



# BRAZIL BIRDING

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## RED-SPECTACLED PARROT AND SOUTH BRAZIL SPECIALTIES

10 DAYS



*Prepare to be utterly amazed by the amazing show of the Red-spectacled Parrots in Urupema.*

*Only at this time of year do the parrots gather by the thousands feeding from one patch of Araucaria Pine Trees to the other. Certainly, a natural event that every human being should see in their lifetime. Besides this special moment, you can enjoy many other great South Brazilian endemics, such as Paraná Antwren, Restinga Tyrannulet, Kaempfer's Tody-Tyrant, Scaled Chachalaca, and many more. Not to mention the delicious cuisine and breathtaking landscapes you will see along the way. Birds on the cover: Many-colored Rush Tyrant, Red-spectacled Parrot, Chestnut-backed Tanager, Saffron-cowled Blackbird.*

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(Paraná, Santa Catarina and Rio Grande do Sul)

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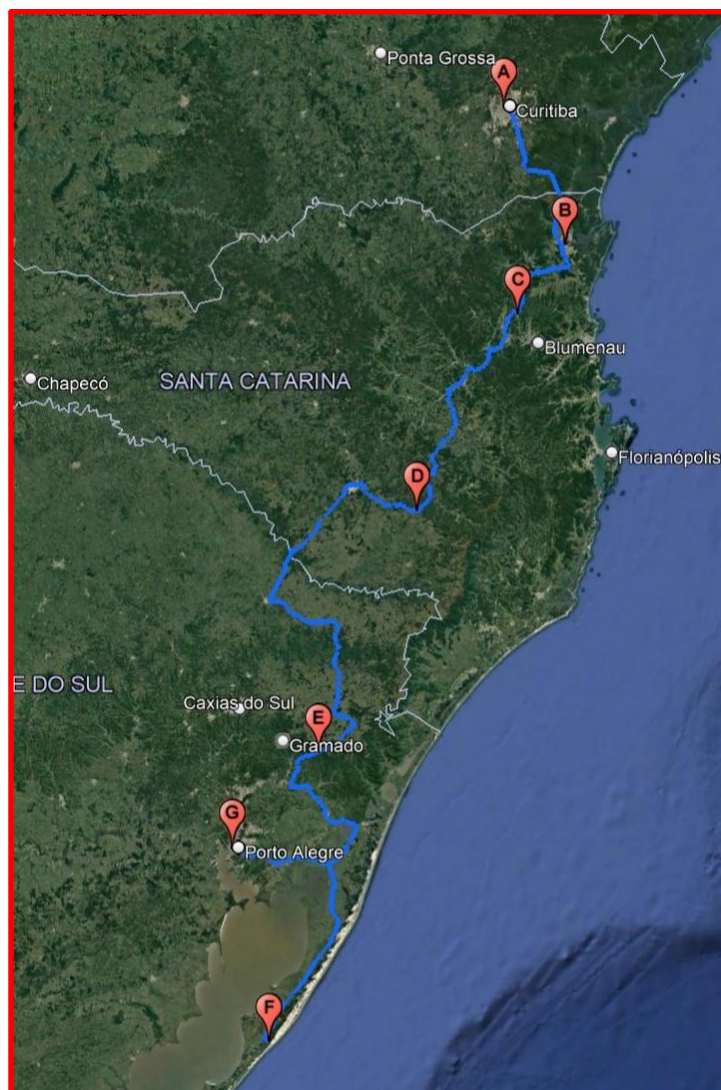
## SUMMARIZED ITINERARY

Day	Location	Comments
0	Curitiba	Arrivals
1	Curitiba – Joinville (200km)	AM Birding. Transfer. PM Birding
2	Joinville	AM and PM Birding
3	Joinville – Pomerode (90km)	AM Birding. Transfer. PM Birding
4	Pomerode – Urupema (260km)	AM Birding. Transfer. PM Birding
5	Urupema	AM and PM Birding
6	Urupema – São Francisco de Paula (350km)	Transfer. PM Birding
7	São Francisco de Paula	AM and PM Birding
8	São Francisco de Paula – Lagoa do Peixe (300km)	Transfer. PM Birding
9	Lagoa do Peixe	AM and PM Birding
10	Lagoa do Peixe – Porto Alegre (230km)	Transfer. Departures

**Date:** May 16 to 25, 2025.

## OVERVIEW OF THE COMPLETE ITINERARY

Curitiba (A), Joinville (B), Pomerode (C), Urupema (D), São Francisco de Paula (E), Lagoa do Peixe (F), Porto Alegre (G).



## DETAILED ITINERARY

**Day 0:** Arrivals in Curitiba Airport and rest before the tour.

**Day 1:** AM Birding in **CURITIBA**.

**Area description:** We will begin the tour in the capital of Paraná State: Curitiba. We will be based in the outskirts of the main city to make it easier to get to the birding spots where we will look for our first South Brazil specialties.

**Targets:** There will be many interesting targets to see, such as Araucaria Tit-Spinetail (*Leptasthenura setaria*), Diademed Tanager (*Stephanophorus diadematus*), White-browed Warbler (*Myiothlypis leucoblephara*), Black-and-rufous Warbling Finch (*Poospiza nigrorufa*), Olive Spinetail (*Cranioleuca obsoleta*) and many others. Two targets that some people ask about are Canebrake Groundcreeper (*Clibanornis dendrocolaptoides*) and Marsh Tapaculo (*Scytalopus iraiensis*). Although possible, these 2 species are super difficult. We will do our best to try to see them.



Diademed Tanager

After lunch, transfer to Joinville (+/-3hrs [200km]) with a stop on route at Itapoá to try for the endemic Marsh [Parana] Antwren (*Formicivora acutirostris acutirostris*). PM Birding around Joinville if we have time.

**Day 2:** AM and PM Birding in **JOINVILLE**.

**Area description:** Joinville is the biggest city in Santa Catarina and, simultaneously, the city with the most species of birds. Undoubtedly one of the most critical hotspots of the Atlantic Forest. This richness (more than 440 species) is due to the variety of environments and the altitudinal gradient from mangroves and lowland forests to montane forests up to 800 meters of altitude.

**Targets:** the main reason we visit this location is for some notable South Brazil endemics: Kaempfer's Tody-Tyrant (*Hemitriccus kaempferi*), Marsh [Parana] Antwren (*Formicivora acutirostris acutirostris*), Scaled Chachalaca (*Ortalis squamata*) and Restinga Tyrannulet (*Phylloscartes kronei*). We will also search for the Scarlet Ibis (*Eudocimus ruber*). In the area



where we look for the Ibis, we could also see other nice species, such as Yellow-crowned Night-Heron (*Nyctanassa violacea*) and other mangrove birds.



Scaled Chachalaca



Marsh [Parana] Antwren



Scarlet Ibis

**Day 3:** AM Birding. Transfer to **POMERODE/RIO DOS CEDROS** (+/-2hrs [90Km]). PM Birding.

**Area description:** we will be based in Pomerode town, where there is a structure for accommodation. From there, we will drive to Rio dos Cedros, an Atlantic Forest patch mixed with Araucaria Forest, where we have chances to see some extraordinary birds.



**Targets:** the main target here will be Creamy-bellied Gnatcatcher (*Polioptila lactea*). Other nice targets we might encounter include Green-throated Euphonia (*Euphonia chalybea*), Brown-breasted Pygmy-Tyrant (*Hemitriccus obsoletus*), Giant Antshrike (*Batara cinerea*), Brown Tanager (*Orchesticus abeillei*), Green-backed Becard (*Pachyramphus viridis*), Plush-crested Jay (*Cyanocorax chrysops*) and many more. If we are very lucky, we might even see one of the rarest and most difficult to see woodpeckers of the world, the Helmeted Woodpecker (*Ceelus galeatus*). Let's cross our fingers for the best of luck here.



**Day 4:** AM Birding. Transfer to **URUPEMA** (+/-4hrs [260Km]) for PM Birding.



**Area description:** located in the state of Santa Catarina at 1450 meters, in a valley surrounded by the Morro das Torres, Urupema is considered the coldest town in Brazil, with temperatures reaching -9°C during the winter. The landscape here is unique; a mix of rocky outcrops (campo rupestre) and Araucaria Forest, a subtype of Atlantic Rainforest where the Brazilian Pine Tree (*Araucaria angustifolia*) is the dominant tree species. In the months of April and May there is a huge concentration of Red-spectacled and Vinaceous-breasted Parrots due to the large quantity of ripe Araucaria Pine Nuts. If you come in this time of year, prepare for a beautiful show put on by the parrots while they fly above us by the thousands.

**Targets:** Our main targets here will of course be the Red-spectacled (*Amazona pretrei*) and Vinaceous-breasted (*Amazona vinacea*) Parrots. The environments here are home to interesting endemic species such as the Striolated Tit-Spintail (*Leptasthenura striolata*) and the Long-tailed Cinclodes (*Cinclodes pabsti*). We will also look for the Freckle-breasted Thornbird (*Phacellodomus striaticollis*), Gray-throated Warbling-Finch (*Microspingus cabanisi*), Planalto Tapaculo (*Scytalopus pachecoi*), Mottled Piculet (*Picumnus nebulosus*), Chestnut-backed Tanager (*Tangara preciosa*), Black-and-White Monjita (*Xolmis dominicanus*), Chimango Caracara (*Milvago chimango*), Long-tufted Screech-Owl (*Megascops sanctaecatrinae*), Blue-and-Yellow Tanager (*Pipraeidea bonariensis*) and many more.



Red-spectacled Parrot



**Day 5:** AM and PM Birding in Urupema.

**Day 6:** Transfer to **SÃO FRANCISCO DE PAULA** (+/-5hrs [350Km]). PM Birding.

**Area description:** São Francisco de Paula is 900 meters above sea level in Rio Grande do Sul, the southernmost state of Brazil. Here we will look for some montane bird species in the Araucaria Forest of the São Francisco de Paula National Forest. We will also look for some natural fields and marsh birds on the route to the forest.

**Targets:** our main targets are the Straight-billed Reedhaunter (*Limnoctites rectirostris*) and the Saffron-cowled Blackbird (*Xanthopsar flavus*). Other notable birds we might see include Lesser Grass-Finch (*Emberizoides ypiranganus*), Black-and-rufous Warbling-Finch (*Poospiza nigrorufa*), Olive Spinetail (*Cranioleuca obsoleta*), Brown-breasted Pygmy-Tyrant (*Hemitriccus obsoletus*). We will also try for the elusive Speckle-breasted Antpitta (*Cryptopezus nattereri*), always a difficult target. And if we are lucky, we could even see a Crowned Eagle (*Urubitinga coronata*) soaring by. Always keep an eye out.



Straight-billed Reedhaunter



Saffron-cowled Blackbird

**Day 7:** AM and PM Birding in São Francisco de Paula.

**Day 8:** Transfer to **LAGOA DO PEIXE** (+/-4½hrs [300Km]) for a PM Birding.



**Area description:** located between the sea and the huge “Lagoa dos Patos” the Lagoa do Peixe National Park is a Brazilian paradise for shorebirds. With 36,721 hectares, the mix of dunes, a vast coastline, marshes, and, of course, the “Lagoa do Peixe” are home to more than 300 species.



**Targets:** the primary targets in the National Park are the incredible Many-colored Rush Tyrant (*Tachuris rubrigastra*), Correndera Pipit (*Anthus correndera*), Chilean Flamingo (*Phoenicopterus chilensis*), Spectacled Tyrant (*Hymenops perspicillatus*), Curve-billed Reedhaunter (*Limnornis curvirostris*), Black-necked Swan (*Cygnus malancoryphus*), Coscoroba Swan (*Coscoroba coscoroba*), White-tufted Grebe (*Rollandia rolland*), Bay-capped Wren-Spintail (*Spartonoica maluroides*), Wren-like Rushbird (*Phleocryptes melanops*). Besides these, we can see others, like Southern Screamer (*Chauna torquata*), Common Miner (*Geositta cunicularia*), Giant Wood-rail (*Aramides ypecaha*) and a significant number of terns and other shorebirds.



Chilean Flamingo



Many-colored Rush Tyrant



Spectacled  
Tyrant



Southern Screamer

**Day 9:** AM and PM Birding in Lagoa do Peixe.

**Day 10:** Transfer to Porto Alegre Airport (+/-3hrs [250km]). Departures.