



# BRAZIL BIRDING

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## WEST AMAZON – BOA VISTA TOUR

9 DAYS



*Welcome to the Boa Vista Tour, the capital of the state of Roraima. It is located on the banks of the Branco river, one of the great rivers of the Amazon, responsible for splitting endemic species of the biome. The state attracts birdwatchers due to the complexity of environments such as terra firme forests, campinas, campinaranas, várzea and lavrado fields that shelter unique species in the region.*

# BOA VISTA TOUR

(Roraima)

Guide: To Be Defined...

## SUMMARIZED ITINERARY

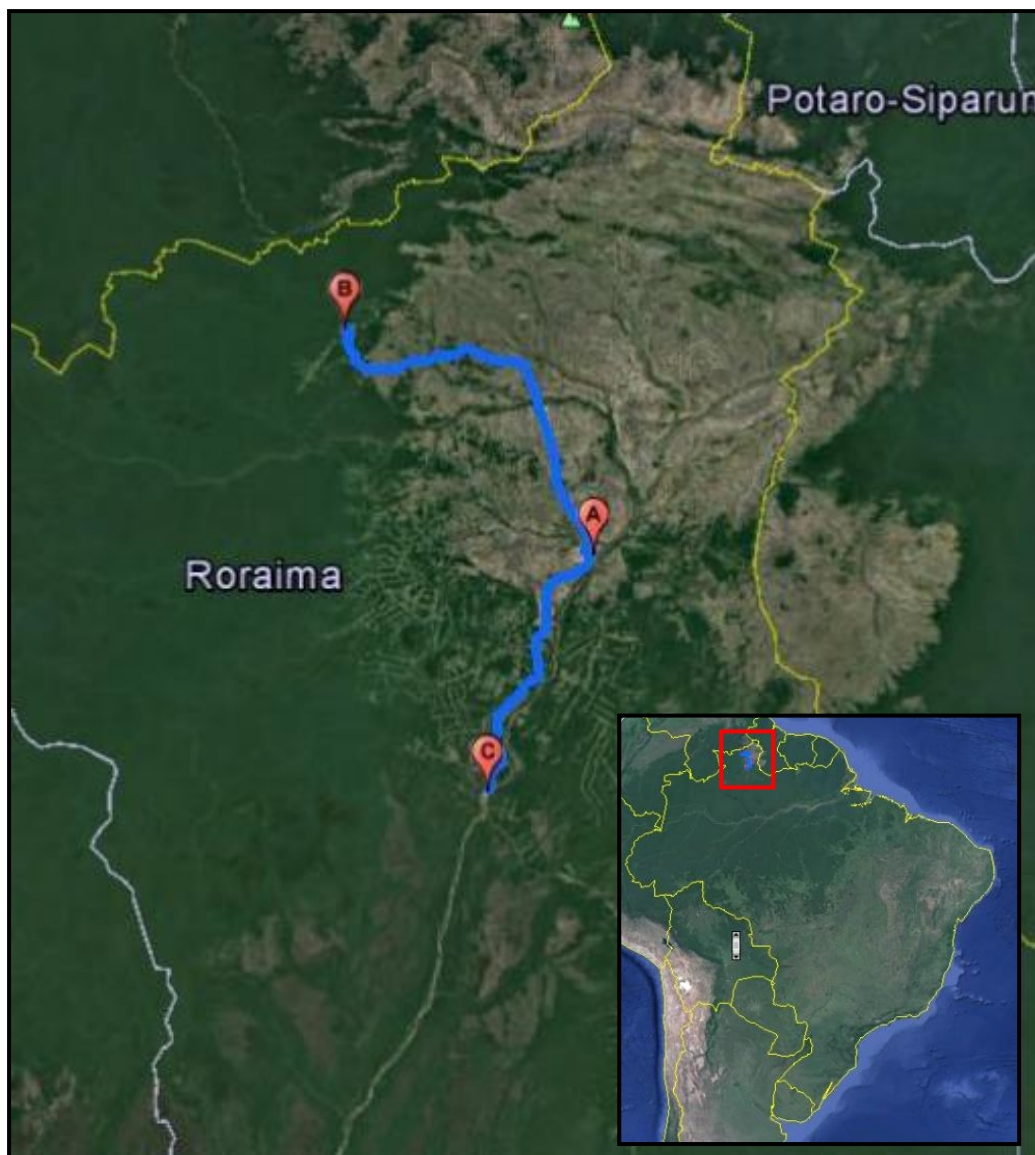
| Day | Location (state)                | Comments                          |
|-----|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1   | Boa Vista                       | Arrival and accommodation.        |
| 2   | Boa Vista                       | Full Day Birding.                 |
| 3   | Boa Vista – Amajari (210Km)     | AM Birding. Transfer. PM Birding. |
| 4   | Amajari (Serra do Tepequem)     | Full Day Birding.                 |
| 5   | Amajari – Caracaraí (350Km)     | AM Birding. Transfer. PM Birding. |
| 6   | Caracaraí (Vuruá National Park) | Full Day Birding.                 |
| 7   | Caracaraí (Vuruá National Park) | Full Day Birding.                 |
| 8   | Caracaraí (Vuruá National Park) | Full Day Birding.                 |
| 9   | Caracaraí – Boa Vista (150Km)   | AM Birding. Transfer. Departure   |

**Suggested period:** From September to April



## OVERVIEW OF THE COMPLETE ITINERARY

Boa Vista (A), Amajari (Serra do Tepequem) (B), Caracaraí (C).



## DETAILED ITINERARY

**Day 1:** Arrival in **Boa Vista** where we sleep the night.

**Day 2:** Full Day Birding in **BOA VISTA**.

**Area description:** The city is on the banks of the rivers Branco and Uraricoera. In the riparian forests we can find several species restricted to this type of vegetation. In addition, other species linked to the dry forests can be found within the city, a few minutes by car.

**Summary:** To start off the tour on full throttle, our first day of birding will have a wide variety of habitats to bird in; forest, open areas (lavrado) and on the margins of Rio Branco river. Some of the birds we will target include **White-bellied Piculet** (*Picumnus spilogaster*), **Sun Parakeet** (*Aratinga solstitialis*), Pale-tipped Tyrannulet (*Inezia caudata*), Spectacled Thrush (*Turdus nudigenis*), Bicolored Wren (*Campylorhynchus griseus*), **Finsch's Euphonia** (*Euphonia finschi*), Black-crested Antshrike (*Sakesphorus canadenses*), Streak-headed Woodcreeper (*Lepidocolaptes souleyetii*) Double-striped Thick-knee (*Burhinus bistriatus*), Yellow Oriole (*Icterus nigrogularis*), Tropical Mockingbird (*Mimus gilvus*), Eastern Meadowlark (*Sturnella magna*), Crested Bobwhite (*Colinus cristatus*) and many others.





**Day 3:** Early start so that we could get to **URARICOERA RIVER** (+/-1½hrs [90Km]) in good timing. AM Birding on the left margin of the river where our main target will be the endemic Hoary-throated Spinetail (*Synallaxis kollari*). Transfer to Amajari (Serra do Tepequem) (+/-2hrs [120Km]). On our way there, we all have to keep an eye out for the Sharp-tailed Ibis (*Cercibis oxycerca*). PM Birding in Serra do Tepequem.

**Area description:** The left bank of the river Uraricoera is home of the endemic and range-restricted **Hoary-throated Spinetail** (*Synallaxis kollari*). Composed of shrubs that can reach 3 meters high, the place is full of species that use this environment to reproduce and feed, a place of easy access and great species.

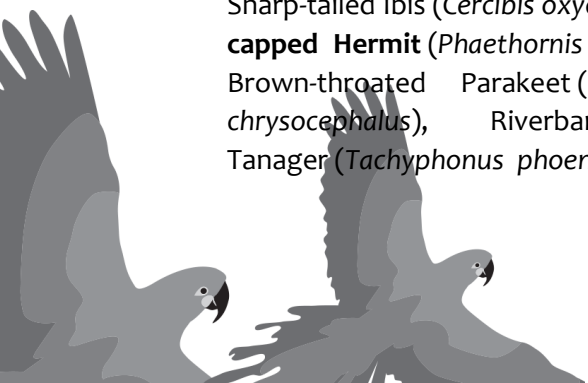
**Summary:** Some of the species that we will target include Hoary-throated Spinetail (*Synallaxis kollari*), Pale-tipped Tyrannulet (*Inezia caudata*), **Rio Branco Antbird** (*Cercomacra carbonaria*), Gray Seedeater (*Sporophila intermedia*), Ruddy-breasted Seedeater (*Sporophila minuta*), Pied Water-Tyrant (*Fluvicola pica*), **Brown-throated Parakeet** (*Eupsittula pertinax*).



**Day 4:** Full Day Birding in **SERRA DO TEPEQUEM**.

**Area description:** The Tepequem Mountain Range (Serra do Tepequem) reaches altitudes of more than 1000m, where many Montane Forest Amazonian species could be found. The mountain range has ingressions where we can observe flocks of Tepui Swifts (*Streptoprocne phelpsi*) and couples of Red-and-green Macaw (*Ara chloropterus*) flying below us. In the highlands, the more open vegetation provides encounters with Sooty-capped Hermit (*Phaethornis augustii*) and Red-shouldered Tanager (*Tachyphonus phoenicius*) among other species.

**Summary:** Some of the species we could see include Pinnated Bittern (*Botaurus pinnatus*), Sharp-tailed Ibis (*Cercibis oxycerca*), **Streak-throated Hermit** (*Phaethornis rufurumii*), **Sooty-capped Hermit** (*Phaethornis augusti*), **Green-bellied Hummingbird** (*Amazilia viridigaster*), Brown-throated Parakeet (*Eupsittula pertinax*), Epaulet Oriole (*Icterus cayanensis chrysocephalus*), Riverbank Warbler (*Myiothlypis rivularis*), Red-shouldered Tanager (*Tachyphonus phoenicius*), Fiery-capped Manakin (*Machaeropterus pyrocephalus*),



Dwarf Tyrant-Manakin (*Tyranneutes stolzmanni*), Gilded Barbet (*Capito auratus*), Brown Jacamar (*Brachygalba lugubris*), **Tepui Swift** (*Streptoprocne phelpsi*), **Scarlet-shouldered Parrotlet** (*Touit huetii*), Violaceous Jay (*Cyanocorax violaceus*) and many others.

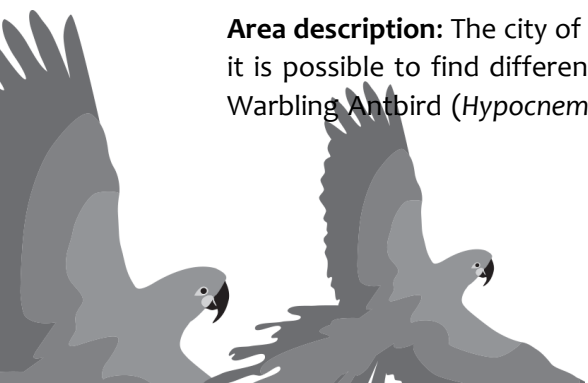


**Day 5:** AM Birding in Serra do Tepequem to look for any missed target. Transfer to **CARACARAÍ** (+/-6hrs [350Km]) and PM Birding if we have time. In the morning we will walk through the terra firme forest near the Tepequem Mountain Range, where we can see the riverbank Warbler (*Myiothlypis rivularis*), Scarlet-shouldered Parrotlet (*Touit huetii*), Fiery-capped Manakin (*Machaeropterus pyrocephalus*), Violaceous Jay (*Cyanocorax violaceus*), Gilded Barbet (*Capito auratus*), Green Oropendola (*Psarocolius viridis*).



**Day 6:** Full Day Birding in **CARACARAÍ** in Gallery and Terra Firme Forest.

**Area description:** The city of Caracará is located on the right bank of the Branco River, and it is possible to find different species from the ones in Viruá National Park, such as Imeri Warbling Antbird (*Hypocnemis flavescens*) and another subspecies of the Golden-spangled



Piculet (*Picumnus exilis undulatus*). In addition, species restricted to wetlands and terra firme can both be observed on the roads that leave the city.

**Summary:** Some of the species we could encounter are the Three-striped Flycatcher (*Conopias trivirgatus*), Golden-spangled Piculet (*Picumnus exilis undulatus*), **Cherrie's Antwren** (*Myrmotherula cherriei*) **Yellow-crowned Manakin** (*Heterocercus flavivertex*), Slate-colored Hawk (*Buteogallus schistaceus*).

**Day 7:** Full Day Birding in **VIRUÁ NATIONAL PARK** (+/-½hrs [45Km]). Back to sleep in Caracaraí.

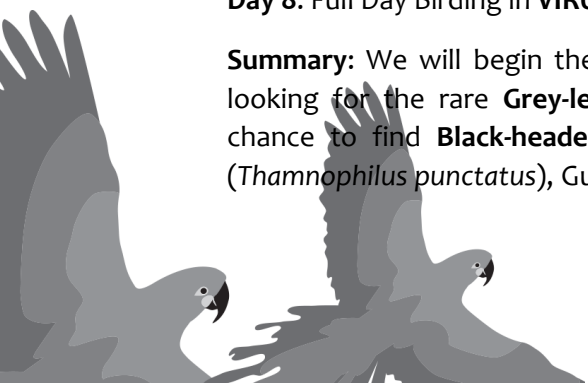
**Area description:** The National Park of Viruá is one of the reserves with the largest number of bird species in Brazil; more than 500 species have already been registered. Within the area of the Park there are several types of environments, such as: várzea forest, terra firme, campinaranas and campinas, that can be accessed by roads and trails. Some species with restricted distributions such as Grey-legged Tinamou (*Crypturellus duidae*) and Yapacana Antbird (*Aprositornis disjuncta*) can be observed in the trails and roads of the Park. At nightfall another attraction is the famous Lost Road, where we can find the White-tailed Nightjar (*Hydrosalis cayennensis*), among other species of Nightjars and Nighthawks.

**Summary:** Here we have new targets and more chances for the ones that we could have missed in other locations, such as Crested Bobwhite (*Colinus cristatus*), Crestless Curassow (*Mitu tomentosum*), Black Curassow (*Crax alector*), White-tailed Nightjar (*Hydrosalis cayennensis*), **Green-tailed Jacamar** (*Galbula galbula*), Black-crested Antshrike (*Sakesphorus canadenses*), Dot-winged Antwren (*Microrhopias quixensis*), **Yapacana Antbird** (*Aprositornis disjuncta*), Black Manakin (*Xenopipo atronitens*), White-naped Seedeater (*Dolospingus fringilloides*), Rufous-crowned Elaenia (*Elaenia ruficeps*), Willis's Antbird (*Cercomacroides laeta*).



**Day 8:** Full Day Birding in **VIRUÁ NATIONAL PARK**.

**Summary:** We will begin the day observing birds in the forest inside the National Park, looking for the rare **Grey-legged Tinamou** (*Crypturellus duidae*), we will also have the chance to find **Black-headed Antbird** (*Percnostola rufifrons*), Northern Slaty Antshrike (*Thamnophilus punctatus*), Guianan Warbling Antbird (*Hypocnemis cantator*), Great Jacamar





(*Jacamerops aureus*), Dusky Antbird (*Cercomacra tyrannina*), Ferruginous-backed Antbird (*Myrmeciza ferruginea*) and many other species.



**Day 9:** AM Birding in Viruá National Park to look for the targets that we might have missed. Transfer to Boa Vista (+/-2hrs [150Km]) and departure late afternoon or evening.

