AVIFAUNA OF THE UPPER ESSEQUIBO RIVER AND ACARY MOUNTAINS, SOUTHERN GUYANA

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Resumen. – Avifauna del alto Río Essequibo y la Sierra de Acary, en el sur de Guyana. – Realizamos inventarios intensivos durante dos temporadas y varias visitas de menor duración en el alto Río Essequibo, en el extremo sur de Guyana, en una zona que está entre las menos impactadas por humanos en el planeta. En total, registramos 441 especies de aves, incluyendo los primeros registros de 12 especies para el país. Para otras cuatro especies, colectamos los primeros especimenes del país. Presentamos información acerca de abundancia relativa, preferencias de hábitat y estatus reproductivo. La lista de especies para esta región es mayor que la de otro sitio intensamente estudiado al norte de Manaos, en Brazil, pero menor que la de la Selva Iwokrama en el centro de Guyana. Es probable que las diferencias en la composición de especies entre estos sitios se basen en la heterogeneidad del hábitat.

Abstract. – We conducted two extensive and several shorter-term avifaunal surveys during different seasons in the upper Essequibo River drainage of extreme southern Guyana, one of the least human-impacted areas on the planet. A total of 441 avian species were recorded including the first Guyana records for 12 species. Four additional species were documented with the first Guyana specimens. Relative abundance, habitat preferences, and breeding status are presented. The species list for the Upper Essequibo region is higher than that for an intensively studied site north of Manaus, Brazil, but lower than that for the Iwokrama Forest in central Guyana. The likely explanation for differences in species composition between these sites is habitat heterogeneity. *Accepted 3 March 2007*.

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INTRODUCTION

The lowland forests of the Guiana Shield represent one of the largest blocks of pristine forest on earth. The majority of the natural vegetation remains intact, with estimates of relatively untouched forest of 80% in Guyana, 90% in Suriname and French Guiana, and 42% in adjacent Brazil (Bryant et al. 1997). The area of southern Guyana, southern Suriname and abutting Brazil has been particularly unaffected by humans. Excluding the Rupununi Savanna, Guyana forests south of the 4th parallel comprise nearly 7,000,000 ha and have only one permanent settlement, the Wai-Wai Amerindian village near Gunn's Strip (D. Clarke pers. observ.; see below). At the extreme southern end of this region, the Wai-Wai own about 625,000 ha, these lands being known as the Konashen Community Owned Conservation

From an ornithological standpoint, this area remains very poorly known. The nearest thorough avian surveys were conducted about 80 km north of Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil (Cohn-Haft et al. 1997) and at the Iwokrama Forest reserve in central Guyana (Ridgely et al. 2005). Oren & Albuquerque's (1991) update of Haffer's (1974) catalog of collecting localities for the Brazilian component of this region underscored how few areas have been even minimally surveyed, with large sections still totally unknown. The only survey within the Guyana portion of this region was made by Blake (1950) in 1938, without such invaluable survey tools as mist-nets, tape recorders, and field identification guides.

STUDY AREA AND METHODS

As part of a long-term assessment of the biodiversity of Guyana, we conducted two extensive and several shorter surveys during different seasons in the upper Essequibo River drainage of extreme southern Guyana. All of our field sites were within the Konashen Community Owned Conservation Area. In August–September 1998 and in February–March 1999, we mounted expeditions to the headwaters of the Essequibo River. Finch, O'Shea, and others briefly visited these same areas in subsequent years. Access to the region was via small aircraft from Georgetown to a laterite runway, known as Gunn's Strip, in an isolated, wet savanna surrounded by thousands of sq. km of contiguous, primary forest. Our itinerary and description of each surveyed site follow.

Gunn's Strip. 01°39'N, 58°37'W, 225 m, Fig. 1. At the time of our work about 200 Wai-Wai occupied a village near the airstrip. Following high water in 2000, the community moved to a point < 1.5 straight-line km upriver. The Gunn's site is seasonally flooded with much of the savanna and forest floor inundated for months, typically from late April through at least July. We surveyed about 12 km² of the natural savanna (Robbins et al. 2005). Interspersed within the savanna, which grows on gray, sandy, clay hard pan, are tongues of gallery forest and small, isolated patches of low, dense forest known in Guyana as "bush islands". Moriche or ité palms (Mauritia flexuosa) were conspicuous at this site. As a result of periodic burning by the Wai-Wai during the dry season, the savanna-forest interface was often abrupt.

This site was surveyed during the following periods: 16–19 August 1998 & 17–20 September 1998 by Robbins, Braun, Milensky, Schmidt, Prince, and Rice; 27 February–8 March 1999 & 23–26 March 1999 by Braun, Milensky, Schmidt, and Prince; 18–19 November 1999, 28–29 April 2001, 4–6 and 22–23 November 2002 by Finch *et al.*, and 4–5 and 27–28 October 2006 by O'Shea. No mistnets were used during the 1998 surveys, Finch *et al.* and O'Shea visits, but about 10 mist-nets

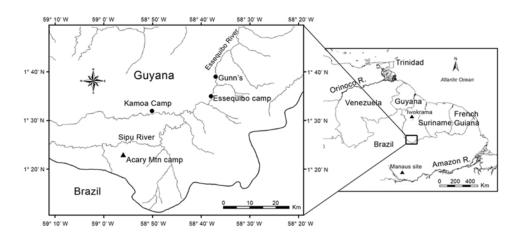


FIG. 1. Principal localities mentioned in text.

were used during the February–March 1999 survey.

Sipu River. 01°25'N, 58°57'W, 225 m, Fig. 1. Many downed trees made this narrow watercourse difficult to navigate, and where the camp was established on its south bank, the river was < 15 m wide. While botanist David Clarke and our logistical crew cut a trail southward toward the Acary (ACK-a-rye) Mountains, we surveyed (15 mist-nets) birds in the seasonally flooded, swampy forest from 21-27 August 1998. Finch et al. worked along the Sipu River up to this site from 12-15 & 20-21 November 2002. The forest canopy was relatively low and uneven as a result of poor soil and the area being flooded for at least 3 months of the year. All the forest strata were laden with vines, and the terrain was very uneven with hummocks of drier ground intermixed with canal-shaped, low-lying areas. Palms such as Astrocaryum jauari and Euterpe oleracea were a dominant component of the understory. During this short period, the river dropped about 13 cm at our campsite, and by the time we left the area on 16 September, it had dropped a total of about 30 cm. Except during infrequent periods of rain, cicadas produced considerable ambient noise from about 07:00 until sunset.

Acary Mountains. 01°23'N, 58°56'W, 225 m, Fig 1. This camp was near a stream in tall primary terra firme forest at the northern base of the mountains, about 4 straight-line km from the Sipu camp. The area was worked from 28 August to 15 September 1998. Finch et al. visited the site from 15-19 November 2002, followed by O'Shea from 7-18 October 2006. In 1998, in order to survey the highest elevations (about 1100 m), we rotated personnel to a mini-camp established at 575 m where we set up 3 mist-nets. While two people worked at the mini-camp, the remaining team surveyed birds at the base camp, cutting new trails and working the trail back to the Sipu camp. About 20 mist-nets were used at the base camp. At about 800 m, the forest appeared wetter with the first sign of large terrestrial ferns, moss and bromeliads on the trees. Frequent cloud contact along the ridges supported abundant epiphytes on trees and sphagnum moss on the ground, but very few plants were restricted to the high elevations (D. Clarke pers. observ.). Bamboo (Guadua latifolia) was prevalent along the ridge crests as a result of tree falls and in the peneplain of creeks at the mountain base. A number of trees were flowering and fruiting from the base to the crest of the mountains. The highest summit consisted of granitic bedrock with a thin cover of organic soil and scrub vegetation [Myrtaceae, *Mimosa* (Fabaceae), and *Erythroxylon* (Erythroxylaceae) (D. Clarke pers. observ.)].

Essequibo River camp. Upriver, about 7 straightline km from Gunn's Strip. 01°35 N, 58°38W, 250 m, Fig. 1. Surveyed by Braun, Milensky, Schmidt, and Prince from 9 to 22 March 1999. Finch et al. worked along the river near this site from 6-8 & 21-22 November 2002. A camp was established adjacent to the river. Seasonally flooded, terra firme, and riverine habitats were surveyed, using 15+ mist-nets near the base camp. A temporary camp (01°35'N, 58°35'W) was established at the base of a range of low hills to the east, permitting surveys of upper elevations (about 700 m) on five mornings. Guyana Lands and Surveys topographical maps refer to these hills as "Zibingatzako Mountain". The area between this massif and the Essequibo River is a mosaic of terra firme and seasonally flooded forest. The canopy of the terra firme forest was as high as 40 m, whereas the seasonally flooded forest canopy was 20-25 m in height.

Kamoa River. 01°32'N, 58°50'W, 240 m, Fig. 1. Surveyed by Finch et al. 8–11 November 2002 and O'Shea 19–28 October 2006. Both Finch and O'Shea worked from a camp at the above coordinates and Finch also worked from a second camp at 01°31.5'N, 58°46.3'W. During O'Shea's visit, birds were surveyed along trails cut in both directions along the river. Another trail was cut perpendicular (north) to the river, and led to a small rocky hill (about 560 m) in terra firme forest. This trail passed through an extensive area of low-stature for-

est with many palms, resembling forest around Gunn's Strip. Birds were also surveyed by boat on several mornings. Habitat immediately adjacent to the river was seasonally flooded forest of shorter stature than that found along the Sipu or Essequibo rivers; the forest became taller farther away from the river. The understory of this flooded forest was very sparse. There appeared to be a high degree of habitat heterogeneity at this site.

Specimens are deposited at the USNM, KUMNH, and the University of Guyana, Georgetown. Tissue samples are at USNM. Robbins's and Finch's recordings have been deposited and O'Shea's and Braun's will be deposited at the Macaulay Library of Natural Sounds, Cornell University. Taxonomy and nomenclature follow Remsen *et al.* (2007), except for the *Icterus cayanensis* complex, where we follow Jaramillo & Burke (1999) in order to make equivalent taxonomic comparisons among three sites.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

We recorded a total of 441 species in the region. To our knowledge, the only other published avifaunal information for the Upper Essequibo region is that of Blake (1950) who, in late 1938, amassed nearly 1000 skins. Unfortunately, half of this invaluable collection was lost when his boat capsized in rapids on the return from the Acary Mountains and adjacent lowlands. In his assessment of the region's affinities, Blake reported that only 5 of 125 species that he recorded above about 450 m were subtropical-inhabiting species: Chestnut-tipped Toucanet (Aulacorhynchus derbianus), Golden-olive Woodpecker (Piculus rubiginosus), Strong-billed Woodcreeper (Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus), Rufous-rumped Antwren (Terenura callinota), and Sharpbill (Oxyruncus cristatus). We do not consider either the Piculus or Xiphocolaptes to be indicative of the subtropical zone, as both

occur in lowland forests across the Guiana Shield, as elsewhere in South America. However, Blake recorded three species which should be included in that list as they are found primarily in montane regions in the Guiana Shield: Collared Trogon (Trogon collaris), Brown Violetear (Colibri delphinae), and Blackish Pewee (Contopus nigrescens). We documented an additional seven montane species that Blake did not record: Vermiculated Screech-Owl [Megascops (guatemalae) roraimae], Green-bellied Hummingbird [Amazilia (viridigaster) cupreicauda], Plain Antvireo (Dysithamnus mentalis), Rufous-tailed Tyrant (Knipolegus poecilurus), Tepui Greenlet (Hylophilus sclateri), Hepatic Tanager [Piranga (flava) haemalea], and Blue-naped Chlorophonia (Chlorophonia cyanea). We exclude Cliff Flycatcher (Hirundinea ferruginea), which was recorded only along ridge crests, because its preferred habitat of bare cliff faces is not restricted to mountains. Several species were present in open, scrubby vegetation along the Acary crests that normally are found in similar habitat in the lowlands, e.g., Red-shouldered Tanager (Tachyphonus phoeniceus) and Dusky Antbird (Cercomacra tyrannina). Two additional species, Tropical Parula (Parula pitiayumi) and Rufouswinged Antwren (Herpsilochmus rufimarginatus), were restricted to the Acary Mountains; both are found in montane areas as well as locally in the lowlands in western Guyana, eastern Venezuela, and Roraima, Brazil (Hilty 2003, Naka et al. 2006). In Suriname the Herpsilochmus is known only from the montane Tafelberg (O'Shea pers. observ.). Blake recorded two species that we failed to detect: Greater Ani (Crotophaga major) and Guira Tanager (Hemithraupis guira). Thus, the species total for the Upper Essequibo region is at least 443. Additional surveys will probably bring the total close to that of the Iwokrama Forest (about 475 species; see below). Most of our surveys were conducted during the nonbreeding season (see below), when relatively few species were vocalizing, and we undoubtedly missed several boreal and austral migrants.

During February-March 1999, we conservatively documented breeding in 22% (n = 93species) of the avifauna, whereas 20% (n = 85) of the avifauna was documented breeding during August-September 1998 (Appendix 1). Breeding criteria were based on specimen gonad data, behavior (displays, carrying nesting material), and active nests. In addition, 17 species were vocalizing considerably more during February-March than during August-September and we considered all of these to be breeding (Appendix 1). These figures should be considered very conservative, as our specimen sample sizes even for common species were low, and many species were not collected. Because of manpower, our effort was biased in favor of the 1998 survey (763 specimens collected in 1998, 522 specimens in 1999). Based on our work elsewhere in Guyana (Robbins et al. 2004, unpubl.), the majority of the Guyana avifauna initiates breeding at the onset of the main rainy season, typically from late April into August; exceptions include columbids and other frugivores. Thus, if both our intensive surveys had been conducted a month later, i.e., in April and October, we predict that we would have found a significantly higher percentage of the avifauna breeding, especially in April. Finally, more North American passerine migrants were recorded during the February to late March period than in the August to mid-September period, when most such migrants have not yet reached Guyana (Appendix 1). An example is the American Redstart (Setophaga rutilla), which O'Shea found to be fairly common in the Acary Mountains in mid-October, whereas it was unrecorded there during our late August to mid-September survey.

Gunn's Strip had a fair amount of hunting and burning pressure in the vicinity of the village, but the other sites were pristine. The human population today is a fraction of what it was when Schomburgk and party visited the region in 1837. Following the influenza epidemic of 1918, only a few, scattered villages remained (Guppy 1958). Indicative of the very low human presence at the Sipu and Acary sites were the relatively large numbers of *Crax* and *Penelope*, seven monkey species, and multiple observations and signs of jaguar and tapir.

Comparison with avifaunas at other Guiana Shield sites. It is of interest to compare the Upper Essequibo River drainage avifauna with other extensively inventoried sites to reveal patterns of diversity across the Guiana Shield region. The avian biogeographical affinities of the terra firme forests east of the Rio Branco, Brazil are with the Guiana Shield, whereas the avifauna west of this drainage is more closely related to western Amazonia (Naka et al. 2006). Thus, we compare the Upper Essequibo inventory with the two most complete surveys in this region: 1) The Biological Dynamics of Forest Fragments Project site about 80 km north of Manaus (Cohn-Haft et al. 1997); 2) the Iwokrama Forest reserve in central Guyana (Ridgely et al. 2005). The Manaus inventory covered a general area of about 500 km² (Fig. 1) and was based on 15 years of fieldwork by many experienced observers who recorded a total of 394 species. An even higher species list, 476 species, was recorded at the Iwokrama Forest (surveyed 8 months over 2 years; Ridgely et al. 2005; Fig. 1). What explains the diversity differences among these three sites? We concur with Cohn-Haft et al. (1997) and Naka et al. (2006) that the primary cause of differences in species richness among sites is habitat heterogeneity. We believe that the 113 species (112 that we found, plus the Hemithraupis that Blake recorded) recorded in the Upper Essequibo region that were not recorded north of Manaus (Appendix 1), are also best explained

differences in habitat heterogeneity between the sites. The Upper Essequibo area extensive seasonally included savanna, flooded forest, and montane areas in contrast to the largely terra firme Manaus site. In addition to the unique montane element outlined above and the obvious contribution of savanna to diversity of the Upper Essequibo area (category 4 under habitat preferences in Appendix 1), a comparison of the species-rich Thamnophilidae between these two areas underscores some microhabitat differences. Of the 13 antbird species recorded in the Upper Essequibo area that were absent from north of Manaus, several were restricted to vine tangles in seasonally flooded forest and two were highland species (Appendix 1). The Spot-backed Antwren (Herpsilochmus dorsimaculatus) was the only thamnophilid found at the Manaus area not present at the Upper Essequibo region.

Of these three areas, the Iwokrama Forest has the greatest diversity of habitats. Sixtyseven species were recorded at the Upper Esseguibo that were unrecorded from Iwokrama (Appendix 1). Montane and savanna-inhabiting species, vine tangle specialists, and migrants constitute the bulk of the 67 species found in the Upper Essequibo and not Iwokrama. Iwokrama had the unique Humiria-dominated low woodland ("Muri Scrub", known as a type of campina in Amazonian Brazil) that added six species not recorded in the Upper Essequibo, and the montane avifauna at Iwokrama included four tepui species not found in the Acary Mountains (Ridgely et al. 2005). Finally, terra firme forest was more prevalent at Iwokrama than the Upper Essequibo.

Cohn-Haft *et al.* (1997) proposed that although species diversity differed considerably among their Manaus locality and two sites in southwestern Amazonia sites, the core *terra firme* fauna was surprisingly similar between Manaus (n = 264 species) and Manu

(n = 271 species). Using their same criteria (i.e., treating most of our aerial species as *terra firme*-inhabiting) in defining the Upper Essequibo *terra firme* avifauna, we tallied about 248 species. Unfortunately, the unpublished Iwokrama Forest species list does not include habitat preference designations, so *terra firme* figures for that locality are not available for comparison. It should be recognized that these numbers should not be considered precise, as habitat requirements of some species vary among sites, and not all researchers agree when allocating species to particular habitats. Nevertheless, these differences would not dramatically change the overall pattern.

Species accounts

We obtained the first documentation for 12 species in Guyana, and the first Guyana specimens for four additional species. Details and documentation are provided below for all these except Vermiculated Screech-Owl [Megascops (guatemalae) roraimae], Versicolored Emerald (Amazilia versicolor), Rufous- winged Antwren (Herpsilochmus rufimarginatus), Rufous-tailed Tyrant (Knipolegus poecilurus) and White-naped Seedeater (Dolospingus fringilloides), details of which we have published earlier (Braun et al. 2003; Robbins et al. 2004, 2005).

All references to French Guiana, Suriname, the region north of Manaus, Brazil, and the Guyana Rupununi are based on information in Tostain *et al.* (1992), Haverschmidt & Mees (1994), Cohn-Haft *et al.* (1997), and Robbins *et al.* (2004), respectively.

Rusty Tinamou (Crypturellus brevirostris). This poorly known tinamou was recorded on only a few occasions in terra firme forest up to 700 m, only at our Acary site. No definite vocalizations were noted during the 1998 trip, but Finch heard the species in November 2002, and O'Shea obtained a tape recording in October 2006. Although these represent the

first records for Guyana, the species is known from French Guiana and northeastern Amazonian Brazil, and almost certainly occurs in adjacent southern Suriname. Specimens: 2 males, 209 & 233 g (USNM 625102; KUMNH 89676, respectively); female, 295 g (USNM 621695).

Stygian Owl (Asio stygius). An adult male was flushed during the day on 18 September from a bush island in savanna at Gunn's Strip by Robbins and Rice (KUMNH 89697) and Finch heard one there on 19 November 1999. Finch et al. heard and recorded two birds along the Kuyuwini River (02° 02.85'N, 58° 50.40'W; MLNS 106352). These are the first Guyana records, and we subsequently heard the species calling from the forest/savanna edge at Kusad Mountain in the Rupununi. Apparently it is still unknown from Suriname, although we predict that ultimately it will be found there, perhaps in the Sipaliwini savanna region. This species is also known from Amazonian savannas (Borges et al. 2001).

Green-bellied Hummingbird (Amazilia viridigaster cupreicauda). Robbins and Milensky observed an adult at eye level for about 5 min in excellent light along an Acary ridge crest at 850 m and O'Shea also found this species along a ridge crest in October 2006. This taxon, which may deserve species status (Hilty 2003), is more commonly encountered in montane forests (750-2000 m) of the Pantepui in southern Venezuela (Hilty 2003), northern Brazil (Naka et al. 2006), and western Guyana (Merume Mountains, Quonga, Snyder 1966; Kopinang Mountain, O'Shea pers. observ.). However, there are records from as low as 60 m in Venezuela (Hilty 2003), and specimens from lowland savanna edge in the southern Rupununi, Guyana and Sipaliwini, Suriname. Temporal variation in abundance on Sierra de Lema, Venezuela (Hilty 2003) suggests the possibility of seasonal or elevational movement in this species.

Rusty-breasted Nunlet (Nonnula rubecula). A non-breeding female collected in seasonally flooded forest at our Sipu camp by Schmidt and Braun on 24 August represents the first Guyana specimen (USNM 625135). It had been observed by Finch et al. on two prior occasions: 17 April 1996 at Kuyuwini Landing (02°05.92'N, 59°14.98'W) and 16 November 1997, along the Rewa River (03°44.02'N, 58°43.32'W; MLNS 89872). This species has been recorded in Suriname, French Guiana, and across much of Amazonia, including north of Manaus.

Chestnut Woodpecker (Celeus elegans). Blake (1950: 442) remarked that a bird that he collected was either an atypical example of the subspecies hellmayri or was intermediate between hellmayri and approximans. The three females (USNM 625153; KUMNH 89713-4) that we collected from the Acary Mountains have pale, creamy yellow crowns with a darker cinnamon color on the elongated crest, bright yellow flanks, and yellow upper tail coverts with varying amounts of cinnamon. The crowns of the Acary birds, which closely resemble nominate elegans, are noticeably paler than those of birds from northeastern Guyana (Berbice River, 05°40'N, 57°53'W, KUMNH 88156; Rockstone, east bank of the lower Essequibo, ANSP 186590), that have been assigned to hellmayri.

Rufous-tailed Xenops (Xenops milleri). A breeding male (USNM 625165) taken by Braun from a mixed-species flock on 27 August at our Sipu camp represents the first Guyana record. A few other individuals were seen in mixed-species flocks up to 600 m in the Acary Mountains. It has been recorded at several localities in Suriname, French Guiana, and north of Manaus.

Spot-throated Woodcreeper (Deconychura stictolaema). Three non-breeding individuals (USNM 625433-5) were mist-netted in March at two of our camps (Appendix 1). These represent the second Guyana locality; the only other site is based on an unpublished specimen of a female collected by A. Capparella on 13 August 1994, 5 km NW Mabura Hill (05°19'N, 58°39'W; ANSP 186698). This woodcreeper has recently been observed in Suriname (O'Shea 2005) and it was noted as common north of Manaus, as well as present throughout Brazilian Amazonia in mixed-species canopy flocks (M. Cohn-Haft, pers. com.).

Band-tailed Antshrike (Sakesphorus melanothorax). O'Shea observed a female in an overclearing in bamboo-dominated understory along a creek near the Acary camp on 17 October 2006. The first and only other Guyana records for this low-density, poorlyknown species are those of Finch et al.: pair, 5 November 1999 and again 15 April 2001, left bank of Kuyuwini River (02°05.72'N, 59°14.19'W; MLNS 106337, 115727); pair, 21 April 2001, left bank of Kassikaityu River (01°50.76'N, 59°04.95'W; MLNS 115771); pair, 22 April 2001, left bank of West Kassikaityu River (01°50.20'N, 59°12.66'W; MLNS 115786); male, 12 November 2001, left bank of Rewa River (03° 06.06'N, 58°38.49'W). It appears to be rare in Guyana, although it is somewhat more common locally in Suriname (O'Shea & Finch pers. observ.).

Spot-winged Antsbrike (Pygiptila stellaris). This antshrike was uncommon to fairly common in subcanopy vine tangles of seasonally flooded forest at our Sipu camp (MLNS 131061; 131124). A non-breeding, apparent pair was collected on 7 September (USNM 625180, KUMNH 89752) by Schmidt and Robbins. These represent the first Guyana specimens. The first Guyana records were

obtained on 17 April 1997, at Kuyuwini Landing (02°05.92'N, 59°14.98'W) and on 14 November 1997 along the Rewa River (03°52.15'N, 58°46.41'W; MLNS 89848) by Finch *et al.* It is known from Suriname and French Guiana, but it was not reported from north of Manaus.

Plain Antvireo (Dysithamnus mentalis). This species was occasionally encountered above 850 m at the Acary site. Birds vocalized infrequently, but a female collected by Schmidt on 11 September had recently laid an egg (USNM 625181). These represent the first definite records for Guyana, although it is known from the Venezuela portion of Mt. Roraima (Phelps 1938, Snyder 1966). Although it has recently been found in Suriname (O'Shea pers. observ.), it has not been reported from French Guiana or the Manaus region.

Willis's Anthird (Cercomacra laeta). This range-restricted species was fairly common along the forest-savanna interface at Gunn's Strip (MLNS, n = 5 cuts) and a single bird was heard on 6–8 November 2002 near the Essequibo River camp by Finch *et al.* A series of specimens (USNM, KUMNH) indicated no breeding during August/September or March. These represent the first Guyana records, and we subsequently recorded it in the extreme southern portion of the Rupununi savanna.

Olive-green Tyrannulet (Phylloscartes virescens). This inconspicuous, canopy and subcanopy-dwelling species is poorly known. It was uncommon in terra firme forest at our Acary and Essequibo River camps. Presumed pairs were associated with mixed-species flocks. A female taken on 9 September had an unshelled egg, 13 x 10 mm, in her oviduct (KUMNH 89807). The species is known from scattered localities across the Guiana Shield.

Large-headed Flatbill (Ramphotrigon megacephalum). O'Shea tape recorded at least two individuals in a patch of dense Guadua bamboo along a creek downstream from the Acary camp on 8 October 2006. This species is a bamboo specialist and hence has a patchy distribution across the Amazon basin. This record extends the species' known range eastward ca. 800 km and represents the first for the Guianas; the nearest published locality is in Amazonas, Venezuela (Hilty 2003).

Pale-bellied Mourner (Rhytipterna immunda). This species was encountered in forest/savanna edge at Gunn's Strip. Two males from September and March had small testes (USMN 625235, 622069). Although known from Suriname and French Guiana, these are the first Guyana records, and we subsequently found it in forest/savanna edge at the extreme southern edge of the Rupununi savanna.

Boat-billed Tody-Tyrant (Hemitriccus josephinae). Species in this genus are inconspicuous and poorly known (Cohn-Haft 2000). This tody-tyrant is represented by only a handful of specimens in museums and very little is known about it in life. Prior to our work, it was known in Guyana only from the type specimen taken in 1910 along the Supenaam River near the mouth of the Essequibo River (Chubb 1914). We observed calling males ca. 4-9 m above the ground in dense vine tangles of seasonally flooded forest at our Sipu and Essequibo River camps, and in the southern Rupununi. All individuals were in non-breeding condition. As described by Donahue (1985), birds gave a "pic-pic", or sometimes a 3-noted series (MLNS 131064; USMN 625252, 616573, 622048). This species is now known from Suriname, French Guiana, and Amazonian Brazil.

White-eyed Tody-Tyrant (Hemitriccus zosterops). At our Acary and Essequibo camps, as

many as four individuals/day were encountered 6–10 m above the ground in *terra firme* forest. Birds called infrequently (MLNS 131059,131105, 131172), although two males collected in August had enlarged testes. These represent the first Guyana records; the species is known from Suriname and French Guiana, and was considered common north of Manaus.

Glossy-backed Becard (Pachyramphus surinamus). An adult male, with a presumed female, was taken out of a canopy mixed-species flock at our Sipu camp on 23 August by Robbins (KUMNH 89835). It had enlarged, 9 x 5 mm, testes. This is the first Guyana record; the species is known from Suriname, French Guiana, and north of Manaus.

White-thighed Swallow (Neochelidon tibialis). Groups of up to 6 individuals were encountered foraging just above the canopy along ridges in the Acary Mountains and at Zibingatzako Mountain near our Essequibo River camp. These are the first Guyana records (MLNS 131092). There are only a few records for Suriname, but it is known from French Guiana, and it was considered uncommon north of Manaus.

Collared Gnatwren (Microbates collaris). This was a low-density species encountered within a few meters of the ground in terra firme forest from 300–750 m. Birds were not singing during either period and all specimens were in non-breeding condition (USNM, KUNHM). Our specimens are the first for Guyana; the species was first recorded in the country in February 1993 in the Kanuku Mountains (Parker et al. 1993). It is also known from several Suriname and French Guiana localities, and was considered common north of Manaus.

Dotted Tanager (Tangara varia). A non-breed-

ing adult male feeding on melostome berries at 825 m in the Acary Mountains was collected by Robbins on 29 August. This represents the first Guyana specimen (KUMNH 89866). The species was encountered on only one other occasion at this site. This tanager had previously been seen on at least two occasions, 15 June 1997, at Turtle Mountain in the Iwokrama Reserve (Ridgely *et al.* 2005) and 19 April 2001, along the Kassikaityu River (01°50.51'N, 59°05.16'W) by Finch *et al.* It is also known from a few records in Suriname, French Guiana, and north of Manaus.

Epaulet (Icterus cayanensis) & Moriche (Icterus chrysocephalus) Orioles. Although often treated as separate species (Meyer de Schauensee 1970, Ridgely & Tudor 1989, Jaramillo & Burke 1999), Remsen et al. (2007) treat chrysocephalus as a subspecies of cayanensis. Nonetheless, for consistency of among-site comparisons, we follow traditional taxonomy and treat these as separate species. Regardless of taxonomic treatment, the distribution of the two taxa has not been delineated in Guyana, as Snyder (1966) made no mention of cayanensis, stating that chrysocephalus was widespread and common. These taxa have been found syntopically at our Sipu and Gunn's Strip sites, Iwokrama Forest (M. Robbins, R. Ridgely pers. observ.), and at Kusad in the Rupununi. Although hybridization has been documented in Suriname (Haverschmidt & Mees 1994), this has not yet been demonstrated in Guyana.

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AVIFAUNA OF UPPER ESSEQUIBO RIVER AND ACARY MOUNTAINS

English names	Scientific names	Sipu/Acary ¹	Gunn's Strip ¹	Essequibo River ¹	Kamoa ¹	Unique to Upper Essequibo Region ²	Habitat ³	Breeding status ⁴
Tinamous	Tinamidae							
Great Tinamou	Tinamus major	U	U	U	U		1,2	*
Cinereous Tinamou	Crypturellus cinereus	S	U	S	U	M	3	
Little Tinamou	Crypturellus soui	U	U		X		2	
Undulated Tinamou	Crypturellus undulatus				U	M,I	2	
Red-legged Tinamou	Crypturellus erythrops			X		M	3	
Variegated Tinamou	Crypturellus variegatus	S		F	F		1,2	*
Rusty Tinamou	Crypturellus brevirostris	S				I	1	
Ducks, Geese	Anatidae							
Muscovy Duck	Cairina moschata	U	S	U		M	5	
Curassows, Guans	Cracidae				U			
Variable Chachalaca	Ortalis motmot	U	F	U			3,2,5,1	*
Marail Guan	Penelope marail	U	U	U	F		1,2	*,#
Blue-throated Piping-Guan	Pipile cumanensis	S			U	I	2	#
Black Curassow	Crax alector	F		U	U		1,2	*,#
Quails	Odontophoridae				F			
Marbled Wood-Quail	Odontophorus gujanensis	U		S			1,2	
Cormorants	Phalacrocoracidae				U			
Neotropic Cormorant	Phalacrocorax brasilianus		X			M	5	
Anhingas	Anhingidae							
Anhinga	Anhinga anhinga	U	U	U	C		5	
Herons	Ardeidae							
Zigzag Heron	Zebrilus undulatus	S				M	1,2	
Rufescent Tiger-Heron	Tigrisoma lineatum	U	S		S		2,5	*
Agami Heron	Agamia agami	S			F	M	5	
Boat-billed Heron	Cochlearius cochlearius		X		S		5	
Black-crowned Night-Heron	Nycticorax nycticorax			X			5	
Striated Heron	Butorides striata	F	F	F			5	
Cattle Egret	Bubulcus ibis		X	X	U		4	

APPENDIX 1. Relative abundance, habitat preferences, and breeding status for the Upper Essequibo River and Acary Mountain avifauna.

English names	Scientific names	Sipu/Acary ¹	Gunn's Strip ¹	Essequibo River ¹	Kamoa ¹	Unique to Upper Essequibo Region ²	Habitat ³	Breeding status ⁴
Capped Heron	Pilherodius pileatus			X			5	
Cocoi Heron	Ardea cocoi	S	U	U	U		5	
Great Egret	Ardea alba			X			5	
Little Blue Heron	Egretta caerulea	S				\mathbf{M}	5	
Ibises	Threskiornithidae							
Green Ibis	Mesembrinibis cayennensis	U	U	U	U		5	
Vultures	Cathartidae							
Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture	Cathartes burrovianus		X				4	
Greater Yellow-headed Vulture	Cathartes melambrotus	F	U	U	F		1	
Black Vulture	Coragyps atratus		X	X			4	
King Vulture	Sarcoramphus papa	U	S	S	U		6	
Ospreys	Pandionidae							
Osprey	Pandion haliaetus			X	S		5	
Hawks, Eagles	Accipitridae							
Hook-billed Kite	Chondrohierax uncinatus				S			
Swallow-tailed Kite	Elanoides forficatus	F		U			6	
Double-toothed Kite	Harpagus bidentatus	S		S			1,2	
Plumbeous Kite	Ictinia plumbea		X				6	
Bicolored Hawk	Accipiter bicolor		X	X		I	1	
White Hawk	Leucopternis albicollis	S		S			1	
Black-faced Hawk	Leucopternis melanops	X	X		S		1	
Great Black-Hawk	Buteogallus urubitinga	S	S	S	U		2,3,5	
Roadside Hawk	Buteo magnirostris		U				3,4	
Short-tailed Hawk	Buteo brachyurus	S			S		6	
White-tailed Hawk	Buteo albicaudatus		S				4	
Harpy Eagle	Harpia harpyja			X	X		6	
Black-and-white Hawk-Eagle	Spizaetus melanoleucus	X					2	
Black Hawk-Eagle	Spizaetus tyrannus				S		2	
Ornate Hawk-Eagle	Spizaetus ornatus	X			S		1	

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Falcons, Caracaras	Falconidae							
Black Caracara	Daptrius ater	U	U	U			5	
Red-throated Caracara	Ibycter americanus	F	U	U	F		2,1,3	
Yellow-headed Caracara	Milvago chimachima			X			5	
Laughing Falcon	Herpetotheres cachinnans	U	S	X	S		2,3	
Barred Forest-Falcon	Micrastur ruficollis	S		X	S		2	
Lined Forest-Falcon	Micrastur gilvicollis	U		S	U		1	
Slaty-backed Forest-Falcon	Micrastur mirandollei	X			U		1	
Collared Forest-Falcon	Micrastur semitorquatus	S			X		1	
Bat Falcon	Falco rufigularis	U	U	U	S		4,5	
Trumpeters	Psophiidae							
Gray-winged Trumpeter	Psophia crepitans	F		S	U		1,2	#
Rails	Rallidae							
Gray-breasted Crake	Laterallus exilis		X			M,I	4	
Ash-throated Crake	Porzana albicollis		F			M,I	4	V
Gray-necked Wood-Rail	Aramides cajanea	X	X		X		3	
Azure Gallinule	Porphyrio flavirostris		X			M,I	4	
Sungrebes	Heliornithidae							
Sungrebe	Heliornis fulica	S			F		5	
Sunbitterns	Eurypygidae							
Sunbittern	Eurypyga helias	U		S	U		5	V
Plovers	Charadriidae							
American Golden-Plover	Pluvialis dominica		X			I	4	
Sandpipers	Scolopacidae							
Lesser Yellowlegs	Tringa flavipes		S			I	4	
Solitary Sandpiper	Tringa solitaria	S	F				5,4	
Spotted Sandpiper	Actitis macularius	U	U	U	U		5	
Upland Sandpiper	Bartramia longicauda		X			M,I	4	
White-rumped Sandpiper	Calidris fuscicollis		X				4	

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Pectoral Sandpiper	Calidris melanotos		S			I	4	
South American Snipe	Gallinago paraguaiae		S	S			4	*
Terns	Laridae							
Yellow-billed Tern	Sternula superciliaris	X				M	5	
Pigeons, Doves	Columbidae							
Common Ground-Dove	Columbina passerina		X				4	
Ruddy Ground-Dove	Columbina talpacoti		S				4	
Blue Ground-Dove	Claravis pretiosa		U			M	3	#
Scaled Pigeon	Patagioenas speciosa		F	S		M	3,4	*.#
Pale-vented Pigeon	Patagioenas cayennensis		X			M	3	
Plumbeous Pigeon	Patagioenas plumbea	F	U	S	F		1,2	*,#
Ruddy Pigeon	Patagioenas subvinacea	U	U	S	F		2,1	#
Gray-fronted Dove	Leptotila rufaxilla	U	X	S	U	M	2,1	
Ruddy Quail-Dove	Geotrygon montana	S	X	S	S		1,2	*
Parrots	Psittacidae							
Blue-and-yellow Macaw	Ara ararauna	S	U	S	U		2,5	
Scarlet Macaw	Ara macao	S	X	U	U		1,2,6	
Red-and-green Macaw	Ara chloropterus	F	U		U		2,1	
Chestnut-fronted Macaw	Ara severus				X	M,I	5	
Red-bellied Macaw	Orthopsittaca manilata		C				4,3	#
White-eyed Parakeet	Aratinga leucopthalmus	U	C	F	С	I	2,3	
Painted Parakeet	Pyrrhura picta	U	U	U	U	M	1,2,3	
Golden-winged Parakeet	Brotogeris chrysopterus	U	S	S	U		1,2,5	
Sapphire-rumped Parrotlet	Touit purpuratus	U			U		1	
Black-headed Parrot	Pionites melanocephalus	F	U	S	S		1,2	
Caica Parrot	Pionopsitta caica	F	U	S	U		1,2	
Blue-headed Parrot	Pionus menstruus	U	U	S	F		2,3,5	
Dusky Parrot	Pionus fuscus	U	S	S	F		2,1	
Blue-cheeked Parrot	Amazona dufresniana	U					2	

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Orange-winged Parrot	Amazona amazonica	F	С	U	F	M	2,3	
Red-fan Parrot	Deroptyus accipitrinus	F	U	U	U		2,1	
Hoatzins	Opisthocomidae							
Hoatzin	Opisthocomus hoazin	X				I	5	
Cuckoos	Cuculidae							
Little Cuckoo	Coccycua minuta		X			I	3	
Squirrel Cuckoo	Piaya cayana	U	U	U	U		1,2	
Black-bellied Cuckoo	Piaya melanogaster	U		S	S		1,2	
Pavonine Cuckoo	Dromococcyx pavoninus	S			S		1	
Smooth-billed Ani	Crotophaga ani		C				4	
Typical Owls	Strigidae							
Tawny-bellied Screech-Owl	Megascops watsonii	S	F	U	S		2,3	V
Vermiculated Screech-Owl	Megascops guatemalae	S,h				M	1	
Crested Owl	Lophostrix cristata	S	S		S		1,2	
Spectacled Owl	Pulsatrix perspicillata	S	S	S	S		1,2	
Amazonian Pygmy-Owl	Glaucidium hardyi	U			U		2	
Stygian Owl	Asio stygius		S			M,I	4	
Potoos	Nyctibiidae							
Long-tailed Potoo	Nyctibius aethereus	X					1	
Common Potoo	Nyctibius griseus	S	F	U	U		2,3,5	V
White-winged Potoo	Nyctibius leucopterus				S		2	
Rufous Potoo	Nyctibius bracteatus				S		2	
Nighthawks, Nightjars	Caprimulgidae							
Semicollared Nighthawk	Lurocalis semitorquatus	S	S	U	U		3,5,6	
Common Pauraque	Nyctidromus albicollis		F				3,4	
Blackish Nightjar	Caprimulgus nigrescens	U	S	X	U		1,4,5	#
Ladder-tailed Nightjar	Hydropsalis climacocerca	S		F		M	5	
Swifts	Apodidae							
Swift sp.	Cypseloides sp.	U				M,I	6	

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White-collared Swift	Streptoprocne zonaris	U		X	S		6	
Band-rumped Swift	Chaetura spinicaudus	F	C	C	С		6	*,#
Gray-rumped Swift	Chaetura cinereiventris	U	U	U			6	
Chapman's Swift	Chaetura chapmani	X		S	F		6	*
Short-tailed Swift	Chaetura brachyura			X			6	
White-tipped Swift	Aeronautes montivagus	С				M,I	6	
Fork-tailed Palm-Swift	Tachornis squamata		C	S			4	*
Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift	Panyptila cayennensis	X		S	S		6	
Hummingbirds	Trochilidae							
Rufous-breasted Hermit	Glaucis hirsutus		X	U	U	M	3	
Pale-tailed Barbthroat	Threnetes leucurus	U	U	U	U	M	2,3,5	
Eastern Long-tailed Hermit	Phaethornis superciliosus	U	U	U	U		2,1	#
Straight-billed Hermit	Phaethornis bourcieri	F	F	F	F		1,2	#
Reddish Hermit	Phaethornis ruber	F	U	U	F		1,2,5	#
Gray-breasted Sabrewing	Campylopterus largipennis	U	S	U	U		1,2	
White-necked Jacobin	Florisuga mellivora	U	U	U	F		1,2,3,5	#
Brown Violetear	Colibri delphinae	F,h				M	1	
Crimson Topaz	Topaza pella	F	U	U	F		5	#
Tufted Coquette	Lophornis ornatus	X				M	5	
Racket-tailed Coquette	Discosura longicauda	X	U				3,1	
Fork-tailed Woodnymph	Thalurania furcata	F	U	F	F		1,2	#
White-chinned Hummingbird	Hylocharis cyanus		X	S	X	M	3	
Rufous-throated Hummingbird	Hylocharis sapphirina		U				3	
Green-tailed Goldenthroat	Polytmus theresiae		F		U		4	
Versicolored Hummingbird	Amazilia versicolor		X			I	3	
Green-bellied Hummingbird	Amazilia viridigaster	X,h				M,I	1	
Black-eared Fairy	Heliothryx aurita	S	U	U			1,2,5	
Amethyst Woodstar	Calliphlox amethystina	U	S	S		M,I	3	
Trogons	Trogonidae				X			

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White-tailed Trogon	Trogon viridis	F	U	F	F		1,2	*
Violaceous Trogon	Trogon violaceus	U	U	S	F		1,2	
Collared Trogon	Trogon collaris	U,h				M	1	
Black-throated Trogon	Trogon rufus	S			U		1,2	
Black-tailed Trogon	Trogon melanurus	F	U	F	U		1,2	
Kingfishers	Alcedinidae							
Ringed Kingfisher	Megaceryle torquata	F	F	F	F		5	
Amazon Kingfisher	Chloroceryle amazona	F	U	F	F		5	
Green Kingfisher	Chloroceryle americana	F	U	F	F		5	
Green-and-rufous Kingfisher	Chloroceryle inda	F	U	U	U		5	
Pygmy Kingfisher	Chloroceryle aenea	U	U		U		2,5	
Motmots	Momotidae							
Blue-crowned Motmot	Momotus momota	U	F	F	F		1,2	V
Jacamars	Galbulidae							
Yellow-billed Jacamar	Galbula albirostris	U	F	F			1,2	#
Green-tailed Jacamar	Galbula galbula		X			M	3	
Bronzy Jacamar	Galbula leucogastra	X	U		U		2,3	
Paradise Jacamar	Galbula dea	U	F	F	F		1,2	
Great Jacamar	Jacamerops aureus	S	S	U	S		1,2	
Puffbirds	Bucconidae							
Guianan Puffbird	Notharchus macrorhynchus	X			S		2	
Pied Puffbird	Notharchus tectus	X		U			1,2,5	
Spotted Puffbird	Bucco tamatia	S	F	U	U		3,5	V
Collared Puffbird	Bucco capensis	U	X	X			2	#
White-chested Puffbird	Malacoptila fusca	S		X		I	1	*
Rusty-breasted Nunlet	Nonnula rubecula	X			S	I	2	
Black Nunbird	Monasa atra	U	U	U	U		1,2	
Swallow-winged Puffbird	Chelidoptera tenebrosa	U	F	F	S		3,4,5	
Barbets	Capitonidae							

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Black-spotted Barbet	Capito niger	U	S	S	U		1,2	
Toucans	Ramphastidae							
Chestnut-tipped Toucanet	Aulacorhynchus derbianus	F,h		S		\mathbf{M}	1,2	#
Guianan Toucanet	Selenidera culik	U		S	S		1,2,3	V
Black-necked Aracari	Pteroglossus aracari	U	S	S	S	\mathbf{M}	3,5	
Green Aracari	Pteroglossus viridis	X	U	U	S		5,3	
Channel-billed Toucan	Ramphastos vitellinus	U	F	F	F		1,2,5	
White-throated Toucan	Ramphastos tucanus	F	F	F	F		1,2,5	
Woodpeckers	Picidae							
Golden-spangled Piculet	Picumnus exilis	S	U	U			1,2,3	
Yellow-throated Woodpecker	Piculus flavigula	U	U	U	S		1,2	
Golden-green Woodpecker	Piculus chrysochloros		X			I	1	
Golden-olive Woodpecker	Piculus rubiginosus	U,h		X,h		\mathbf{M}	2	*
Chestnut Woodpecker	Celeus elegans	U	U	U	S		2,1,5	
Waved Woodpecker	Celeus undatus	U	U	U	F		1,2	*
Cream-colored Woodpecker	Celeus flavus	X	S		S		2	
Ringed Woodpecker	Celeus torquatus	U	S	S	S		2,5,1	*,#
Lineated Woodpecker	Dryocopus lineatus	X	U	U	X		3,4,5	
Golden-collared Woodpecker	Veniliornis cassini	U	U	U	F		1,2	*
Red-necked Woodpecker	Campephilus rubricollis	U	U	U	U		1,2	
Crimson-crested Woodpecker	Campephilus melanoleucos	S	U	S	X		3,2,1	
Ovenbirds	Furnariidae							
Ruddy Spinetail	Synallaxis rutilans	U	U	U		I	2,1	*,#
Yellow-chinned Spinetail	Certhiaxis cinnamomeus		S			M,I	3	
Point-tailed Palmcreeper	Berlepschia rikeri		U			\mathbf{M}	4	
Cinnamon-rumped Foliage-gleaner	Philydor pyrrhodes	U		X	S		2,1	#
Rufous-tailed Foliage-gleaner	Philydor ruficaudatum	U				\mathbf{M}	1	
Rufous-rumped Foliage-gleaner	Philydor erythrocercum	F		S			2,1	#
Olive-backed Foliage-gleaner	Automolus infuscatus	F	S	S	U		2,1	#

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Buff-throated Foliage-gleaner	Automolus ochrolaemus	U	U	U	U		2,1	*
Chestnut-crowned Foliage-gleaner	Automolus rufipileatus	U		U		M	1,3	*,#
Ruddy Foliage-gleaner	Automolus rubiginosus	S		X		I	1	
Plain Xenops	Xenops minutus	F	X	U	U		1,2	*
Rufous-tailed Xenops	Xenops milleri	S			S	I	1,2	#
Short-billed Leaftosser	Sclerurus rufigularis	U		U			1,2	*
Black-tailed Leaftosser	Sclerurus caudacutus	S		S			1	*,#
Plain-brown Woodcreeper	Dendrocincla fuliginosa	U	X	С	F		1,2,3	*,#
White-chinned Woodcreeper	Dendrocincla merula	U		X	S		2,1	*,#
Spot-throated Woodcreeper	Deconychura stictolaema	X	S	X		I	2	
Wedge-billed Woodcreeper	Glyphorynchus spirurus	F	F	F	F		1,2	*
Olivaceous Woodcreeper	Sittasomus griseicapillus		U		S		3	
Cinnamon-throated Woodcreeper	Dendrexetastes rufigula	S					2	
Red-billed Woodcreeper	Hylexetastes perrotii	S					1	#
Amazonian Barred-Woodcreeper	Dendrocolaptes certhia	U	U	F	S		1,2	#
Black-banded Woodcreeper	Dendrocolaptes picumnus	U			S		1,2	
Strong-billed Woodcreeper	Xiphocolaptes promeropi- rhynchus	S			S	M	2	
Striped Woodcreeper	Xiphorhynchus obsoletus	U	U	С	F	M	2,5	
Chestnut-rumped Woodcreeper	Xiphorhynchus pardalotus	F	F	F	F		1,2	#
Buff-throated Woodcreeper	Xiphorhynchus guttatus	S	S	X	U	M	2	
Lineated Woodcreeper	Lepidocolaptes albolineatus	U	U				2,3	*
Curve-billed Scythebill	Campylorhamphus procur-	S	S	S	S		2,1	
•	voides						Í	
Typical Antbirds	Thamnophilidae							
Fasciated Antshrike	Cymbilaimus lineatus	U	U	U	F		1,2	V
Black-throated Antshrike	Frederickena viridis	S		X			1	
Great Antshrike	Taraba major		X			\mathbf{M}	3	
Black-crested Antshrike	Sakesphorus canadensis				S	M	2	

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Band-tailed Antshrike	Sakesphorus melanothorax	X				M,I	2	
Mouse-colored Antshrike	Thamnophilus murinus	F	U	F	F		2,1	#
Guianan Slaty-Antshrike	Thamnophilus punctatus	S	S	U	U		1,3,5	
Amazonian Antshrike	Thamnophilus amazonicus	U	U	U	F	M	2,3,5	
Spot-winged Antshrike	Pygiptila stellaris	U	X		U	M,I	2	
Plain Antvireo	Dysithamnus mentalis	S,h				M,I	1	#
Dusky-throated Antshrike	Thamnomanes ardesiacus	F	U	F	F		1,2	
Cinereous Antshrike	Thamnomanes caesius	F	U	F	F		1,2	#
Pygmy Antwren	Myrmotherula brachyura	F	U	U	F		2,1	
Guianan Streaked-Antwren	Myrmotherula surinamensis	U	S	C	F		5	
Rufous-bellied Antwren	Myrmotherula guttata	U	U	U	U		1,2	#
Brown-bellied Antwren	Myrmotherula gutturalis	F	S	S	U		2,1	#
White-flanked Antwren	Myrmotherula axillaris	F	F	F	F		1,2,3	V,#
Long-winged Antwren	Myrmotherula longipennis	F		U	U		1,2	
Gray Antwren	Myrmotherula menetriesii	U	U	U	U		1,2	
Spot-tailed Antwren	Herpsilochmus sticturus	F	U	U	U	M	1,2	
Todd's Antwren	Herpsilochmus stictocepha- lus	F	U	U	F	M	1,2	
Rufous-winged Antwren	Herpsilochmus rufimargina- tus	F,h				M,I	1	
Dot-winged Antwren	Microrhopias quixensis	U		S	U	M,I	2	
Rufous-rumped Antwren	Terenura callinota	U,h				M,I	1	#
Ash-winged Antwren	Terenura spodioptila	U	U	U	U		1,2	
Gray Antbird	Cercomacra cinerascens	F	U	U	U		2,1	
Dusky Antbird	Cercomacra tyrannina	S	F	F	U		3,5,1	V
Willis's Antbird	Cercomacra laeta		F	S		M,I	3,4	
White-browed Antbird	Myrmoborus leucophrys	S	U	S	X	M	3	
Warbling Antbird	Hypocnemis cantator	F	F	F	F		3,2,1,5	
Black-chinned Antbird	Hypocnemoides melanopogon	F	U	F	F	M	5,2	#

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Silvered Antbird	Sclateria naevia		S	S			5	
Spot-backed Antbird	Hylophylax naevius	F	X	U		I	2,1,3	
Scale-backed Antbird	Hylophylax poecilinotus	F	U	F			2,1	*
Black-headed Antbird	Percnostola rufifrons	F	U	U	U	I	2,1	*,#
Spot-winged Antbird	Percnostola leucostigma	F	F	F	X		2,1,3	
Ferruginous-backed Antbird	Myrmeciza ferruginea	F	U	U	U		1,2	#
Black-throated Antbird	Myrmeciza atrothorax	X	F	U			3,2	
Wing-banded Antbird	Myrmornis torquata	S		S	X		1,2	#
White-plumed Antbird	Pithys albifrons	F	U	U	U		1,2	
Rufous-throated Antbird	Gymnopithys rufigula	F	U	U	U		2,1	*,#
Ground Antbirds	Formicariidae							
Rufous-capped Antthrush	Formicarius colma	U	U	U			2,1	*
Black-faced Antthrush	Formicarius analis	F	U	U			2,1	*
Variegated Antpitta	Grallaria varia			U	S		1	V
Spotted Antpitta	Hylopezus macularius	U		U	S		1	*
Thrush-like Antpitta	Myrmothera campanisona	F	F	F	F		2,1	*
Gnateaters	Conopophagidae							
Chestnut-belted Gnateater	Conopophaga aurita	X				I	2	
Tyrant Flycatchers	Tyrannidae							
Sooty-headed Tyrannulet	Phyllomyias griseiceps	S					1,2	
Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet	Tyrannulus elatus	F	U	U	F		3,2,1	
Gray Elaenia	Myiopagis caniceps	X	X		S		2	
Forest Elaenia	Myiopagis gaimardii	U	U	U	F		2,1	#
Yellow-crowned Elaenia	Myiopagis flavivertex	U	S	U	F	\mathbf{M}	1,2	*
Yellow-bellied Elaenia	Elaenia flavogaster		S			\mathbf{M}	4	
Lesser Elaenia	Elaenia chiriquensis		S				4	
Plain-crested Elaenia	Elaenia cristata		F			\mathbf{M}	4	*
Rufous-crowned Elaenia	Elaenia ruficeps		U			\mathbf{M}	4	*
White-lored Tyrannulet	Ornithion inerme	S	U		S		2	

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Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet Camp	ptostoma obsoletum		U	S			3,4	
Ringed Antpipit Cory	thopis torquatus	U	U	U	S		1,2	V,#
Slender-footed Tyrannulet Zimi	merius gracilipes	F	U	U	F		1,2,3	
Olive-green Tyrannulet Phylli	loscartes virescens	U		S			1	#
Ochre-bellied Flycatcher Mion	nectes oleagineus	U	X	U		M	1,2	
McConnell's Flycatcher Mion	nectes macconnelli	U		U	U		1,2	V
Sepia-capped Flycatcher Lepta	opogon amaurocephalus	S				M,I	2	
Amazonian Scrub-Flycatcher Suble	egatus obscurior			X		M	3	
Short-tailed Pygmy-Tyrant Myio	ornis ecaudatus	F	U		S		2,3,1	
Double-banded Pygmy-Tyrant Loph	hotriccus vitiosus	F	U	F	F	I	1,2	V
Helmeted Pygmy-Tyrant Loph	hotriccus galeatus	U	U	U	U		2,3	*
Boat-billed Tody-Tyrant Hem	itriccus josephinae	S		S	S	M,I	2,3	
White-eyed Tody-Tyrant Hem	itriccus zosterops	U	X	U	U	I	1,2	#
Common Tody-Flycatcher Todin	rostrum cinereum		X			M	3	
Painted Tody-Flycatcher Todia	rostrum pictum	U	U	U	S		1,2,3,5	
Olivaceous Flatbill Rhym	ichocyclus olivaceus			X			2	
Yellow-margined Flatbill Tolm	iomyias assimilis	F	U	U	U		1,2	*
Gray-crowned Flatbill Tolm	omyias poliocephalus	U	S	U	U		2,1	
Ochre-lored Flatbill Tolm	omyias flaviventris		F			M	3	
White-crested Spadebill Platy	vrinchus platyrhynchos	U		S			2,1	#
Cinnamon-crested Spadebill Platy	vrinchus saturatus	S		U	S		2,1	#
Golden-crowned Spadebill Platy	vrinchus coronatus	U			S		2,1	
Amazonian Royal-Flycatcher Onyo	chorhynchus coronatus	U	S	S			2,1	#
	obius barbatus	U	U	U	X		1,2	
Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher Teren	notriccus erythrurus	F	U	U			1,2,3	
Cinnamon Manakin-Tyrant Neop	pipo cinnamomea	S	S	S			2,1	V
	ındinea ferruginea	U				M,I	1	
•	rotriccus euleri	U		S	U	M,I	2	#
Fuscous Flycatcher Cnem	notriccus fuscatus		U		S	M	3,4	*,#

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Tropical Pewee	Contopus cinereus	X				M	3	
Blackish Pewee	Contopus nigrescens	F,h				M,I	1	#
Amazonian Black-Tyrant	Knipolegus poecilocercus		X			${ m M}$	5	
Rufous-tailed Tyrant	Knipolegus poecilurus	U , h				M,I	1	
Drab Water-Tyrant	Ochthornis littoralis	F	F	F		${ m M}$	5	
Piratic Flycatcher	Legatus leucophaius		C	C	S		3,5	*
Rusty-margined Flycatcher	Myiozetetes cayanensis		F	U			3,4,5	*
Dusky-chested Flycatcher	Myiozetetes luteiventris	U					1,2	
Great Kiskadee	Pitangus sulphuratus				S		2	
Yellow-throated Flycatcher	Conopias parvus	U	U	U	U		2,1,3	#
Boat-billed Flycatcher	Megarynchus pitangua		S			M	3	
Sulphury Flycatcher	Tyrannopsis sulphurea		U				4,5,3	*
White-throated Kingbird	Tyrannus albogularis		X			M,I	4	
Tropical Kingbird	Tyrannus melancholicus	X	F	F	U		3,4,5	*
Fork-tailed Flycatcher	Tyrannus savana		U				4	
Grayish Mourner	Rhytipterna simplex	F	U	S	F		2,1	
Pale-bellied Mourner	Rhytipterna immunda		S			M,I	3	
Dusky-capped Flycatcher	Myiarchus tuberculifer	U			S		1,2	
Swainson's Flycatcher	Myiarchus swainsoni		U			M,I	3,4	*,#
Short-crested Flycatcher	Myiarchus ferox		F	U			3,4	*,#
Large-headed Flatbill	Ramphotrigon megacepha- lum	S				M,I	2	
Rufous-tailed Flatbill	Ramphotrigon ruficauda	U	S		U		2,1	#
Cinnamon Attila	Attila cinnamomeus	U	U	U	F	${f M}$	2,3,4,5	*
Bright-rumped Attila	Attila spadiceus	U		S	U		1	#
Sharpbills	Oxyruncidae							
Sharpbill	Oxyruncus cristatus	S,h				M	1	
Cotingas	Cotingidae							
Spangled Cotinga	Cotinga cayana	X	S	S	S		2	

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Pompadour Cotinga	Xipholena punicea	S	S	S	S		2,1	
White Bellbird	Procnias albus	U		X	S	M	1	V
Screaming Piha	Lipaugus vociferans	С	F	F	F		2,1	#
Purple-throated Fruitcrow	Querula purpurata	U	U	U		M	2,1	
Crimson Fruitcrow	Haematoderus militaris	X					1	
Capuchinbird	Perissocephalus tricolor	S		F	S		1,2	
Guianan Red-Cotinga	Phoenicircus carnifex	U	X	S	S		1,2	
Guianan Cock-of-the-Rock	Rupicola rupicola	U		S	U	M	1,2	
Manakins	Pipridae							
Saffron-crested Manakin	Neopelma chrysocephalus		X		U		3	
Tiny Tyrant-Manakin	Tyranneutes virescens	U	F	F	F		2,1	V
Black Manakin	Xenopipo atronitens		C		U	M	3,4	*
White-bearded Manakin	Manacus manacus	S	S	S	S	I	3,5	
White-throated Manakin	Corapipo gutturalis	С		U	F		1	
Golden-headed Manakin	Pipra erythrocephala	U	U	F	F		2,1	*
White-crowned Manakin	Pipra pipra	U	F	F	F		1,2	*
White-fronted Manakin	Lepidothrix serena	С		U		I	1,2	*,#
Incertae Sedis	-							
Black-tailed Tityra	Tityra cayana	X	S				2,3	
Thrush-like Schiffornis	Schiffornis turdina	U	U	F	U		2,1	#
Wing-barred Piprites	Piprites chloris	U		S	S		2,1	#
Cinereous Mourner	Laniocera hypopyrra			X	S		1	
Glossy-backed Becard	Pachyramphus surinamus	S				I	2	#
White-winged Becard	Pachyramphus polychopterus		S			M	3	#
Black-capped Becard	Pachyramphus marginatus	F	U	U	U		2,1,3	#
Cinereous Becard	Pachyramphus rufus		X			I	3	
Pink-throated Becard	Pachyramphus minor	S					2,1	
Vireos	Vireonidae							
Rufous-browed Peppershrike	Cyclarhis gujanensis	S		U			2	*

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Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo	Vireolanius leucotis	F	U	S	U		1,2	
Red-eyed Vireo	Vireo olivaceus	S	X	X			3	
Lemon-chested Greenlet	Hylophilus thoracicus	F	U	U	F	M	1,2	
Tepui Greenlet	Hylophilus sclateri	F,h			U, h		1	#
Buff-cheeked Greenlet	Hylophilus muscicapinus	F	U	U	F		1,2	
Tawny-crowned Greenlet	Hylophilus ochraceiceps	F	U				2,1	#
Jays	Corvidae							
Cayenne Jay	Cyanocorax cayanus	U	U	U	U	M	2,1,3	
Swallows	Hirundinidae							
White-winged Swallow	Tachycineta albiventer	С	C	С		M	5	#
Brown-chested Martin	Progne tapera	S	F				4,5	
Gray-breasted Martin	Progne chalybea		F				4,5	
White-banded Swallow	Atticora fasciata	С	C	С	U	M	5	#
Black-collared Swallow	Atticora melanoleuca	F	F	F		M	5	
White-thighed Swallow	Neochelidon tibialis	U,h		S,h		I	1	
Bank Swallow	Riparia riparia		X	X			4,5	
Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	S	C	С	X		6,5,4	
Wrens	Troglodytidae							
Coraya Wren	Thryothorus coraya	U	U	U	U		2,3,5,1	#
Southern House-Wren	Troglodytes musculus		F				4,3	*
White-breasted Wood-Wren	Henicorhina leucosticta	U	U	U		M	2,1	*
Musician Wren	Cyphorhinus arada	U	S	S			2,1	
Wing-banded Wren	Microcerculus bambla	U	U	U			2,1	*
Gnatwrens, Gnatcatchers	Polioptilidae							
Collared Gnatwren	Microbates collaris	U		S		I	1	
Long-billed Gnatwren	Ramphocaenus melanurus	F	F	F	U		2,3,1	
Tropical Gnatcatcher	Polioptila plumbea	U	X			\mathbf{M}	1,2	
Guianan Gnatcatcher	Polioptila guianensis		X	X			1,2	
Thrushes	Turdidae							

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Veery	Catharus fuscescens			X		I	1	
Gray-cheeked Thrush	Catharus minimus			X			1	
Black-billed Thrush	Turdus ignobilis		X			M	3,4	
Cocoa Thrush	Turdus fumigatus	U	X	S	F	M	2,3	*
White-necked Thrush	Turdus albicollis	F	U	U	U		1,2	*
Tanagers	Thraupidae							
Black-faced Tanager	Schistochlamys melanopis		U			M,I	4,3	
Red-billed Pied Tanager	Lamprospiza melanoleuca	S				I	1	
Fulvous Shrike-Tanager	Lanio fulvus	F	U	U			1,2	#
Flame-crested Tanager	Tachyphonus cristatus	U	U	U			1,2	#
Fulvous-crested Tanager	Tachyphonus surinamus	U	U	U	U		1,2	*
White-shouldered Tanager	Tachyphonus luctuosus	U	U			M	2,3,1	#
Red-shouldered Tanager	Tachyphonus phoenicius	U,h	F				4,3,1	*
Silver-beaked Tanager	Ramphocelus carbo	U	F	F	S		4,3,5	*
Blue-gray Tanager	Thraupis episcopus		X				4	
Palm Tanager	Thraupis palmarum	S	C	С			4,3,5	*,#
Blue-backed Tanager	Cyanicterus cyanicterus	U	S		S		1,2	#
Turquoise Tanager	Tangara mexicana	S					2	
Opal-rumped Tanager	Tangara velia	U			S		1	
Paradise Tanager	Tangara chilensis	С	F	S	U	I	1,2	
Spotted Tanager	Tangara punctata	C		S	U		1,2	
Dotted Tanager	Tangara varia	S,h					1	
Bay-headed Tanager	Tangara gyrola	F		S	U		1,2	
Blue Dacnis	Dacnis cayana	U	F	U	S		1,2,3	*,#
Black-faced Dacnis	Dacnis lineata	F	X				1	#
Short-billed Honeycreeper	Cyanerpes nitidus	X	X	X			1	
Purple Honeycreeper	Cyanerpes caeruleus	С	U	U	U		1,2,3	*
Red-legged Honeycreeper	Cyanerpes cyaneus	С	F	U	U		1,2,3	
Green Honeycreeper	Chlorophanes spiza	С	F	U	U		1,2	*

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Yellow-backed Tanager	Hemithraupis flavicollis	U			S		1	
Swallow-Tanager	Tersina viridis	X	U	S	F		5	*
Incertae Sedis								
Hepatic Tanager	Piranga flava	U,h		U,h		M	1	#
Summer Tanager	Piranga rubra	X				I	1	
Bananaquit	Coereba flaveola	F	F	U	F		1,2,3	#
Emberizine Finches	Emberizidae							
Blue-black Grassquit	Volatinia jacarina		F				3,4	
Yellow-bellied Seedeater	Sporophila nigricollis		U			M,I	3,4	
Chestnut-bellied Seed-Finch	Oryzoborus angolensis		F	S			3,4,5	*,#
White-naped Seedeater	Dolospingus fringilloides		F			M,I	4,3	*,#
Pectoral Sparrow	Arremon taciturnus	U	U	U			2,1,3	#
Red-capped Cardinal	Paroaria gularis		U	U	S	M	5	
Grosbeaks, Saltators	Cardinalinae							
Buff-throated Saltator	Saltator maximus	S	S	S			3,1	
Slate-colored Grosbeak	Saltator grossus	U	F	F	U		1,2,5	*
Blue-black Grosbeak	Cyanocompsa cyanoides	S	F	F	U		1,2,5	*
Yellow-green Grosbeak	Caryothraustes canadensis	С	U	U	U		1,2,3	
Wood Warblers	Parulidae							
Tropical Parula	Parula pitiayumi	F,h		U,h		M	1	
Blackpoll Warbler	Dendroica striata			X	S		1	
American Redstart	Setophaga ruticilla	U,h		S		M,I	1	
River Warbler	Phaeothlypis rivularis	U		S	U		5,2	
Incertae Sedis	51							
Rose-breasted Chat	Granatellus pelzelni	S	X	S	U	M	1,2,3	
New World Blackbirds	Icteridae							
Green Oropendola	Psarocolius viridis	F	U		U		1,2	
Crested Oropendola	Psarocolius decumanus		S	S		M	2,5	
Yellow-rumped Cacique	Cacicus cela	F	C	С	U	M	5,2	*,#

English names	Scientific names	Sipu/Acary ¹	Gunn's Strip ¹	Essequibo River¹	Kamoa ¹	Unique to Upper Essequibo Region ²	Habitat ³	Breeding status ⁴
Red-rumped Cacique	Cacicus haemorrhous	U	U	U	U		2,3,5	*
Epaulet Oriole	Icterus cayanensis	U	U	X			3,4,1,2	*
Moriche Oriole	Icterus chrysocephalus	S	S				3,4,1,2	
Giant Cowbird	Molothrus oryzivorus		C	U			3,4,5	*
Red-breasted Blackbird	Sturnella militaris		X			I	4	
Bobolink	Dolichonyx oryzivorus		S			M,I	4	
Cardueline Finches	Fringillidae							
Plumbeous Euphonia	Euphonia plumhea			X			1	
Violaceous Euphonia	Euphonia violacea	U	X	F	X	M	3	
Golden-bellied Euphonia	Euphonia chrysopasta	U	S	S	S		2	
White-vented Euphonia	Euphonia minuta	S					2	
Golden-sided Euphonia	Euphonia cayennensis	F	S	X	U		2,1	*
Blue-naped Chlorophonia	Chlorophonia cyanea	U , h				\mathbf{M}	1	

¹Relative abundance: C = common; more than 20 individuals/day; F = fairly common; 5-20 individuals/day; U = uncommon; present in small numbers (< 5 individuals/day); not encountered daily even in prime habitat; S = scarce; only occasionally encountered in small numbers; X= single record; h = only above 300 m.

²Species absent from either Manaus (M) and/or Iwokrama (I).

³Habitat: 1= *terra firme* forest, 2 = seasonally flooded forest, 3 = forest edge, clearings, 4 = savannah (includes grassland and bush islands), 5 = river, river edge, 6= aerial.

⁴Asterisk indicates breeding during February/March; # indicates breeding during Aug/Sept period; V=species vocalizing more in Feb/March vs Aug/Sept.