



BRAZIL BIRDING

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WEST AMAZON ACRE/RONDONIA TOUR

16 DAYS



Welcome to the Acre/Rondônia Tour, one of the most unvisited places of the Amazon in Brazil. Like in any Amazonian areas, the rivers play important roles in the speciation process of birds and in this tour, the Madeira River shows this very well. We will be able to see Natterer's and Western Striolated-Puffbirds, Snow-capped and Blue-crowned Manakins and many other species that "substitute" each other in the different margins of the rivers. In this tour we will be looking for extremely rare species like the Rondonia Bushbird, some recently described species like Aripuana Antwren, Chico's Tyrannulet [and others] and for anything else that crosses our path in this adventurous journey.

TOUR ACRE/RONDÔNIA

(Acre, Amazonas, Rondônia)

Guide: To Be Defined.

SUMMARIZED ITINERARY

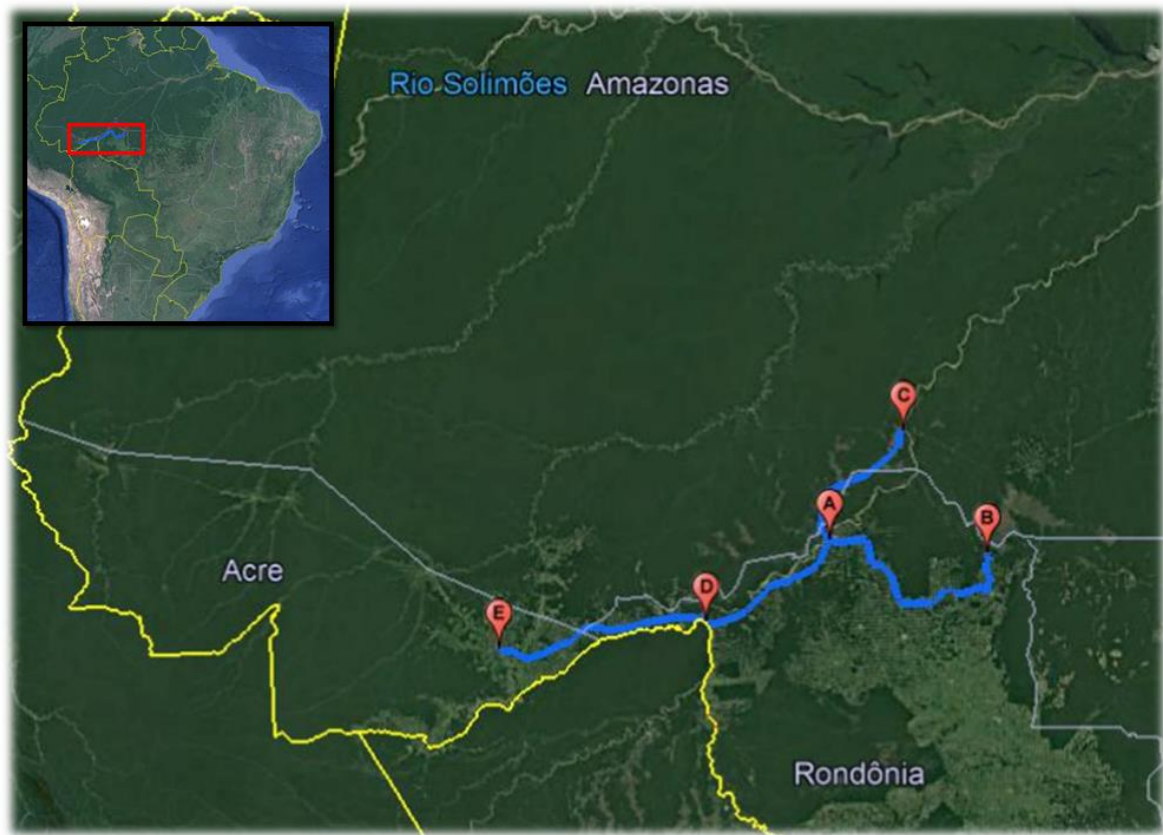
Day	Location (state)	Comments
1	Porto Velho	Arrival.
2	Porto Velho – Tabajara (350km)	Transfer. PM Birding.
3	Tabajara (Machadinho d'Oeste)	Full Day Birding.
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5	Tabajara – Porto Velho (350km)	Transfer. PM Birding.
6	Porto Velho	Full Day Birding.
7	Porto Velho – Humaitá (210km)	Transfer. PM Birding.
8	Humaitá	Full Day Birding.
9	Humaitá	Full Day Birding.
10	Humaitá – Jaci-Paraná (300km)	Transfer. PM Birding.
11	Jaci-Paraná – Abunã (130Km)	AM Birding. Transfer. PM Birding.
12	Abunã – Rio Branco (300km)	AM Birding. Transfer.
13	Rio Branco	Full Day Birding.
14	Rio Branco	Full Day Birding.
15	Rio Branco	Full Day Birding.
16	Rio Branco	DEPARTURE

Suggested Period: From June to January.



OVERVIEW OF THE COMPLETE ITINERARY

Porto Velho (A), Tabajara (B), Humaitá (C), Abunã (D), Rio Branco (E).



DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival in **PORTO VELHO**.

Day 2: Transfer to Machadinho d'Oeste (**TABAJARA**) (+/-5hrs [350Km]). PM Birding in **TABAJARA**.

Area description: located in Machadinho d'Oeste, inside the buffer zone of Campos Amazônicos National Park and along the Rio Machado. This region houses a variety of fantastic habitats that we will explore, such as “campinas” and “campinaranas” that are areas of white sand savannas. They differ from each other because “campinas” do not have trees and “campinaranas” are the transition to the rainforest. In addition, we will visit the banks of Rio Machado and some terra firme areas. The variety of environments give us the chance to record a high number of bird species as well as many special birds.

Summary: Among the species that we will look for are Razor-billed Curassow (*Mitu tuberosum*), Spix's Guan (*Penelope jacquacu*), Zigzag Heron (*Zebrilus undulatus*), Slate-colored Hawk (*Buteogallus schistaceus*), Sunbittern (*Eurypyga helias*), Black-winged Trumpeter (*Psophia obscura*), Black-bellied Cuckoo (*Piaya melanogaster*), Amazonian Pygmy-owl (*Glaucidium hardyi*), Sand-colored Nighthawk (*Chordeiles rupestris*), Crimson Topaz (*Topaza pella*), Blue-tailed Emerald (*Chlorostilbon mellisugus*), Pavonine Quetzal (*Pharomachrus pavoninus*), Blue-necked Jacamar (*Galbula cyanicollis*), White-necked Puffbird (*Notharchus hyperrhynchus*), Black-girdled Barbet (*Capito dayi*), **White-faced Amazon** (*Amazona kawalli*), Pearly Antshrike (*Megastictus margaritatus*), Southern Chestnut-tailed Antbird (*Sciaphylax hemimelaena*), Southern Wing-banded Antbird (*Myrmornis torquata*), Amazonian Streaked Antwren (*Myrmotherula multostriata*), **Aripuana Antwren** (*Herpsilochmus stotzi*), Rondonia Warbling Antbird (*Hypocnemis ochrogyna*), Chestnut-belted Gnatcatcher (*Conopophaga aurita*), Alta Floresta Antpitta (*Hylopezus whittakeri*), Rondonia Woodcreeper (*Lepidocolaptes fuscicapillus*), Spangled Cotinga (*Cotinga cayana*), Cinnamon Manakin-tyrant (*Neopipo cinnamomea*), Snelthage's Tody-tyrant (*Hemitriccus minor*), Buff-cheeked Tody-flycatcher (*Poecilatriccus senex*) and **Chico's Tyrannulet** (*Zimmerius chicomendesi*).



Day 3: Full Day Birding in **TABAJARA**.

Day 4: Full Day Birding in **TABAJARA**.

Day 5: AM Birding in **TABAJARA**. Transfer to **PORTO VELHO** (+/-5hrs [350Km]). PM Birding in **PORTO VELHO**.

Area description: Porto Velho is the capital of Rondônia State and has mining as its most important economic activity. It is located aside the Madeira River that is an important geographic barrier between two centers of endemism, Rondônia and Inambari. These centers of endemism makes this area special for birds with many rarities and it will bring fantastic species for our tour. There we will explore the west bank of Madeira River.

Summary: In this area we will have the chance to record many species. Here are a few; Slender-billed Kite (*Helicolestes hamatus*), **Gilded Barbet** (*Capito auratus*), Curl-crested Aracari (*Pteroglossus beauharnaesii*), Bar-breasted Piculet (*Picumnus aurifrons*), Lined Forest-falcon (*Micrastur gilvicollis*), Santarem Parakeet (*Pyrrhura amazonum*), Madeira Stipple-throated Antwren (*Epinecrophylla amazonica*), **Predicted Antwren** (*Herpsilochmus praedictus*), Curve-billed Scythebill (*Campylorhamphus procurvoides*), Slender-billed Xenops (*Xenops tenuirostris*), Olive-backed Foliage-gleaner (*Automolus infuscatus*), Pompadour Cotinga (*Xipholena punicea*), Amazonian Scrub-flycatcher (*Sublegatus obscurior*), Citron-bellied Attila (*Attila citriniventris*), Cinnamon Manakin-tyrant (*Neopipo cinnamomea*), Black Manakin (*Xenopipo atronitens*), **Campina Jay** (*Cyanocorax hafferi*) and Inambari Gnatcatcher (*Polioptila attenboroughi*).



Day 6: Full Day Birding in **PORTO VELHO**.

Day 7: Transfer to **HUMAITÁ** (+/-3hrs [210Km]). PM Birding.

Area description: not far from Porto Velho and located in the State of Amazonas, the main habitats in this region are terra firme forests, savanna habitat (Campinas and Campinaranas of Humaitá and the unusual “Cerrado” in the middle of the Amazon Rainforest). Our focus here will be the birds of terra firme forests and campinas.



Summary: Our targets in these areas will be the Needle-billed Hermit (*Phaethornis philippii*), Rufous Motmot (*Baryphthengus martii*), Paradise Jacamar (*Galbula dea*), **Brown-mandibled Aracari** (*Pteroglossus mariaae*), Tui Parakeet (*Brotogeris sanctithomae*), Short-tailed Parrot (*Graydidascalus brachyurus*), Southern Festive Amazon (*Amazona festiva*), Long-billed Woodcreeper (*Nasica longirostris*), Masked Crimson Tanager (*Ramphocelus nigrogularis*), Undulated Antshrike (*Frederickena unduliger*), Black Bushbird (*Neoctantes niger*), **Brown-banded Puffbird** (*Notharchus ordii*), Gilded Barbet (*Capito auratus*), Humaita Antbird (*Myrmelastes humaythae*), Madeira Stipple-throated (*Epinecrophylla amazonica*), Reddish-winged Bare-eye (*Phlegopsis erythroptera*), Rufous-tailed Flatbill (*Ramphotricon ruficauda*), White-crested Spadebill (*Platyrinchus platyrhynchos*), Fiery-capped Manakin (*Machaeropterus pyrocephalus*), Musician Wren (*Cyphorhinus arada*) and Rufous-bellied Euphonia (*Euphonia rufiventris*).



Day 8: Full Day Birding in **HUMAITÁ**.

Day 9: Full Day Birding in **HUMAITÁ**.

Day 10: Transfer to **JACI-PARANÁ** (+/-4hrs [300Km]). PM Birding.

It is in Jaci-Paraná that we will get a boat and try the ultra-rare Rondonia Bushbird. Let's cross our fingers and hope for the best.

Day 11: AM Birding in Jaci-Paraná and transfer to **ABUNÃ**.

Area description: Abunã is a district of Porto Velho, located along the Madeira river close to the border with Bolivia and the state of Acre. In this area with less than 2,000 habitants, we will explore both banks of the Madeira River (west and east).

Summary: The special birds for us here will be the Orinoco Goose (*Neochen jubata*), Pale-winged Trumpeter (*Psophia leucoptera*), **Collared Puffbird** (*Bucco capensis*), Fulvous-chinned Nunlet (*Nonnula sclateri*), Rufous-headed Woodpecker (*Celeus spectabilis*), Red-fan Parrot (*Derophtyus accipitrinus*), **Ruddy Spinetail** (*Synallaxis rutilans*), Short-billed Leaf-tosser (*Sclerurus ruficularis*), Thrush-like Antpitta (*Myrmothera campanisona*), Yellow-margined Flatbill (*Tolmomyias assimilis*), Drab Water-tyrant (*Ochthornis littoralis*), Bare-necked



Fruitcrow (*Gymnoderus foetidus*), Dwarf Tyrant-manakin (*Tyranneutes stolzmanni*), Ashy-headed Greenlet (*Hylophilus pectoralis*), **Green Oropendola** (*Psarocolius viridis*) and Slate-colored Seedeater (*Sporophila schistacea*).



Day 12: AM Birding in Abunã and transfer to **RIO BRANCO** (+/-5hrs [300Km]).

Area description: Rio Branco is the capital of Acre, located in the valley of the Acre River. It was known because of the “rubber cycle” due to its process of settlement based on the rubber extracted from Seringa trees. In this region, there are big stands of Bamboos that give us the chance to record the birds considered bamboo specialists. We will also visit areas of varzea and terra firme forests.

Summary: The main targets for us here will be Rufous Twistwing (*Cnipodectes superrufus*), **Blue-headed Macaw** (*Primolius couloni*), White-bellied Parrot (*Pionites leucogaster*), Orange-fronted Plushcrown (*Metopothrix aurantiaca*), Bamboo Foliage-gleaner (*Anabazenops dorsalis*), Dusky Leaf-tosser (*Sclerurus obscurior*), **Bamboo Antshrike** (*Cymbilaimus sanctaemariae*), **Bamboo Antwren** (*Myrmotherula oreni*), Goeldi's Antbird (*Myrmeciza goeldii*), Acre Tody-tyrant (*Hemitriccus cohnhafti*), Flammulated Bamboo-tyrant (*Hemitriccus flammulatus*), White-eyed Attila (*Attila bolivianus*), Purple-throated Cotinga (*Porphyrolaema porphyrolaema*), Sulphur-bellied Tyrant-manakin (*Neopelma sulphureiventer*), Yellow-cheeked Becard (*Pachyramphus xanthogenys*), Southern Nightingale-Wren (*Microcerculus marginatus*), Black-and-white Tanager (*Conothraupis speculigera*) and Opal-crowned Tanager (*Tangara callophrys*).

Day 13: Full Day Birding around **RIO BRANCO**.

Day 14: Full Day Birding around **RIO BRANCO**.

Day 15: Full Day Birding around **RIO BRANCO**.

Day 16: DEPARTURE.

