

# Wise Birding Holidays

Bird and mammal watching tours



## CENTRAL-WEST BRAZIL: Mostly Mammals

Emas National Park and Southern Pantanal

Friday 21st July - Thursday 3rd August 2023

### 8 Wise Birding Clients

**Wise Birding Leader:** Chris Townend

**Local Guides:** Vithino & Ana Luzia

### HIGHLIGHTS OF TRIP:

**Maned Wolf:** One of the stand-out highlights of the tour was enjoying no less than eight different Maned Wolf encounters! Each encounter was a unique experience, with nobody else around, and included both night & day sightings. Simply magical.

**Ocelot:** Two different animals seen very well, each for a prolonged amount of time. Our first sighting was quite exceptional with very close views.

**Jaguar:** Two great sightings, one in daylight and the second at night. Again, both sightings were just our group and no other tourists. A very different experience to the commercial Northern Pantanal.

**Giant Anteater:** Fabulous views of this magnificent mammal with 13 encounters.

**Southern Tamandua:** Seen exceptionally well on three occasions and once at night.

**Lowland Tapir:** Numerous sightings during the day and night.

**White-winged Nightjar:** This range restricted species was seen well in Emas NP.



The many sightings of Maned Wolf were just one of the tour highlights

See some video [HERE](#)

## **Tour Summary**

This was Wise Birding's first Mostly Mammals tour to Emas National Park and the Southern Pantanal. It was a great success with some fabulous mammal encounters with many of our hoped for target species seen on a number of different occasions. Highlights included Maned Wolf, Jaguar, Ocelot, Giant Anteater, Southern Tamandua, Lowland Tapir, Hoary Fox, Nine-banded and Yellow Armadillos and much more. Despite trying very hard, we were unlucky not to connect with Pampas Cat, but on the flip side we were really spoiled with our sightings of Giant Anteater, Ocelot and Maned Wolf, the latter species seen on eight different occasions including animals in daylight.

Despite being a mammal focused tour, it is impossible not to be distracted by the numerous amazing birds which Brazil also has to offer. We enjoyed great views of many of the iconic Pantanal species like Hyacinth Macaws and Toco Toucans as well as numerous herons, ibis, birds of prey and passerines. We also made an effort to see a number of very localised and range restricted species like White-winged Nightjar and Blaze-winged Parakeet.

Overall it was a tour packed full of wildlife and one that we will certainly be offering in the future and is sure to become a regular fixture in the Wise Birding calendar.

## **Emas National Park**

The beauty of this National Park is that due to its more "out of the way" location, it tends to be far less visited by wildlife watching tourists. Therefore any wildlife that you do see is a highly memorable experience because you are literally on your own. This was certainly the case for all of our wildlife encounters for the six nights spent here.

If Maned Wolf is a "must see" species and you want to see animals behaving completely naturally without visiting busy tourist sites like Santuario do Caraca, where animals are regularly fed, then a visit to Emas in July is a must! Each of our encounters was very different and quite exceptional in terms of close views and July is a the best time to increase your chances for daylight sightings. Aside from Maned Wolves we also enjoyed many other mammals in Emas including numerous Lowland Tapirs and Striped Hog-nosed Skunks, Hoary Fox, Pampas Deer, fresh tracks of both Puma and Jaguar and very fresh diggings from Giant Armadillo.

Birding here was also exciting with daily sightings of the stunning Blue-and-Yellow Macaws, great views of the range restricted Yellow-faced Parrot and White-winged Nightjar and some Cerrado specialities like White-rumped Tanager, Cock-tailed Tyrant and a beautiful Black-banded Owl.

## **Southern Pantanal**

Our visit to this internationally famous wildlife rich area of Brazil was in complete contrast to the habitat of Emas NP and therefore resulted in us seeing many new mammal species. The cats were the undoubted highlight for everyone here and we enjoyed two different sightings of both Ocelot and Jaguar.

Our first Ocelot sighting was quite exceptional, as a female approached us on a number of occasions close to the Aquidauana River. Totally unperturbed by our torchlight it came within just a few metres of us! Our second Ocelot encounter was a different experience as we enjoyed prolonged views of another female walking purposefully through the wetland vegetation in the spotlight.

We worked very hard for our Jaguar sightings, as animals here are far harder to see than the far more commercial Northern Pantanal. The hard work paid off with two sightings on one day! Equally as impressive and high on the wish list for many of the group were the numerous sightings of Giant Anteater, once again at very close range. Southern Tamandua sightings were certainly high up on the list of highlights as were the daily encounters of Nine-banded Armadillos and Yellow Armadillos whilst at Pousada Aguapé. Both Giant and Neotropical Otters, Tayra and Marsh Deer were just some of the other mammal highlights.

Once again, birds were a continual distraction. Examples being the hugely impressive and iconic Hyacinth Macaws as well as a good selection of waterbirds like Jabiru, Maguari Stork and nocturnal species like Great and Common Potoos and Striped Owl.

**We recorded a total of 184 species of bird and 28 mammals on this tour**

### DAILY ITINERARY & SOME HIGHLIGHTS

The photos that follow were taken during the tour by Chris Townend unless otherwise stated.

DAY	DATE	Summary of daily activity
1	Fri 21 July	<b>Arrival into Campo Grande Airport</b> Transfer to Emas NP (6.5hrs) Arrive 6.30pm. <b>Night drive:</b> 7.15pm - 10.45pm <b>Overnight Emas NP, Pousada do Gloria</b>
2	Sat 22 July	<b>Exploring Emas NP</b> Rio Formoso and SW loop: 6am - Midday South Central area of park: 4.15pm - 8.30pm <b>Overnight Emas NP</b>
3	Sun 23 July	<b>Exploring Emas NP</b> SE boundary of park: 6am - Midday Birding around lodge: 3.30pm - 4.30pm SE boundary: 5pm - 11.45pm <b>Overnight Emas NP</b>
4	Mon 24 July	<b>Exploring Emas NP</b> Central region of park via SE: 6.30am - 11.30am Central region of park via SE: 4.45pm - 11.30pm <b>Overnight Emas NP</b>
5	Tue 25 July	<b>Exploring Emas NP</b> SE region: 6.30am - 10.30am Various sites across park: 12.45pm - 9pm <b>Overnight Emas NP</b>
6	Wed 26 July	<b>Exploring Emas NP</b> SW loop: 5.30am - 07.15am Outside park and Rio Formoso: 08.30am - Midday SE region of park: 3.30pm - 10pm <b>Overnight Emas NP</b>
7	Thur 27 July	<b>Emas NP - Campo Grande</b> SW loop and south region: 5am - 07.45am 10am Depart for Campo Grande. <b>Overnight Campo Grande</b>
8	Fri 28 July	<b>Campo Grande - Pousada Aguapé</b> Arrive at lodge for lunch after being greeted by a Southern Tamandua! <b>Afternoon Drive:</b> 3pm - 6pm <b>Night Drive:</b> 8pm - 10pm <b>Overnight Pousada Aguapé</b>

9	Sat 29 July	<b>Pousada Aguapé</b> Morning Drive: 06.30 - 10am Afternoon Drive: 3pm - 6pm mammals and wetland birding Night Drive: 8pm - 10pm <b>Overnight Pousada Aguapé</b>
10	Sun 30 July	<b>Pousada Aguapé</b> Aquidauana River Trip: 06.45 - 10am Afternoon Drive: 3pm - 6pm Night Drive: 8pm - 10pm <b>Overnight Pousada Aguapé</b>
11	Mon 31 July	<b>Pousada Aguapé - Fazenda San Francisco</b> Arrive late morning. Check in and lunch. Afternoon Drive: 3.30pm - 6pm Night Drive: 7.30pm - 10pm <b>Overnight Fazenda San Francisco</b>
12	Tue 01 Aug	<b>Fazenda San Francisco</b> Morning Drive / Boat trip: 06.30am - 11.15am Afternoon Drive: 3pm - 6pm Night Drive: 7.30pm - 10.15pm <b>Overnight Fazenda San Francisco</b>
13	Wed 02 Aug	<b>Fazenda San Francisco</b> Morning Drive: 6am - 10.15am Afternoon Drive / Boat trip: Corixo Sao Domingos 3pm - 6.30pm Night Drive: 7.45pm - 9.45pm <b>Overnight Fazenda San Francisco</b>
14	Thu 03 Aug	<b>Fazenda San Francisco - Campo Grande</b> Early departure and arrive at Campo Grande airport for mid morning flight.



Female Jaguar, Fazenda San Francisco



Giant Anteater, Pousada Aguapé



Giant Anteater, Pousada Aguapé



Southern Tamandua, Pousada Aguapé



Southern Tamandua, Pousada Aguapé



Maned Wolf, Emas NP



Maned Wolf, Emas NP



Female Ocelot, Pousada Aguapé



Female Ocelot, Pousada Aguapé





Female Jaguar, Fazenda San Francisco



Female Ocelot, Fazenda San Francisco



Lowland Tapir, Emas NP



Neotropical Otter, Rio Aquidauana



Collared Peccary, Pousada Aguapé



Collared Peccary, Pousada Aguapé



White-lipped Peccary, Emas NP



Crab-eating Fox, Pousada Aguapé



Female Black-and-Gold Howler, Rio Aquidauana



Hooded / Azara's  
Capuín, Pousada Aguapé



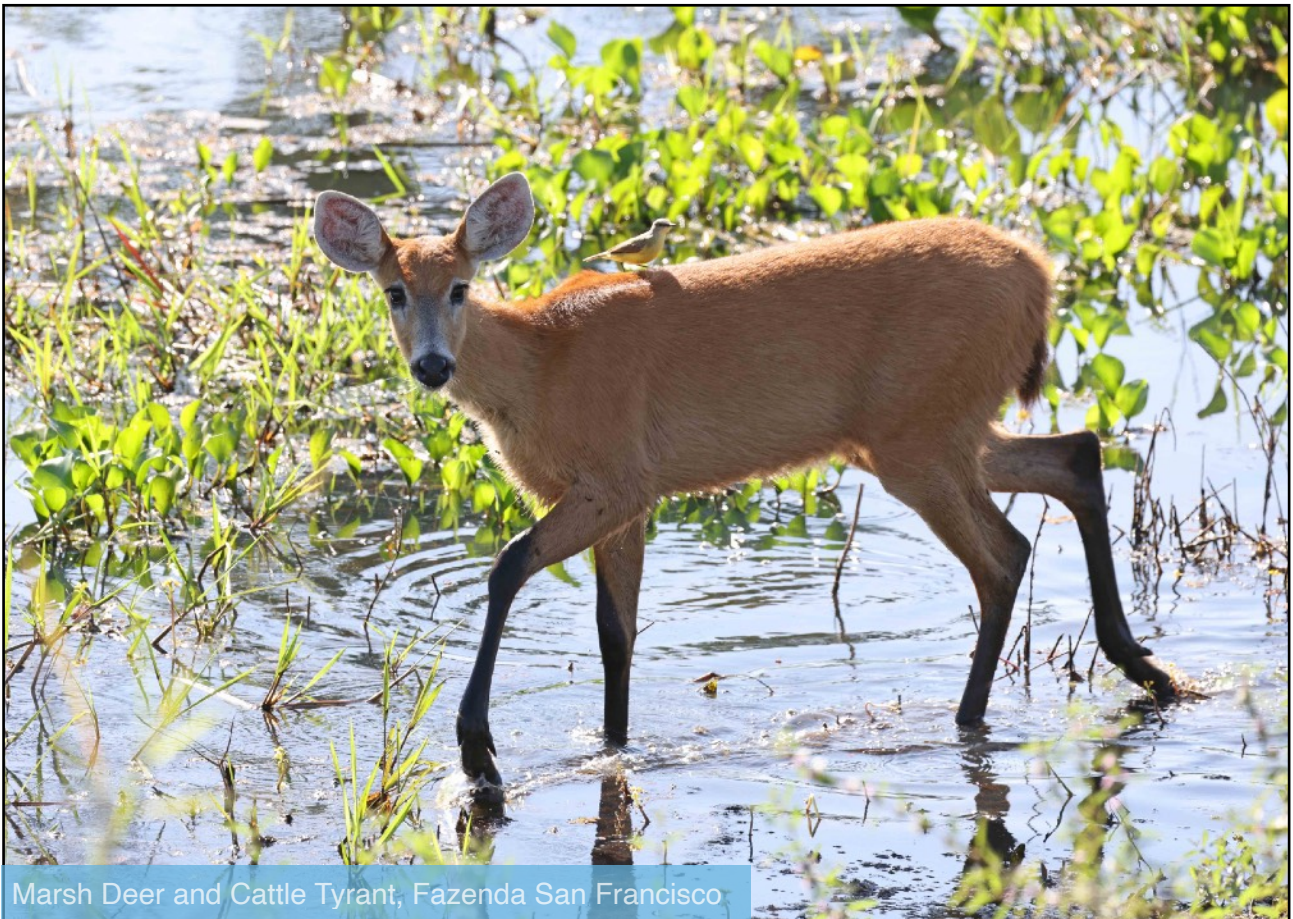
Yellow Armadillo, Pousada Aguapé



Nine-banded Armadillo, Pousada Aguapé



Marsh Deer, Fazenda San Francisco



Marsh Deer and Cattle Tyrant, Fazenda San Francisco



Red Brocket Deer, Emas NP



Pampas Deer, Emas NP





Greater Capybara, Fazenda San Francisco



South American Coati, Fazenda San Francisco



Red-footed Tortoise, Pousada Aguapé



Crossed Pit Viper, Emas NP



Yacare Caiman



Maned Wolf, Emas NP



Maned Wolf, Emas NP



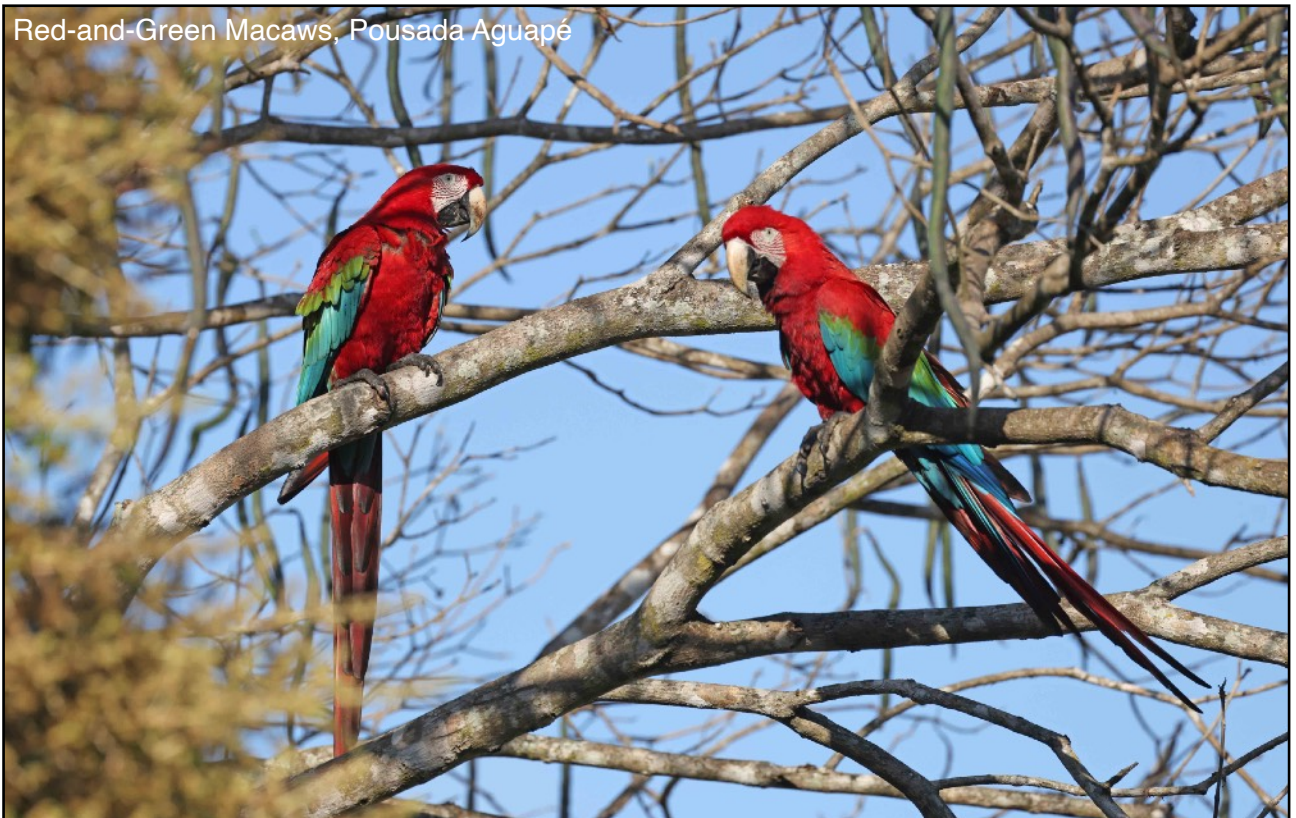
Blue-and-Yellow Macaws, Emas NP



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Hyacinth Macaw, Pousada Aguapé



Red-and-Green Macaws, Pousada Aguapé



Blaze-winged Parakeets, Pousada Aguapé



Yellow-faced Parrots, Emas NP



Blue-headed Parrot, Emas NP



Turquoise-fronted Parrot, Emas NP



Black-banded Owl, Emas NP



Striped Owl, Fazenda San Francisco





American Barn Owl, Emas NP



Burrowing Owls, Emas NP



Maguari Stork, Pousada Aguapé



Bare-faced Ibis, Pousada Aguapé

Savannah Hawk, Emas NP



Snail Kite, Fazenda San Francisco





Rusty-collared Seedeater, Pousada Aguapé



Black-throated Saltator, Emas NP



Great Potoo, Pousada Aguapé



Common Potoo, Emas NP



Band-tailed Manakin, Pousada Aguapé



Toco Toucan, Pousada Aguapé



Grey-cowled Wood Rail, Pousada Aguapé



Pied Plovers, Rio Aquidauana Pousada Aguapé



Greater Rhea, Emas NP



Red-legged Seriema, Pousada Aguapé





Typical habitat in Emas National Park



Rio Aquidauana, Pousada Aguapé



Typical habitat around Fazenda San Francisco



Typical habitat around Pousada Aguapé



“Pantaneiro Cowboys” around Fazenda San Francisco



Giant Anteater, Pousada Aguapé

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**Conservation Donation** – Following this tour to Brazil, £600 was donated to Project Felis and was used for the publication of 200 extra copies of a wonderful educational book for children about the wildlife of Emas National Park in Brazil. More here: <https://projectfelis.org/brazil>

To try and make a bigger difference to conservation we pool the donations from most of our tours into one central fund. Once a target amount has been reached this money will be used to support a single project in the hope of achieving more for species conservation. Currently this amounts to over £10,000. However, we still donate money to help smaller projects like Project Felis that we feel will still benefit from smaller donations. Please visit [www.wisebirding.co.uk](http://www.wisebirding.co.uk) to find out more.

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Maned Wolf, Emas NP

The following mammal checklist mostly follows the IUCN framework (Red List) but also the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF) [www.gbif.org](http://www.gbif.org) and Handbook of The Mammals of the World. The bird checklist follows the nomenclature and classification from Gill F, D Donsker & P Rasmussen (Eds). 2023. IOC World Bird List (v13.2). <https://www.worldbirdnames.org/new/> The IOC World Bird List complements three other primary world bird lists that differ slightly in their primary goals & taxonomic philosophy: Clements Checklist of the Birds of the World, The Howard & Moore Complete Checklist of the Birds of the World, 4th Edition & HBW Alive/Bird Life International.

## Total number of mammals recorded: 28 species

(plus 2 introduced species and tracks only of 2 species)

### Giant Anteater

### *Myrmecophaga tridactyla*

Some fabulous views of up to 13 different animals over 5 days. All sightings were during the day except for single animal in Emas NP on the 23rd and Fazenda San Francisco on the 1st August. All other sightings were during the day near Pousada Aguapé where counts of 1 - 4 animals were recorded and a high count of 7 animals on the 30th, including an animal seen by Alison from horseback!

### Southern Tamandua

### *Tamandua tetradactyla*

A very obliging animal was seen as we neared Pousada Aguapé on the 28th and a 2nd animal was seen at dusk the same day. Another 2 animals were recorded on the 31st.

### Nine-banded Armadillo

### *Dasypus novemcinctus*

Excellent views both at night and during the day. Recorded daily between the 28th - 31st with up to 4 animals seen each day.

### Six-banded (Yellow) Armadillo

### *Euphractus sexcinctus*

The commonest Armadillo species recorded on eight days and across all sites.

### Giant Armadillo

### *Priodontes maximus*

Fresh diggings and tracks around a huge hole were recorded in Emas NP on the 25th July.

### Ocelot

### *Leopardus pardalis*

One of the tour highlights was an exceptionally close encounter with a female close to the river Aquidauana on the evening of the 29th. A second animal (also female) was seen well whilst walking through vegetation at Fazenda San Francisco on the night of the 31st.

**Jaguar*****Panthera onca***

Sightings of Jaguar in the Southern Pantanal are far less regular compared to the busy commercial Northern Pantanal. However, we tried very hard and after seeing Jaguar tracks on three days at Fazenda San Francisco, we were finally rewarded with views of a beautiful female in daylight at Fazenda San Francisco on the 2nd Aug.

It was on the road at 5.33pm and stood in the open for a short while before slinking off into one of the ditches and despite waiting until dusk and driving in darkness, we failed to re-find it. A presumably different animal (not sexed) but in a different area to the first sighting was seen at 8.40pm in the spotlight for a few minutes. Initially close, just the other side of a water channel, but then walking slowly away and an exciting end to our final night drive. We also recorded fresh Jaguar tracks in Emas NP on the morning of the 22nd July and in riverine forest near Pousada Aguapé on the 30th.

**Puma*****Puma concolor***

Fresh tracks in Emas NP during the early morning of the 26th July.

**Crab-eating Fox*****Cerdocyon thous***

The most commonly encountered mammal with daily sightings and counts of up to five animals on one day.

**Maned Wolf*****Chrysocyon brachyurus***

Another clear tour highlight as we were spoiled with some simply amazing views during our time in Emas NP. Here, we enjoyed 8 separate encounters of at least 5 different animals! Two of the sightings were in daylight (06.40am and 5.45pm on the 27th) and the rest were during darkness by spotlight but all very close and prolonged views. Sadly a long dead animal was the result of a road casualty immediately adjacent to the boundary of Emas NP and a stark reminder at the fragility of this wonderful park.

**Hoary Fox*****Lycalopex vetulus***

We had two sightings of this strikingly small and shy fox in Emas NP. A brief sighting on the evening of the 23rd and a better view on the evening of the 24th.

**Striped Hog-nosed Skunk*****Conepatus semistriatus***

Recorded daily in Emas NP almost exclusively seen at night other than a sighting at dawn on the 27th.

**South American Coati*****Nasua nasua***

Recorded only during our time at Pousada Aguapé with sightings on the 29th and 30th and a maximum count of 8 animals.

**Tayra*****Eira barbara***

A lucky but very welcome sighting of a single animal at Fazenda San Francisco during the late morning of the 1st August as an animal ran across the road.

**Lesser Grison*****Galictis cuja***

A single animal dashed across the road during one of our many game drives in Emas NP but was only seen well by a couple of the group.

**Neotropical Otter*****Lontra longicaudis***

A single animal seen well on 2 - 3 occasions during our boat trip on the Aquidauana River on the morning of the 30th July.

**Giant Otter*****Pteronura brasiliensis***

A frustratingly brief sighting of 2 animals on the 1st Aug during our boat trip on the Corixo Sao Domingos whilst at Fazenda San Francisco.

**Lowland Tapir*****Tapirus terrestris***

Recorded on seven days with sightings at all three locations though most numerous in Emas NP where a total of 8 animals were recorded. Sightings were most often at night but day time sightings in Emas on 25th, Aguapé on 30th (for Alison on horseback) and 1st Aug at San Francisco. Young stripey juvs were seen in Emas (by thermal) and San Francisco.

**Collared Peccary*****Pecari tajacu***

Recorded only at Pousada Aguapé on two days. A group of 15 animals crossed the road slowly in front of us at dusk on the 29th and a single on the 30th.

**White-lipped Peccary*****Tayassu pecari***

At least 8 animals seen well in Emas NP on the evening of the 24th and a single on the 29th near the Aquidauana River on the 29th.

**Eurasian Wild Pig (Introduced)*****Sus scrofa***

Recorded on three days around Pousada Aguapé.

**Marsh Deer*****Blastocerus dichotomus***

This elegant deer was seen on three days whilst at Fazenda San Francisco.

**Common Red Brocket*****Mazama americana***

Single animals in Emas NP adjacent to riverine forest on the 26th and 27th.

**Common Brown Brocket*****Mazama gouazoubira***

A single animal near Pousada Aguapé on the 29th.

**Pampas Deer*****Ozotoceros bezoarticus***

A very common species in Emas NP with daily sightings of numerous animals and again on two days at Aguapé.

**Water Buffalo (Introduced)*****Bubalus bubalis***

Five animals seen on the 2nd whilst exploring Fazenda San Francisco.

**Hooded (Azara's) Capuchin*****Sapajus cay***

Recorded on two days around Pousada Aguapé and once at Fazenda San Francisco during our boat trip on the Corixo Sao Domingos. Counts of 5, 2 & 7 respectively.

**Black-and-gold Howler*****Alouatta caraya***

Great views of at least 8 animals, including black males and gold females, during our boat trip on the Aquidauana River near Pousada Aguapé on the 30th.

**Common Tapeti (Rabbit)*****Sylvilagus brasiliensis***

Counts of 1-3 recorded on four days in total. A single while travelling from Campo Grande to Emas and all others around Pousada Aguapé and Fazenda San Francisco.

**Azara's Agouti*****Dasyprocta azarae***

Recorded in Emas NP close to our accommodation on 23rd and then 2 animals on the 29th near Pousada Aguapé.

**Brazilian Guinea Pig (Cavy)*****Cavia aperea***

Seen on three days at Fazenda San Francisco, mostly vanishing quickly into vegetation.

**Greater Capybara*****Hydrochoerus hydrochaeris***

Recorded on six days whilst exploring Pousada Aguapé and Fazenda San Francisco.

## Reptiles & Amphibians

### Red-footed Tortoise

A great spot by Fiona of this scarce species whilst exploring Pousada Aguapé on the 30th.

### House Gecko

Recorded on at least two days.

### Yacare Caiman

Recorded on the last six days of the tour.

### Black-and-White Tegu

The same male and female seen very well on two different days whilst exploring Emas NP.

### Crossed Pit Viper

This beautiful snake was seen at night on the road in Emas NP on the 23rd.

### Parrot Snake

A single seen during our final night drive in Fazenda San Francisco.

*Chelonoidis carbonarius*

*Hemidactylus mabouia*

*Caiman yacare*

*Salvator merianae*

*Bothrops alternatus*



White-eared Puffbird, Emas NP

**Total number of birds recorded: 184 species** (of which 6 were heard only)

### Greater Rhea

Recorded daily.

*Rhea americana*

### Undulated Tinamou

Often heard at dawn, but finally seen whilst exploring Pousada Aguapé on the 29th.

*Crypturellus undulatus*

### Small-billed Tinamou

Two birds flushed off the road in Emas NP on the morning of the 24th.

*Crypturellus parvirostris*

### Red-winged Tinamou

Three birds seen well on the 24th whilst exploring the central grassland area of Emas NP.

*Rynchotus rufescens*

### Southern Screamer

Seen whilst exploring Fazenda San Francisco with 1 -2 birds seen on two days.

*Chauna torquata*

### Black-bellied Whistling Duck

Recorded on two days with groups of 7 - 10 birds on two days near Pousada Aguapé.

*Dendrocygna autumnalis*

**Muscovy Duck**

Small numbers on three days whilst exploring Fazenda San Francisco.

**Rusty-margined Guan**

Seen only whilst in Emas NP with 1 - 2 birds seen on three days.

**White-throated Piping Guan**

Small numbers seen on seven days.

**Bare-faced Curassow**

Recorded on seven days whilst in Emas and Aguapé with both males and females seen.

**Nacunda Nighthawk**

Seen at dusk and during night drives on three days at Fazenda San Francisco.

**Pauraque**

Recorded daily with some good views on the ground and perched.

**Little Nightjar**

Heard by all and seen only by CT on the 28th at Aguapé during a night drive on the 28th.

**White-winged Nightjar**

This rare range restricted species was seen very well in Emas NP on the 24th with at least 5 birds seen whilst spotlighting.

**Scissor-tailed Nightjar**

Single birds during night drives in Emas NP and again on three nights whilst spotlighting at Fazenda San Francisco.

**Rufous Nightjar**

Heard only during a night drive on the 30th at Pousada Aguapé.

**Great Potoo**

A total of 3 birds recorded during a night drive on the 29th at Aguapé, including some great views at dusk of a perched bird.

**Common Potoo**

Seen very well during night drives at all three sites. Counts of 1 - 2 birds over five days.

**Swallow-tailed Hummingbird**

Seen only in Emas NP on the 22nd.

**Gilded Sapphire**

At least 3 birds seen whilst exploring Aguapé on the 29th.

**Guira Cuckoo**

Recorded daily.

**Smooth-billed Ani**

Recorded daily.

**Picazuro Pigeon**

Recorded daily.

**Pale-vented Pigeon**

Common in Emas NP and also seen at Aguapé on at least one day.

**Scaled Dove**

This common but very attractive dove was recorded daily.

**Ruddy Ground Dove**

Recorded on at least 10 days.

***Cairina moschata******Penelope superciliaris******Pipile grayi******Crax fasciolata******Chordeiles nacunda******Nyctidromus albicollis******Setopagis parvula******Eleothreptus candicans******Hydropsalis torquata******Antrostomus rufus******Nyctibius grandis******Nyctibius griseus******Eupetomena macroura******Hylocharis chrysura******Guira guira******Crotophaga ani******Patagioenas picazuro******Patagioenas cayennensis******Columbina squammata******Columbina talpacoti***



**Picui Ground Dove**

Recorded on three days around Fazenda San Francisco.

*Columbina picui*

**White-tipped Dove**

Recorded on at least 10 days.

*Leptotila verreauxi*

**Grey-fronted Dove**

Recorded on three days around Fazenda San Francisco.

*Leptotila rufaxilla*

**Ash-throated Crake**

Heard only in a wetland area around Fazenda San Francisco on the 31st.

*Mustelirallus albicollis*

**Grey-cowled Wood Rail**

Excellent views of this striking Rail on three days whilst exploring Aguapé.

*Aramides cajaneus*

**Limpkin**

First seen whilst travelling from Campo Grande to Emas and then again on two days at Fazenda San Francisco.

*Aramus guarauna*

**White-backed Stilt**

Seen whilst travelling to and from Emas and again at Aguapé with 6+ birds on the 29th.

*Himantopus melanurus*

**Southern Lapwing**

A common species recorded on ten days.

*Vanellus chilensis*

**Pied Plover**

Two these very smart waders were seen well during our boat trip on the Aquidauana River.

*Hoploxypterus cayanus*

**Wattled Jacana**

Recorded on five days whilst at Aguapé and Fazenda San Francisco.

*Jacana jacana*

**Wood Stork**

Small numbers seen on just two days, at Aguapé and Fazenda San Francisco.

*Mycteria americana*

**Maguari Stork**

This Pantanal speciality was seen well at Aguapé with 2 birds on 28th & a single on 29th.

*Ciconia maguari*

**Jabiru**

Another iconic species of the Pantanal with small numbers seen daily at both Aguapé and Fazenda San Francisco.

*Jabiru mycteria*

**Anhinga**

Seen during boat trips on the Aquidauana River and Corixo Sao Domingos.

*Anhinga anhinga*

**Neotropic Cormorant**

Recorded on four days.

*Nannopterum brasilianum*

**Plumbeous Ibis**

Counts of 1-2 birds over three days whilst at both South Pantanal lodges.

*Theristicus caerulescens*

**Buff-necked Ibis**

The commonest ibis species recorded on 12 days.

*Theristicus caudatus*

**Green Ibis**

Recorded on five days at both the South Pantanal lodges.

*Mesembrinibis cayennensis*

**Bare-faced Ibis**

Recorded on four days at both the South Pantanal lodges.

*Phimosus infuscatus*

**Roseate Spoonbill**

This beautiful Spoonbill was recorded at Aguapé with 7 birds on 28th and again at Fazenda San Francisco on the 31st.

*Platalea ajaja*

**Rufescent Tiger Heron**

Recorded on six days at both the South Pantanal lodges including adults and juveniles.

*Tigrisoma lineatum*

**Boat-billed Heron**

Two birds in a wet ditch whilst exploring Fazenda San Francisco on the 1st.

*Cochlearius cochlearius*

**Black-crowned Night Heron**

Recorded on four days at both the South Pantanal lodges.

*Nycticorax nycticorax*

**Striated Heron**

Recorded on five days at both the South Pantanal lodges.

*Butorides striata*

**Western Cattle Egret**

Recorded on eight days. Travelling to/from Emas NP and at both South Pantanal Lodges.

*Bubulcus ibis*

**Cocoi Heron**

Recorded on five days at both the South Pantanal lodges.

*Ardea cocoi*

**Great Egret**

Recorded on six days at both the South Pantanal lodges.

*Ardea alba*

**Capped Heron**

Recorded on seven days at all three sites with counts of 1-2 birds.

*Pilherodius pileatus*

**Whistling Heron**

Seen whilst exploring Fazenda San Francisco with birds seen on two days.

*Syrigma sibilatrix*

**Little Blue Heron**

A single bird at a wetland near Aguapé on the 29th.

*Egretta caerulea*

**Snowy Egret**

Recorded on four days at both the South Pantanal lodges.

*Egretta thula*

**Black Vulture**

Recorded on at least six days at all three sites.

*Coragyps atratus*

**Turkey Vulture**

The most common bird of prey recorded on ten days.

*Cathartes aura*

**Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture**

Recorded on six days at both the South Pantanal lodges.

*Cathartes burrovianus*

**Long-winged Harrier**

A very smart male cruised past us whilst exploring Emas NP on the afternoon of the 26th.

*Circus buffoni*

**Black-collared Hawk**

This attractive Hawk associated with wetland areas was seen well at both South Pantanal lodges over four days.

*Busarellus nigricollis*

**Snail Kite**

Counts of 1-2 birds at both South Pantanal lodges over five days.

*Rostrhamus sociabilis*

**Crane Hawk**

This highly distinctive long-tailed and long-legged raptor was seen at Fazenda San Francisco on the 1st.

*Geranospiza caerulescens*

**Savanna Hawk**

A common raptor recorded at all sites over 11 days.

*Buteogallus meridionalis*

**Chaco Eagle**

This localised species was seen very well in Emas NP on the 25th where an immature bird posed for us on top of a pylon.

*Buteogallus coronatus*

**Roadside Hawk**

A common raptor recorded at all sites over 11 days.

**White-tailed Hawk**

Most common in Emas NP but also seen at Fazenda San Francisco on one day.

**Grey-lined Hawk**

A single bird on the 2nd at Fazenda San Francisco.

**American Barn Owl**

Exceptional views of birds hunting at night were seen daily whilst in Emas NP with counts of at least five birds. Other singles seen at night at Fazenda San Francisco lodge.

**Burrowing Owl**

Recorded daily whilst in Emas and less frequently at Aguapé and Fazenda San Francisco.

**Ferruginous Pygmy Owl**

Heard and seen very well whilst at Aguapé.

**Striped Owl**

Fabulous views by spotlight at Fazenda San Francisco on three nights.

**Tropical Screech Owl**

Heard at Aguapé and seen very well whilst at Fazenda San Francisco.

**Black-banded Owl**

A great spot by Fiona as a bird gave wonderful views by spotlight in Emas NP on the 26th. Also heard at Aguapé on the evening of the 30th.

**Blue-crowned Trogon**

A single bird seen well at Aguapé on the 31st.

**Amazon Kingfisher**

Recorded on five days at both the South Pantanal lodges.

**Green Kingfisher**

Seen whilst at Aguapé on the 30th.

**Ringed Kingfisher**

The largest of the Kingfishers and seen on four days at both the South Pantanal lodges.

**Rufous-tailed Jacamar**

Two birds showed very well whilst exploring Aguapé on the 29th.

**White-eared Puffbird**

Great views of this Cerrado species whilst in Emas NP with a single bird on the 25th.

**Chestnut-eared Aracari**

Great views of up 2 and 3 birds at Aguapé on the 28th and 29th and a single bird at Fazenda San Francisco on the 1st.

**Toco Toucan**

Fabulous daily sightings of these amazing birds.

**White-wedged Piculet**

Heard only at Aguapé on the 29th.

**White Woodpecker**

Two birds seen in Emas NP on the 27th.

**Little Woodpecker**

Seen well at Aguapé on the 29th.

***Rupornis magnirostris******Geranoaetus albicaudatus******Buteo nitidus******Tyto furcata******Athene cunicularia******Glaucidium brasilianum******Asio clamator******Megascops choliba******Strix huhula******Trogon curucui******Chloroceryle amazona******Chloroceryle americana******Megaceryle torquata******Galbula ruficauda******Nystalus chacuru******Pteroglossus castanotis******Ramphastos toco******Picumnus albosquamatus******Melanerpes candidus******Veniliornis passerinus***

**Campo Flicker**

Recorded on eight days with daily sightings in Emas NP.

*Colaptes campestris*

**Pale-crested Woodpecker**

Singles on the 31st and 1st whilst at Fazenda San Francisco.

*Celeus lugubris*

**Crimson-crested Woodpecker**

Two birds at Aguapé on the 29th.

*Campephilus melanoleucos*

**Red-legged Seriema**

Recorded on 11 days. Great views in Emas NP in particular and again at Aguapé.

*Cariama cristata*

**Crested Caracara**

Recorded daily.

*Caracara plancus*

**Yellow-headed Caracara**

Recorded in Emas NP on here days with coins of 1-2 birds.

*Milvago chimachima*

**Laughing Falcon**

Great views of 2 birds in Emas NP on the 22nd.

*Herpetotheres cachinnans*

**American Kestrel**

Seen in Emas NP on two days.

*Falco sparverius*

**Aplomado Falcon**

Recorded daily in Emas NP.

*Falco femoralis*

**Bat Falcon**

A pair of perched birds at Aguapé on the 29th.

*Falco ruficularis*

**Monk Parakeet**

Recorded on eight days.

*Myiopsitta monachus*

**Yellow-chevroned Parakeet**

Recorded on eight days.

*Brotogeris chiriri*

**Scaly-headed Parrot**

Two birds seen well at Fazenda San Francisco on the 2nd.

*Pionus maximiliani*

**Blue-headed Parrot**

Great views of a single bird in Emas NP on the 22nd was unexpected for the area.

*Pionus menstruus*

**Yellow-faced Parrot**

Excellent views of small flocks in Emas NP on 23rd and 24th of this very localised species.

*Alipiopsitta xanthops*

**Turquoise-fronted Amazon**

The commonest of the Amazon Parrots seen on nine days.

*Amazona aestiva*

**Orange-winged Amazon**

Small numbers seen whilst at Aguapé on two days.

*Amazona amazonica*

**Blaze-winged Parakeet**

Five of this range restricted species seen exceptionally well on the morning of the 30th close to our accommodation at Aguapé on the 30th.

*Pyrrhura devillei*

**Hyacinth Macaw**

This hugely impressive Macaw was seen very well at both the South Pantanal lodges.

*Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus*

**Peach-fronted Parakeet**

This very attractive and common Parakeet was seen on ten days.

*Eupsittula aurea*

**Nanday Parakeet**

Another highly attractive Parakeet and seen very well whilst at Aguapé on four days.

*Aratinga nenday*

**Golden-collared Macaw**

Poor views of 2 birds in flight at Aguapé on the 29th. This was improved on when at Fazenda San Francisco on the 2nd, where two perched birds posed for us all.

**Blue-and-yellow Macaw**

One of the highlights of Emas NP was the daily sight and sound of these fabulous birds and in such large numbers. Smaller counts whilst at Aguapé.

**Red-and-green Macaw**

Much scarcer than the above species but we enjoyed great views of 2 birds on the 28th and 29th whilst exploring Aguapé.

**Red-shouldered Macaw**

This small Macaw was seen in small numbers on four days. Two in Emas NP and two whilst at Aguapé.

**Blue-crowned Parakeet**

Seen well on two days whilst exploring Fazenda San Francisco.

**Narrow-billed Woodcreeper**

Seen well near the Aquidauana River on the 29th.

**Pale-legged Hornero**

More commonly associated with water than Rufous Hornero. Seen whilst exploring Fazenda San Francisco with birds seen on two days.

**Rufous Hornero**

Commoner than the above species and recorded on seven days.

**Grey-crested Cacholote**

Seen very well whilst exploring Aguapé with birds seen on three days.

**Yellow-chinned Spinetail**

Seen whilst exploring the wetland areas of both South Pantanal lodges.

**Chotoy Spinetail**

Heard only on the 29th whilst at Aguapé.

**Great Antshrike**

Seen very well whilst exploring Aguapé on the 29th.

**Mato Grosso Antbird**

Heard only on the 29th and 30th at Aguapé.

**Southern Beardless Tyrannulet**

Recorded on at least the 29th around Aguapé.

**Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant**

Seen well at Aguapé on the 30th.

**Common Tody-Flycatcher**

Seen well in Emas NP and Aguapé.

**Scarlet Flycatcher**

Seen well on at least three days whilst exploring both South Pantanal lodges.

**White-rumped Monjita**

A very common species recorded daily.

**White Monjita**

Seen on the 28th near Aguapé.

***Primolius auricollis******Ara ararauna******Ara chloropterus******Diopsittaca nobilis******Thectocercus acuticaudatus******Lepidocolaptes angustirostris******Furnarius leucopus******Furnarius rufus******Pseudoseisura unirufa******Certhiaxis cinnamomeus******Schoeniophylax phryganophilus******Taraba major******Cercomacra melanaria******Camptostoma obsoletum******Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer******Todirostrum cinereum******Pyrocephalus rubinus******Xolmis valets******Xolmis irupero***

**Streamer-tailed Tyrant**

This impressive species was seen very well in Emas NP on the 22nd and 26th.

**Black-backed Water Tyrant**

Small numbers recorded on three days whilst exploring both South Pantanal lodges.

**White-headed Marsh Tyrant**

Recorded at Fazenda San Francisco on the 2nd.

**Cock-tailed Tyrant**

This speciality of the Cerrado was seen well in Emas NP with at least 6 birds on the 24th.

**Cattle Tyrant**

Recorded on eight days.

**Rusty-margined Flycatcher**

Four birds in a small patch of woodland near Aguapé on the 29th.

**Great Kiskadee**

Recorded on at least seven days.

**Lesser Kiskadee**

Most associated with wetland areas and seen well on two boat trips at both Aguapé and Fazenda San Francisco.

**Tropical Kingbird**

Recorded on at least two days.

**Rufous Casiornis**

Excellent views in a small patch of woodland whilst exploring Aguapé on the 29th.

**Swainson's Flycatcher**

A calling bird in a small patch of woodland whilst exploring Aguapé on the 29th.

**Short-crested Flycatcher**

The distinctive call of this species was heard and seen well in Emas NP on two days.

**Helmeted Manakin**

Both male and female seen and heard near our accommodation in Emas NP on two days.

**Band-tailed Manakin**

This stunning Manakin was seen exceptionally well in woodland adjacent to the Aquidauana River on the 30th.

**Rufous-browed Peppershrike**

Heard only on at least one day whilst at Aguapé.

**Purplish Jay**

Recorded on three days whilst at both South Pantanal lodges.

**Curl-crested Jay**

This impressive Jay was seen very well and recorded on eight days.

**Plush-crested Jay**

This localised and again impressive Jay species was recorded at both South Pantanal lodges over three days.

**White-rumped Swallow**

Small numbers recorded on five days across all sites.

**White-winged Swallow**

Small numbers recorded on two days whilst exploring Fazenda San Francisco.

***Gubernetes yetapa******Fluvicola albiventer******Arundinicola leucocephala******Alectrurus tricolor******Machetornis rixosa******Myiozetetes cayanensis******Pitangus sulphuratus******Philohydor lictor******Tyrannus melancholicus******Casiornis rufus******Myiarchus swainsoni******Myiarchus ferox******Antilophia galeata******Pipra fasciicauda******Cyclarhis gujanensis******Cyanocorax cyanomelas******Cyanocorax cristatellus******Cyanocorax chrysops******Tachycineta leucorrhoa******Tachycineta albiventer***

**Southern Rough-winged Swallow**

Recorded on two days.

**Grey-breasted Martin**

Recorded on two days.

**Black-capped Donacobius**

Seen very well at Fazenda San Francisco on the 1st.

**Thrush-like Wren**

Recorded on four days whilst at both South Pantanal lodges.

**Fawn-breasted Wren**

Seen and heard very well at Aguapé on the 29th.

**Chalk-browed Mockingbird**

Recorded on nine days.

**Pale-breasted Thrush**

Seen on two days in woodland whilst in Emas NP.

**Rufous-bellied Thrush**

Recorded on the 30th at Aguapé.

**House Sparrow**

This introduced species was recorded on four days.

**Yellowish Pipit**

Seen on the 30th at Aguapé.

**Grassland Sparrow**

Recorded in Emas NP on two days.

**White-browed Blackbird**

A single bird on the 2nd whilst exploring Fazenda San Francisco.

**Crested Oropendola**

Seen whilst exploring Fazenda San Francisco on at least one day.

**Solitary Caciue**

Seen whilst exploring Fazenda San Francisco on at least one day.

**Golden-winged Caciue**

This very localised species was seen well at Fazenda San Francisco on the 2nd.

**Orange-backed Troupial**

This fluorescent stunner was seen very well along the Aquidauana River on the 30th.

**Giant Cowbird**

Small numbers in the grassland areas of both South Pantanal lodges over five days.

**Shiny Cowbird**

Seen on at least two days whilst exploring Fazenda San Francisco.

**Chopi Blackbird**

A very common species recorded on ten days.

**Unicolored Blackbird**

Seen whilst exploring Fazenda San Francisco with birds seen on two days.

**Yellow-rumped Marshbird**

Seen on two days whilst exploring just outside Emas NP with counts of 10 - 12 birds.

***Stelgidopteryx ruficollis******Progne chalybea******Donacobius atricapilla******Campylorhynchus turdinus******Cantorchilus guarayanus******Mimus saturninus******Turdus leucomelas******Turdus rufiventris******Passer domesticus******Anthus chii******Ammodramus humeralis******Leistes superciliaris******Psarocolius decumanus******Cacicus solitarius******Cacicus chrysopterus******Icterus croconotus******Molothrus oryzivorus******Molothrus bonariensis******Gnorimopsar chopi******Agelasticus cyanopus******Pseudoleistes guirahuro***

**Flavescent Warbler**

Seen well outside our accommodation in Emas NP on the 23rd.

**Coal-crested Finch**

Another Cerrado speciality seen very well on three days in Emas NP.

**Hooded Tanager**

Seen well near Aguapé on the 29th.

**Wedge-tailed Grass Finch**

Seen well in Emas NP on at least one day.

**Swallow Tanager**

A female at Aguapé seen by John W.

**Black-throated Saltator**

Seen daily whilst in Emas NP and again on the 29th near Aguapé.

**Bananaquit**

Recorded on the 28th at a coffee stop whilst travelling to Aguapé.

**Blue-black Grassquit**

Seen in Emas NP on at least one day.

**Grey-headed Tanager**

A single bird on the 30th alongside the Aquidauana River during our boat trip.

**Silver-beaked Tanager**

Seen whilst exploring Aguapé with birds seen on two days.

**Plumbeous Seedeater**

Seen well in Emas NP on four days.

**Rusty-collared Seedeater**

This striking Seedeater posed for us near Aguapé on the 29th.

**White-rumped Tanager**

This Cerrado specialist was seen very well in Emas NP on at least three days with birds displaying and calling to each other.

**Saffron Finch**

Small flocks recorded on nine days.

**Red-crested Cardinal**

Seen well at both South Pantanal lodges over three days.

**Yellow-billed Cardinal**

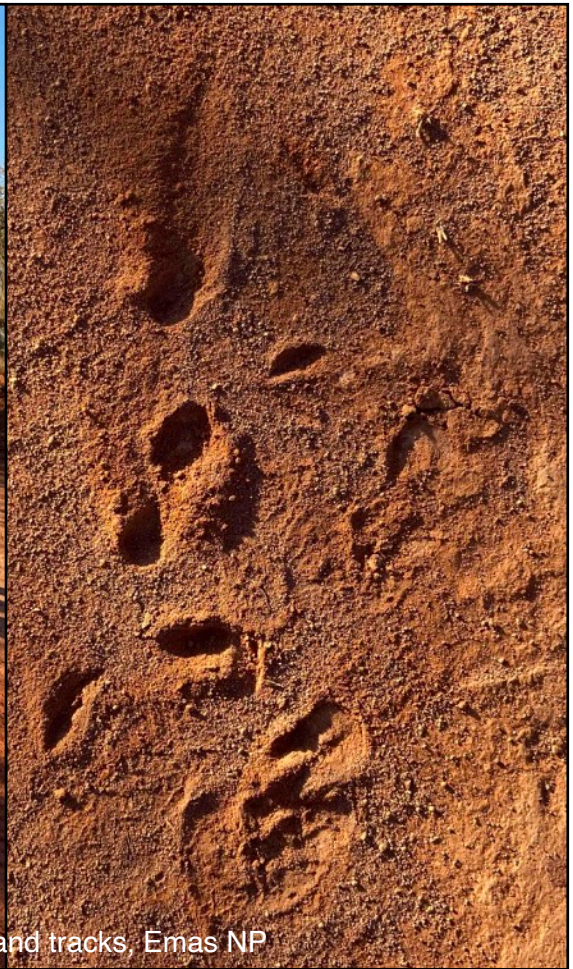
Seen well at both South Pantanal lodges over five days.

**Palm Tanager**

Recorded on the 28th at a coffee stop whilst travelling to Aguapé.

***Myiothlypis flaveola******Charitospiza eucosma******Nemosia pileata******Emberizoides herbicola******Tersina viridis******Saltatricula atricollis******Coereba flaveola******Volatinia jacarina******Eucometis penicillata******Ramphocelus carbo******Sporophila plumbea******Sporophila collaris******Cypsnagra hirundinacea******Sicalis flaveola******Paroaria coronata******Paroaria capitata******Thraupis palmarum***





Giant Armadillo diggings and tracks, Emas NP



Jaguar track, Pousada Aguapé

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