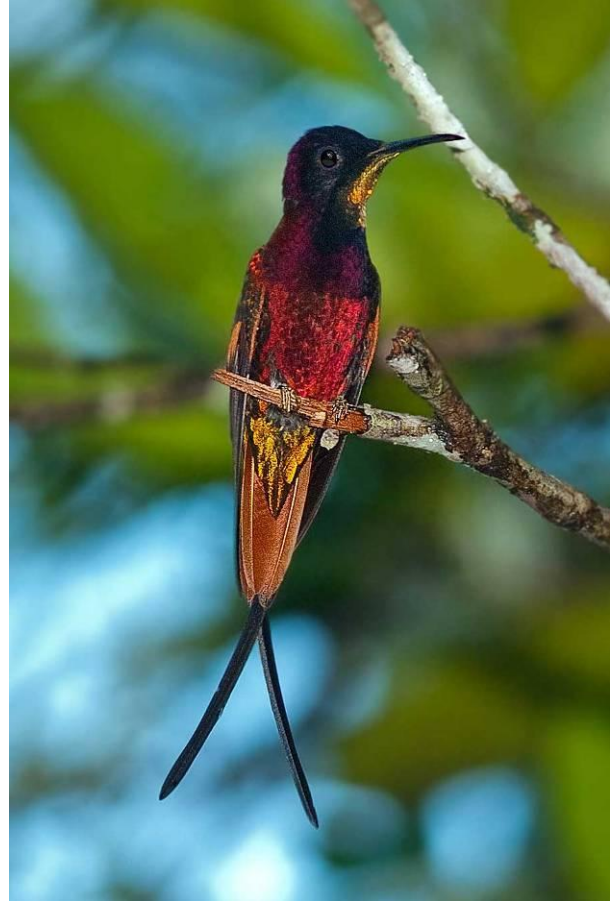
5 - 20 November 2012



Agami Heron



Giant Anteater



Crimson Topaz

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Highlights

- Sightings of West Indian Manatees in the waterways of the Botanical Gardens, and the numerous birds including Toco Toucans and Festive Parrots
- Sighting of the Three-toed Sloth in Camuni Creek en route to Arrow-Point Lodge
- Our visit to Kaitaur was the highlight of our first day and having incredible views of the Falls, and the Golden Frogs
- Sightings of Macaws, Parrots, Toucans and the nocturnal wildlife on the night-spotting at Iwokrama River Lodge
- The birdlife and docile families of the macaws, parrots, several species of Toucans, and the Black Spider Monkeys at the Canopy Walkway area. Also, first time ever observation of Jabiru Storks nesting close to the main road.
- Seeing and photographing a male Cock-of-the-Rock at Corkwood within the Iwokrama Forest.
- Sighting the family of Red Howler Monkeys at Surama
- Giant Anteater seen at Karanambu Lodge
- The boat trip from Genip Landing to Karanambu Lodge and the many boat trips on the river and lakes near the lodge, with lots of wildlife observations
- Observing Jabiru Storks nesting and feeding their chicks

Day 1

Sunday 4th November

Four guests arrived at Timerhi Airport and were met by the leader Wally, and checked in at Cara Lodge.

Day 2**Monday 5th November**

George Town

In the afternoon we went to the Botanical Gardens and did bird-watching until 17:20 hrs and returned with the group to Cara Lodge. In the evening the leader went to the airport to pick up the last two guests who arrived in the early hours.

Day 3**Tuesday 6th November**

George Town to Arrow Point Lodge

We departed Cara Lodge after breakfast and went to the marina at Timerhi Docks area to catch the boat for Arrow Point Lodge. We arrived at the lodge in time for lunch. After lunch we had an orientation presentation on the lodge, and we then proceeded to do an afternoon nature trail hike. After dinner, we departed on the creek for a night-spotting activity

Day 4**Wednesday 7th November**

Arrow Point Lodge

At 5:45am, we departed in the boat for the Crimson Topaz birds' area. We saw several spectacular individuals, did other early morning birding, and returned to the lodge for breakfast. After breakfast, we departed for the more extensive nature trail network.

In the mid-afternoon, we departed for Santa Mission for the village tour and did some night-spotting on our way back in the dark to the lodge.

Day 5**Thursday 8th November**

Arrow Point to Iwokrama

We departed Arrow Point at 7:15am for the Timerhi Docks, and proceeded to the Ogle Airstrip for the chartered flight to Kaitour Falls and onwards to Iwokrama River Lodge. We spent 2 hours there and flew onwards to Fair View Airstrip located in Iwokrama (arrived at 16:17 hrs). Iwokrama vehicles transported us to Iwokrama River Lodge.

Day 6**Friday 9th November**

Iwokrama

We departed after a 06:00am breakfast in two boats for Turtle Mountain. We started off by seeing a few Amazon species of parrots, White-winged Swallows, Toucans, Vultures and we had a few birds along the Turtle Mountain and the group decided to hike up to the top. We had heard many Black Spider Monkeys from the top and on our way down, some group members saw several Manakins. We returned for a 13:35pm lunch.

At 16:00 hrs we departed for a nearby trail at the lodge. After dinner, we departed for some nocturnal river activity, and the combined sightings included several Amazon Tree-Boas, a few bats, Ladder-tailed Night-jar and a few Black Caimans.

Day 7

Saturday 10th November

Iwokrama

At 6:05 hrs, we departed for a pre-breakfast nature walk along the access road of the lodge and saw several parrot species, toucans, Guianan Toucanet and saw a troop of Wedge-capped Capuchins.

Day 8

Sunday 11th November

Iwokrama to Atta Lodge

After breakfast, we departed at 6:45 hrs for Atta Lodge, birding along the way and arrived at the lodge mid-morning. After checking in, we did a nature hike and returned to the lodge for lunch. At 16:00 hrs, we departed for an afternoon nature walk, and finished the day with spotlighting after dinner.

Day 9

Monday 12th November

Atta Lodge to Surama Village

We did a pre-breakfast canopy walkway visit. We departed Atta Lodge after breakfast for Cock-of-the-Rock site, then proceeded into Surama Village, did the village tour and continued onwards to the Eco-Lodge.

Day 10

Tuesday 13th November

Surama

After a 6:00am breakfast, we departed for the Burro-Burro River, where we saw several species of birds. In the afternoon we birded in the savannas.

Day 11

Wednesday 14th November

Surama to Rock View Lodge

After a 7:00am breakfast, we departed for Rock View Lodge, birding along the way, with stops at Wowetta Pond and Camudi-bash areas. We arrived in the mid-morning. We had an orientation of the lodge before lunch and at 15:45hrs, we departed for a hike in the savannas to search for Burrowing Owl, and we were successful.

Day 12

Thursday 15th November

Rockview

After an early breakfast, we departed for Mora Bridge area (in the direction of Genip Landing) for some morning birding and return to the lodge in time for lunch. At 15:45 hrs, we hiked to do some additional birding around the savannas, and were able to find and photograph a pair of Double-stripped Thick-Knees.

Day 13

Friday 16th November

Rockview to Karanambu

After an early breakfast, we departed for Camudi-bash and birded there for a few hours. After lunch we departed by truck for Genip Landing and boarded the boats for Karanambu Lodge at 14:30 hrs. This boat trip with all the wildlife sighted was one of the major highlights of the trip.

Day 14

Saturday 17th November

Karanambu

Before breakfast we departed for the airstrip area to locate the Giant Anteater, and we did ☺!

We did a mid-morning trail walk after breakfast and in the afternoon a boat ride along the river and to Buffalo Pond for the evening opening of the *Victoria amazonica* flowers.

Day 15

Sunday 18th November

Karanambu

Today was spent doing trail walks in the morning and afternoon boat trips.

Day 16

Monday 19th November

Karanambu to George Town

Before breakfast, we did a boat trip, and departed mid-morning for George Town via a TGA flight. After lunch at a local restaurant, we spent our afternoon doing a tour of the Garden City.

Day 17

Tuesday 20th November

George Town

At 5:45am we departed for the Botanical Gardens for a bird watching activity and returned to the lodge. At 11:30am, Wally Prince took the guests to the airport for check-in and departure for the UK via Trinidad.

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Species List for each site

Botanical Gardens

Birds

Snail Kite, Yellow-headed Caracara, Crested Caracara, Roadside Hawk, Tropical Kingbird, Gray Kingbird, Festive Parrot, Orange-winged Parrot, Yellow-crowned Parrot, Red-shouldered Macaw, Wattled Jacana, Cattle Egret, Great Egret, Striated Heron, Black-crowned Night-Heron, Lineated Woodpecker, Plain-bellied Emerald, Glittering-throated Emerald, Ruddy Ground-Dove, Pale-vented Pigeon, Tropical Mocking-bird, Yellow-chinned Spine-tail, Southern House-wren, Great Kisskadee, Pale-breasted Thrush, Black-capped Donacobius, White-winged Becard, Yellow-bellied Elaenia, Pied Water-tyrant, Yellow Warbler, Burnished-buff Tanager, Blue-grey Tanager, Palm Tanager, Bay-headed Tanager, Turquoise Tanager, Yellow-rumped Cacique, Yellow Oriole, Giant Cowbird, Greater Ani, Gray-breasted Martin, Green-&-Rufous Kingfisher, Limpkin, Toco Toucan (3 individuals),

Arrow Point Lodge & environs

Birds

Cattle Egret, Tricolored Heron, Striated Heron, Turkey vulture, Black Caracara, Long-winged Harrier, Laughing Falcon, Solitary Sandpiper, Pale-legged Hornero, Ringed Kingfisher, Southern Lapwing, Smooth-billed Ani, Pale-vented Pigeon, Plumbeous Pigeon, White-winged Swallow, Tropical Mockingbird, Rusty-margined Flycatcher, Tropical Kingbird, Yellow-bellied Elaenia, Red-breasted Blackbird, blue-tailed Emerald, Plain-bellied Emerald, Glittering-throated Emerald, Fork-tailed Woodnymph, Crimson Topaz, White-necked Jacobin, Gray-breasted Sabrewing, Buff-throated Woodcreeper, Chestnut-rumped Woodcreeper, Wedge-billed Woodcreeper, Lineated Woodcreeper, Fork-tailed Palm-swift, Palm Tanager, Blue-grey Tanager, Turquoise Tanager, Silver-beaked Tanager, Swallow-winged Puffbird, Zimmer's Flycatcher, White-lored Flycatcher, Common Tody-flycatcher, Violaceous Euphonia, Gray Antwren, Long-winged Antwren, Rufous-winged Antwren, Spot-tailed Antwren, Dusky-throated Antshrike, Helmeted Pygmy-tyrant, Double-banded Pygmy-tyrant, Violaceous Trogon, Red-shouldered Macaw, Red-bellied Macaw, Yellow-crowned Parrot, Cayenne Jay, Golden-headed Manakin, Black-necked Aracari, Black-capped Donacobius, White-naped Seedeater, Thrush-like Antpitta, White-throated Toucan, White-browed Antbird, Pointed-tailed Palmcreeper, Little Chacalaca

Mammals

Three-toed Sloth

Herps

Tegu and *Ameiva* Lizard

Kaitour Falls

Birds:

Turkey Vulture, Band-rumped Swift, Tropical Kingbird and Flutist Wren (heard).

Herps:

Kaitour Golden Frog and 'green forest lizard'

Iwokrama River Lodge & trails

Birds

Pied Plover, Spotted Sandpiper, Black skimmer, Osprey, Large-billed Tern, Black Caracara, Silver-beaked Tanager, Palm Tanager, Yellow-rumped Cacique, Moriche Oriole, Blue-headed Parrot, Caica Parrot, Painted Parakeet, Red-and-Green Macaw, Orange-winged Parrot, Blue-and-yellow Macaw, White-throated Toucan, Channel-billed Toucan, Common Ground-Dove, Tropical Kingbird, Ringed Kingfisher, Screaming Piha, White-winged Swallow, Grey-lined Hawk, Great Black-Hawk, Slaty-backed Forest-Falcon, Red-throated Caracara, Ringed Woodpecker, Lineated Woodpecker, Amazon Kingfisher, Red-capped Cardinal, Dusky Antbird, Dusky-throated Antshrike, Great Kisskadee, Rusty-margined Flycatcher, Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet, Yellow-bellied Elaenia, Giant Cowbird, Swallow-winged Puffbird, Chestnut-fronted Seedeater, Green Oropendola, and Spotted Antpitta heard.

(Turtle Mountain boat trip)

Crane Hawk, Greater Yellow-headed Vulture, Roadside Hawk, Bat Falcon, Great Black Hawk, Roadside Hawk, Tiny Hawk, Green Ibis, Black Skimmer, Tropical Kingbird, Ringed Woodpecker, American Pygmy Kingfisher, Plumbeous Pigeon, Orange-winged Parrot, White-throated Toucan, Squirrel Cuckoo, Wedge-billed Woodcreeper, Cocoli Heron, Large-billed Tern, Nacunda Night-Hawk, White-winged Swallow, White-banded Swallow, Black-collared Swallow, Guianan Streaked Antwren, Swallow-winged Puffbird

(Fairview Village / Boat Night-spotting)

Blue-and-Yellow Macaw, Orange-winged Parrot, Ladder-tailed Nightjar, Greater and Lesser Fishing-bats, Puffer fishes, Black Caimans and Amazon Tree-Boas

Mammals

2-lined River-bats, Lesser Fishing-bat, Giant River Otters, Red-rumped Agouti, Black Spider Monkeys heard from TM lookout.

Herps

Amazon Tree-boa, Green Garden-Lizards, Black Caiman, Spectacled Caiman, Brown Tree-frog

(IRL to Atta)

Turkey Vulture, Greater Yellow-headed Vulture, Blue-&-Yellow Macaw, Red-&-Green Macaw, black-headed Parrot, Caica Parrot, Mealy Parrot, Blue-headed Parrot, Grey-winged Trumpeter, Bat Falcon, Great Black Hawk, Red-throated Caracara, Swallow-winged Puffbird, Buff-throated Foliage-gleaner, Band-rumped Swift, Green Oropendola, Tropical Kingbird, Marail Guan, Spix's Guan, white-tailed Trogon, Jabiru Stork w/ nest near Atta Lodge.

Atta Lodge/ Canopy Walkway/ Maushiparu Bridge

Birds

Red-throated Caracara, Greater Yellow-headed Vulture, Golden-headed Manakin, Spix's Guan, Marail Guan, Grey-winged Trumpeter, Black-eared Fairy, Dusky Antbird, Black-chinned Antbird, Ferruginous-backed Antbird, Guianan Streaked-Antwren, Todd's Antwren, Spot-tailed Antwren, Guianan Streaked Antwren,

Fasciated Antshrike, Black-crested Antshrike, Dusky-throated Antshrike, Cinereous Antshrike, Mouse-colored Antshrike, Screaming Piha, Purple-throated Fruit-crow, Crimson Fruitcrow, Black Curassow, Red-and-Green Macaw, Black-headed Parrot, Blue-headed Parrot, Mealy Parrot, Orange-winged Parrot, Dusky Parrot, Painted Parakeet, White-tailed Trogon, Black-tailed Trogon, Blackish Nightjar, Jabiru Stork, Cocoi Heron, Slaty-backed Forest-Falcon, Roadside Hawk, Black Nunbird, Plumbeous Pigeon, Ruddy Pigeon, Black-tailed Tityra, Tropical Kingbird, Zimmer's Flycatcher, Tiny Tyrant-Manakin, Squirrel Cuckoo, Green-tailed Jacamar, Great Jacamar, Bat Falcon, White-throated Toucan, Channel-billed Toucan, Black-necked Aracari, Eastern Long-tailed Hermit, Swallow-winged Puffbird, Ringed woodpecker, Yellow-throated Woodpecker, Waved Woodpecker, Red-necked Woodpecker, Wedge-billed Woodcreeper, Chestnut-rumped Woodcreeper, Buff-throated Woodcreeper, Buff-cheeked Greenlet, Lemon-chested Greenlet, Blue Dacnis, Purple Honeycreeper

Mammals

Red Howler Monkey (heard), Black Spider Monkey, Red-rumped Agouti and Southern Two-toed Sloth

Herps

Cane Toad (*Rhinella marina*), *Ameiva ameiva*

(Atta to Surama Eco-Lodge)

Guianan Cock-of-the-Rock, Turkey Vulture, Greater Yellow-headed Vulture, Swallow-winged Puffbird, Blue-crowned Motmot

Surama Village/Burro-Burro River

Birds

Black Vulture, Turkey Vulture, Northern Crested Caracara, Yellow-headed Caracara, Red-throated Caracara, Slaty-backed Forest-Falcon, Gray-lined Hawk, Tropical Screech-Owl, White-tipped Dove, Pale-vented Pigeon, Scaled Pigeon, Spix's Guan, Red-and-Green Macaw, Red-shouldered Macaw, Blue-headed Parrot, Orange-winged Parrot, Yellow-crowned Parrot, Red-fan Parrot, Blue-headed Parrot, Screaming Piha, Little Chacalaca, White-throated Toucan, Channel-billed Toucan, Striated Heron, Cocoi Heron, Tropical Kingbird, Red-eye Vireo, White-tailed Trogon Smooth-billed Ani, White-browed Antbird, White-bellied Antbird, Ferruginous-backed Antbird, Golden-headed Manakin, Grey-breasted Martin, Lesser Nighthawk, Least Nighthawk, Common Potoo, Common Parakeet, Swallow-winged Puffbird, Tropical kingbird, Great Kisskadee, Grayish Mourner, Pale-breasted Thrush, Capuchin Bird, Cayenne Jay, Plain-crested Elaenia, Yellow-bellied Elaenia, Boat-billed Flycatcher, Painted Tody-Flycatcher, Common Tody-Flycatcher, Smooth-billed Ani, Blue-gray Tanager, Palm Tanager, Silvered-beak Tanager, Burnish-buffed Tanager, Black-necked Aracari, Glittering-throated Emerald, white-tailed Trogon, White-bellied Antbird (heard), Yellow Warbler, Black-throated Mango (on nest), Crested Oropendola, Giant Cowbird, Yellow-rumped Cacique

(Boat trip)

Green Ibis, King Vulture, Black Vulture, Great Black Hawk, Rusty-margined Flycatcher, Tropical Kingbird, Myiarchus Flycatcher, Red-capped Cardinal, Cocoi Heron, Striated Heron, Greater Ani, White-banded Swallow, Channel-billed Toucan, Black-necked Aracari, Black Nunbird, Swallow-winged Puffbird Guianan Streaked-Antwren, Lineated Woodpecker, Ringed Kingfisher, Black-chinned Antbird, Rufous-throated Antbird, Silver-beaked Tanager, Crested Oropendola, Yellow-rumped Cacique,

(Sur - RV –CamudiBash/Mora Bridge)

Northern Crested Caracara, Great Black Hawk & immature, Black-collared Hawk, Savanna Hawk, White-tailed Hawk, Gray-lined Hawk, Brown-throated Parakeet, Piratic flycatcher, Black Vulture, Turkey Vulture, Greater Yellow-headed Vulture, King Vulture, Great Egret, Double-striped Thick-Knee, Southern Lapwing, Wattled Jacana, Cocoi Heron, Jabiru Stork, Buff-necked Ibis, Common Ground-Dove, Tropical Kingbird, Gray-breasted Martin, White-winged Swallow, Fork-tailed Palm-swift, White-bellied Antbird, Fork-tailed Flycatcher, Vermilion flycatcher, White-headed Marsh-Tyrant, Tropical Mockingbird, Green-tailed Jacamar, Smooth-billed Ani, Blue Dacnis, Ringed Kingfisher, Blackpoll Warbler, Guianan Streaked Antwren, White-fringed Antwren, Black-crested Antshrike, Palm Tanager, Purple Gallinule, Azure Gallinule, Ruddy-breasted Seedeater, Eastern Meadowlark, Red-breasted Blackbird, Yellow-hooded Blackbird, Crested Oropendola

Mammals

Red Howler Monkeys (best sightings for the whole trip), Wedge-capped Capuchins

Herps

Tegu Monitor Lizard, *Ameiva* Lizard, *Kentropyx* Lizard

RockView Lodge & trails

Birds

Northern Crested Caracara, Black Vulture, Burrowing Owl, Nacunda Nighthawk, Lesser Nighthawk, Great Egret, Southern Lapwing, Buff-necked Ibis, White-tipped Dove, Red-shouldered Macaw, Yellow-crowned Parrot, Brown-throated Parakeet, Common Tody-flycatcher, Painted Tody-flycatcher, Vermilion flycatcher, Great Kisskadee, Tropical Kingbird, Fork-tailed Flycatcher, Tropical Mockingbird, Palm Tanager, Blue-grey Tanager, Burnished-buff Tanager, Glittering-throated Emerald, Pale-breasted Thrush, Red-eye Vireo, Buff-cheeked Greenlet, Southern House-Wren, Bicolored Wren, Grassland Sparrow, Eastern Meadowlark, Ruddy-breasted Seedeater, Giant Cowbird, Yellow Oriole

(Genip Landing – Knmbu):

Turkey Vulture, Black Vulture, Zone-tailed Hawk, White-tailed Hawk, Roadside Hawk, Grey-lined Hawk, Great Black Hawk, Muscovy Duck, Little blue-heron, Snowy Egret, Cocoi Heron, Great Egret, Green Ibis, Pied Plover, Jabiru Stork, Sungrebe, Anhinga, Rusty-margined Flycatcher, Great Kisskadee, Amazon Kingfisher, Green Kingfisher, Ringed Kingfisher,

Mammals

Giant River Otters

Herps

Ameiva Lizard, Tegu Monitor Lizard

Karanambo Lodge/Trails

Birds

Black Vulture, Greater Yellow-headed Vulture, Turkey Vulture, Aplomado Falcon, Black-collared Hawk, White-tailed Hawk, Savanna Hawk, American Kestrel, Northern Crested Caracara, Azure Gallinule, Pale-vented Pigeon, White-tipped Dove, Eared Dove, Common Ground-Dove, Yellow-crowned Parrot, White-tailed Trogon, Channel-billed Toucan, Green-tailed Jacamar, Chestnut Woodpecker, White-fringed Antwren, White-bellied Antbird, Black-crested Antshrike, Blue-backed Manakin, Straight-billed Woodcreeper, Grayish Mourner, Tropical Mockingbird, Screaming Piha, Fork-tailed Flycatcher, Helmeted Pygmy-tyrant, White-headed Marsh-Tyrant, Cinnamon Attila, White-bearded Manakin, Yellowish Pipit, Red-eye Vireo, Lemon-chested Greenlet, Buff-cheeked Greenlet, Ashy-headed Greenlet, Buff-breasted Wren, Red-capped Cardinal, Eastern Meadowlark, Ruddy-breasted Seedeater, Red-breasted Blackbird, Yellow-rumped Cacique, Crested Oropendola and Capuchin Bird (heard)

(Boat trips)

Black Curassow, Turkey Vulture, Black Vulture, Black-collared Hawk, Osprey, Roadside Hawk, Tropical Screech-Owl, Muscovy Duck, Jabiru Stork, Agami Heron, Little Blue-heron, Capped Heron, Boat-billed Heron, Snowy Egret, Great Egret, Cocoi Heron, Striated Heron, Black-crowned Night-Heron, Rufescent Tiger-Heron, Anhinga, Green Ibis, Black Skimmers, Anhinga, Sungrebe, Wattled Jacana, Pied Plover, Grey-necked Woodrail, Plumbeous Pigeon, Pale-vented Pigeon, Squirrel Cuckoo, Greater Ani, Band-tailed Nighthawk, Lesser Nighthawk, Least Night-Hawk, Lineated Woodpecker, Green Kingfisher, Amazon Kingfisher, Ringed Kingfisher, Swallow-winged Puffbird, Pale-legged Hornero, Yellow-chinned Spinetail, White-winged Swallow, Southern rough-winged Swallow, Brown-chested Martin, Grey-breasted Martin, Rusty-margined Flycatcher, Great Kisskadee, Lesser Kisskadee, Tropical Kingbird, Red-capped Cardinal, Crested Oropendola, Yellow-rumped Cacique, Wattled Jacana

(Vehicle trips):

Bat Falcon, White-tailed Hawk, Savanna Hawk, Black-collared Hawk, Northern Crested Caracara, American Kestrel, Eared Dove, Common Ground-Dove, Cattle Egret, Great Egret, Black-capped Night-Heron, Cocoi Heron, Striated Heron, Magauri Stork, Limpkin, Muscovy Duck, Red-bellied Macaw, Brown-throated Parakeet, Tropical Kingbird, Forked-tailed Flycatcher, White-headed Marsh-tyrant, Tropical Mockingbird, Short-tailed Swift, Eastern Meadowlark, Black Vulture, Wattled Jacana, Crested Bobwhite, Smooth-billed Ani, Grassland Sparrow, Barn Swallow

Mammals-Lodge/trail

Giant Anteater, Squirrel Monkey, Brown Capuchin, Red Howler Monkey (heard)

Herps

Black Caimans, Spectacled Caimans, Amazon Tree-boa, *Ameiva* Lizards, *Tropidurus* Lizard