



BRAZIL BIRDING

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ESPÍRITO SANTO – EXTENSION

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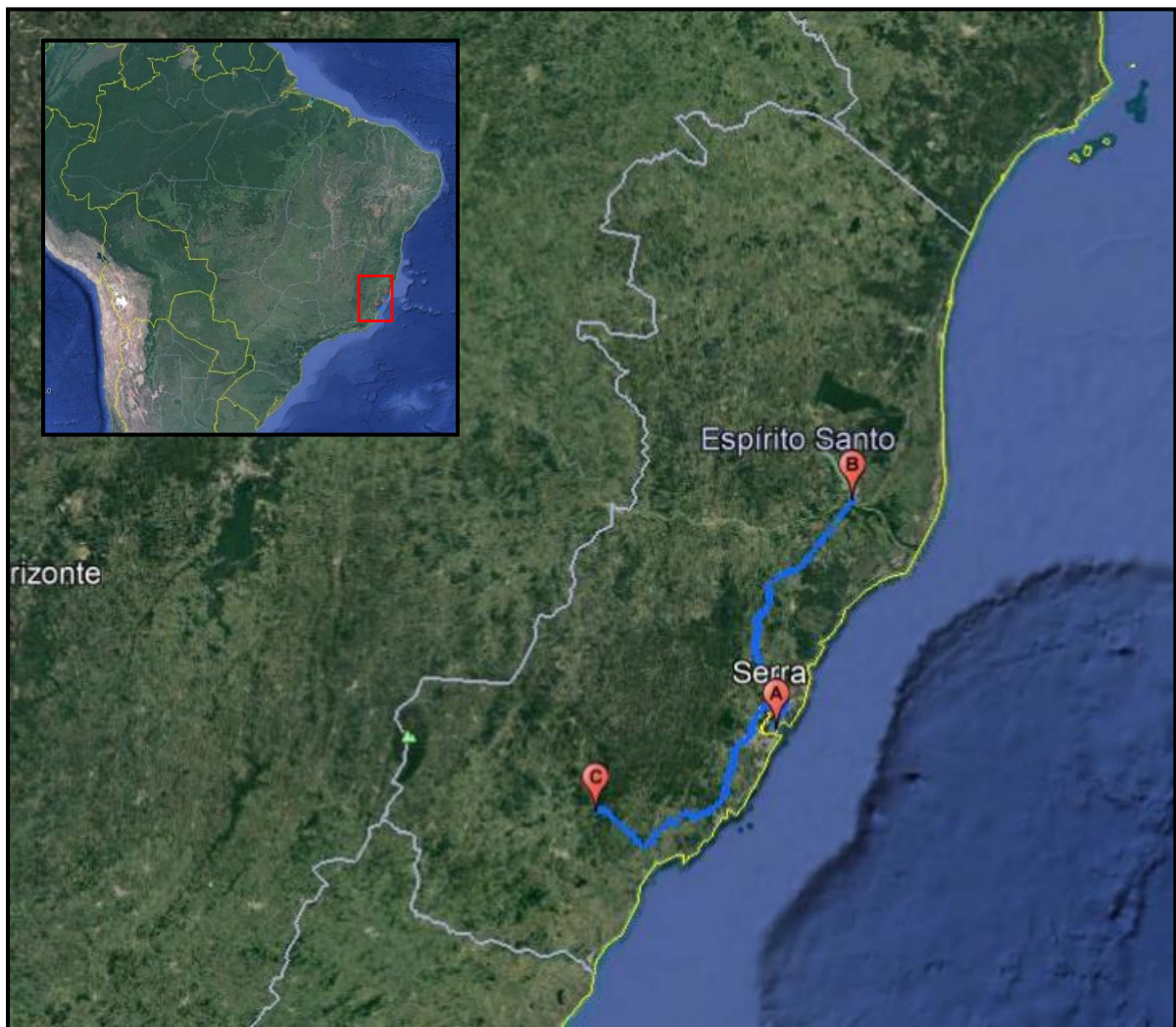
Welcome to the State of Espírito Santo, where some of the rarest birds in Brazil live. Here we will look for major rarities and range-restricted species such as the Red-billed Curassow and the Cherry-throated Tanager. Our journey in Espírito Santo's Atlantic Forest will include a variety of environments such as Tabuleiro Forests at Vale Natural Reserve and Mountain Forests at Vargem Alta. These are very special patches of exuberant landscape in the State.

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SUMMARIZED ITINERARY

Day	Location (state)	Comments
1	Vitória – Linhares (130km)	Transfer.
2	Linhares	Full Day Birding.
3	Linhares – Vargem Alta (260Km)	AM Birding. Transfer.
4	Vargem Alta	Full Day Birding.
5	Vargem Alta	Full Day Birding.
6	Vargem Alta – Vitória (130km)	Transfer.

OVERVIEW OF THE ITINERARY



DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1: Transfer to **LINHARES** (+/-2hr [130Km]).

Area description: The private VALE Reserve and the adjacent state-owned Sooretama Biological Reserve protect the largest remnant of Brazil's southeastern Atlantic coastal lowland rainforest. This area is one of the only sites where one of the world's rarest cracids, the **Red-billed Curassow** (*Crax blumenbachii*), can still be found and holds the species largest population. Other species that are considered endangered or vulnerable in this area include **White-necked Hawk** (*Amadonastur lacernulatus*), Blue-throated (or **Ochre-marked Parakeet**) (*Pyrrhura cruentata*), **Red-browed Amazon** (*Amazona rhodocorytha*) and **Black-headed Berryeater** (*Carpornis melanocephala*).

Summary: Besides the endangered species, there are many other great birds to see in this location such as **Maroon-bellied Parakeets** (*Pyrrhura frontalis*), **Black-capped Screech-Owl** (*Megascops atricapilla*), Least Pygmy-Owl (*Glaucidium minutissimum*), Minute Hermit (*Phaethornis idaliae*), White-chinned Sapphire (*Hylocharis sapphirina*), **Black-necked Aracari** (*Pteroglossus aracari*), Blond-crested (*Celeus flavescens*), Ringed (*Celeus torquatus*), Red-stained (*Veniliornis affinis*) and Yellow-fronted (*Melanerpes flavifrons*). **Ochre-breasted Foliage-gleaner** (*Anabacerthia lichtensteini*), **Sooretama Slaty Antshrike** (*Thamnophilus ambiguus*), Rufous-capped Antthrush (*Formicarius colma ruficeps*), **Black-cheeked Gnatcatcher** (*Conopophaga melanops melanops*), Screaming Piha (*Lipaugus vociferans*), Red-headed (*Ceratopipra rubrocapilla*), White-crowned (*Dixiphia pipra*) and White-bearded Manakins (*Manacus manacus*). Thrush-like Schiffornis (*Schiffornis turdina turdina*), Grayish Mourner (*Rhytipterna simplex simplex*), Long-billed Gnatwren (*Ramphocaenus melanurus*), Orange-bellied Euphonia (*Euphonia xanthogaster*), Yellow-backed Tanager (*Hemithraupis flavicollis insignis*), Red-crowned Ant-Tanager (*Habia rubica rubica*), **Yellow-green Grosbeak** (*Caryothraustes canadensis*) and others.



Day 2: Full Day Birding in **LINHARES**.

Day 3: AM Birding in **LINHARES** and transfer to **VARGEM ALTA** (+/-4½hr [260Km]).

Area description: A small village in the Mountains of Espírito Santo. The majority of properties in this village are based on agriculture, even so there are still significant remnants of Atlantic Forest in this region. The special location is a private area (Mata de Caetés) with a marvelous Atlantic Forest patch in a good stage of conservation, full of bromeliads, orchids and tall trees. The star here and our main target is the **Cherry-throated Tanager** (*Nemosia rourei*), an incredible tanager that eats mainly insects and lives in the canopy. Until February of 1998, this species was known only by one specimen deposited in a museum in Berlin, when it was finally rediscovered at Conceição do Castelo (Espírito Santo). After the rediscovery, this species was found at Mata dos Caetés in 2003. The expected population of this species is less than 50 individuals, and the majority of them are at Mata dos Caetés. All of the recent records for the species have also been in Mata dos Caetés. The probabilities to register the species aren't high because of the few existing individuals with a probably huge territory. Let us cross our fingers and hope for the best. Encountering this rare species is a privilege for few. Beyond the Cherry-throated Tanager, there are over 270 other Atlantic Forest bird species in this area. The elevation in the area is around 1000 meters.

Summary: Among the highlights for this area are **Shrike-like Cotinga** (*Laniisoma elegans*), Spot-billed Toucanet (*Selenidera maculirostris*), Black Hawk-Eagle (*Spizaetus tyrannus*) and **Rio de Janeiro Antbird** (*Cercomacra brasiliana*). Second chances for the Long-trained Nightjar (*Macropsalis forcipata*), Frilled Coquette (*Lophornis magnificus*), **Yellow-eared Woodpecker** (*Veniliornis maculifrons*) and Robust Woodpecker (*Campephilus robustus*).



Day 4: Full Day Birding in **VARGEM ALTA**.

Day 5: Full Day Birding in **VARGEM ALTA**.

Day 6: AM Birding in **VARGEM ALTA** and transfer to **VITÓRIA** (+/-2½hr [130Km]). **DEPARTURE FLIGHTS.**

