

BRAZIL NOVEMBER 2019 – Pantanal and Bonito Hyacinth and Green-winged Macaws

The highlights of this trip will definitely be the **Macaws**, with 7 species to be seen in this area, including the very special **Hyacinth Macaws**. Whenever I have visited the Pantanal in Brazil, which has been very frequent over the last 18 years, I have seen **Hyacinth Macaws** every day and I see no reason why we should not be so fortunate again on this trip especially as we are going to 2 different lodges within the Pantanal.

The **Green-winged Macaws** are also a great pleasure to see and what better way to do that than watching them fly below us in the '**Macaw Hole**' known locally as '**Buraco das Araras**', a large hole in the ground where we can walk around the edge and the **Macaws** nest, roost, feed and fly within the actual crater.



Throughout this trip we are likely to see, in excess of, 150 bird species which should include up to **20 species of Parrots** including **7 Macaw species** with many opportunities to photo, video or just observe them in their Natural Habitats.

ITINERARY**12th November**

Arrive in Campo Grande with a transfer to a local hotel for an overnight stay

**13th November**

After breakfast we leave Campo Grande, excitedly making our way towards the Pantanal and arrive at our lodge for the next 2 nights, Pousada Aguape just in time for lunch. Who will spot the first **Hyacinth Macaw** either flying or in one of the roadside palm trees.

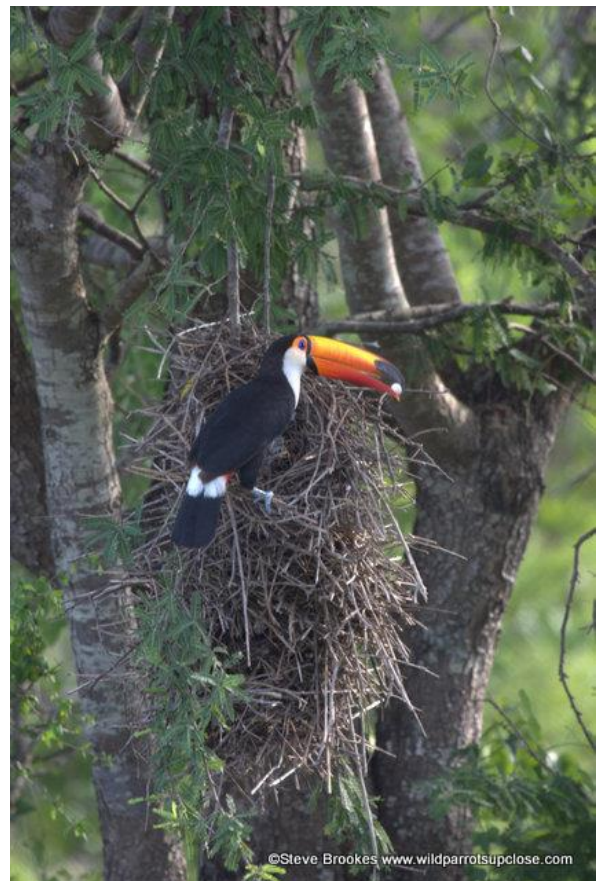


Each day after lunch we will have time to ourselves for siesta, a swim in the pool or check out the wildlife local to the lodge. It's a very hot time of day so not much wildlife will be about until later in the afternoon however in the trees around the lodge there are **Hyacinth and Red-shouldered Macaws** nesting as well as **Scaly-headed Parrots** feeding so good chances of some close encounters.

After our break we will be taking a walk around the lodge grounds and hopefully have our first close encounter with the **Hyacinths** as well as many other birds and wildlife including parrots such as **Blue crowned and White eyed Conures**.



Other birds will include Jabiru Storks, Tanagers and with some luck the Toco Toucan
Dinner and Overnight at Aguape Lodge





14th November

Breakfast. We will go to the river edge to look for the **Blaze-winged Conures** and hopefully we can get really close views like the previous time I visited. We shall see some of the birds mentioned previously plus a few more such as **Blue-fronted Amazons, Monk and Yellow-chevroned Parakeets** as well as woodpeckers, woodcreepers and the lovely Rufous-tailed Jacamar.

Lunch followed by a break.

PM: We will do a Photo Safari by car, when, besides birds we might find some animals such as the Marsh Deer, Giant Anteater and maybe a Tapir or a Jaguar. Keep looking you never know what may appear anywhere along our route. Dinner and Overnight at Aguape Lodge

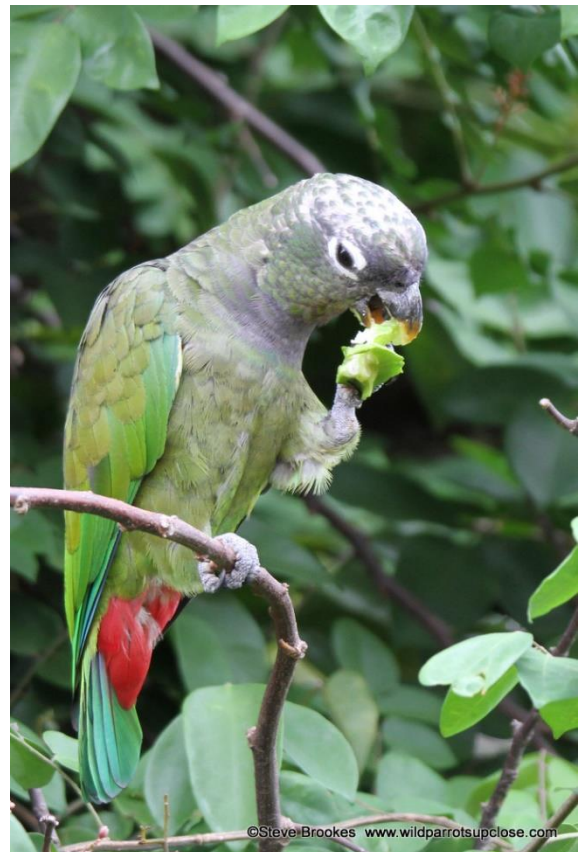




15th November

Breakfast. Early start to look for the Giant Anteaters and back to the river edge where the **Blaze-winged Conures** live just in case we can get better views. We also search for different species of parrots such as **Yellow-collared and Red-shouldered Macaws**, and **Scaly-headed (Maximillian's) Pionus Parrots** as well as more birds and mammals.

We now transfer to Morro do Azeite Lodge which is close to the River Akidauna and River Miranda. This is a new lodge and has been set up for visitors to see the Jaguars in the region.



PM: We will tour around the grounds of the lodge where there are **Hyacinth Macaws** as well as more of the **Parrots** we have seen for us to watch and photograph.

Dinner and Overnight at Morro do Azeite Lodge



16th November

Breakfast. This is the best area in the southern Pantanal for **Jaguars** but they can still be elusive so we will have the full day to concentrate on looking for them on boat trips along the local rivers. Jaguar, Ocelot, Puma and Jaguarundi are all possible but unfortunately cannot be guaranteed.

While we are looking for Jaguars we should see lots of Kingfishers, Herons and other water birds including our best chance to see the Agami Heron, the one everyone wants to see, not just because it's rare but also for its stunning colours. The resident family of Giant River Otters should also make an appearance. Caimans can be seen in numerous places both in and out of the water.

Dinner and Overnight at Morro do Azeite Lodge





17th November

Breakfast. Our last chance to look around this lodge for all the **Parrots** that can be found here before we set off to Corumba near the Bolivian border to look for the **Green-cheeked Conure**. The range for this Conure is mostly within Bolivia but our guide has seen these many times and will use his skills to find them once again.

Dinner and Overnight at Corumba



18th November

Breakfast. I have allowed all day to look for and photograph the amazing **Green-cheeked Conure** however if we see it early enough and have plenty of photos then we can check out the lanes and tracks to seek out any special birds and wildlife on our way back to the lodge.

There are several different **Parrot** species in this area which we will be looking for including **Red-bellied Macaws**.

There are several nest sites for other **Parrots** so let's check them out as well and see if we can get some special photos.

Dinner and Overnight at Corumba





19th November

Breakfast. Early transfer to Bonito going to Araras Hotel Rural



Afternoon visit Buraco das Araras.



*Buraco das Araras is a huge sandstone crater, a geological formation resulting from the collapse of boulders creating this enormous cavity of about 500m in circumference and 100m deep located in the middle of the cerrado in the State of Mato Grosso do Sul. It is home to a wide variety of birds, especially Araçari toucans and **Green-wing Macaws**, hence the name of the cave.*

The crater is part of the 29-hectares Private Reserve of Natural Heritage (RPPN) and is connected to the RPPN Rio da Prata with 307 hectares.



Dinner and Overnight at Araras Hotel Rural.

20th November

Another visit to Buraco das Araras but this time in the early morning to see the different activities of the **Macaws and Parrots** that are here and hopefully see some more species. **Peach-fronted Conures** were in abundance on the last trip I made here.





After lunch we will have a tour of the Rio da Prata with a snorkelling experience not to be forgotten – it is said to be similar to swimming in an aquarium. Fish such as dourado, pintado (catfish) and piraputanga are local to this area.

There are some feeders here where **Peach-fronted Conures** and **Yellow-faced Parrots** visit.



Dinner and Overnight at Araras Hotel Rural.

21st November

After leaving Buraco das Araras we transfer to Campo Grande and go to our hotel. Overnight Campo Grande.



Around the city of Campo Grande there are a large number of city dwelling **Macaws and Parrots**.

The **Macaws** are very prominent with up to 400 pairs of **Blue and Yellow Macaws** nesting within the boundaries of the city.

Blue and Yellow Macaws are not the only ones as a large number of **Green-winged, Red-bellied, Red-shouldered Macaws** with some **Hyacinth, Yellow-collared and Blue-winged Macaws**.



Some of the **Blue and Yellow** have hybridized with **Green-winged Macaws** naturally. A phenomenon that researchers are looking into to try to find out why??

Besides the **Macaws** there are also a smaller number of **Parrots** nesting within the city including **Yellow-faced Parrots and Nanday Conures**.



As we are here at the time of the breeding season we will take advantage of whatever we can find..



Our guide has been involved with some of the surveys with these **Parrots and Macaws** and can take us to several nesting sites over the next days.



22nd November

Today will be spent travelling around the city looking for the many nesting sites of the **Macaws**. In some places there are several nests very close to each other with different species of **Macaws and Parrots**.

Overnight Campo Grande.



23rd November

Another full day to check out the nesting sites in different areas of the city.

Overnight Campo Grande



24th November

Our last day which we can take at leisure before we are taken to the airport in time for our flights home.

PRICE - £3775 per person sharing a double/twin room **£450 single supplement.**

DEPOSIT £900

Balance to be paid 60 days before the start of the trip and can be paid in instalments, as long as, the total is paid before the 60 days

Includes all road transfers within Brazil, accommodation, meals (from breakfast on 14th November to breakfast on 25th November), water, transport including driver, guide, boat trips (with boatman and guide) and all entry fees to National Parks.

NOT included International and internal flights, insurance, drinks, souvenirs, tips, any additional activities not mentioned in the itinerary.

Itinerary may change due to weather or local, information about Parrots and other wildlife sightings to make the most of the trip.



Parrots to be seen on this trip

Hyacinth Macaw	<i>Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus</i>
Blue and Yellow Macaw	<i>Ara ararauna</i>
Green wing Macaw	<i>Ara chloropterus</i>
Blue-winged Macaw (Illiger's) (only on Campo Grande extension trip)	<i>Primolius maracana</i>
Yellow collared Macaw	<i>Primolius auricollis</i>
Red-bellied Macaw (only on Campo Grande extension trip)	<i>Orthopsittaca manilata</i>
Red-shouldered Macaw	<i>Diopsittaca nobilis</i>
Nanday Conure	<i>Aratinga nenday</i>
Blue-crowned Conure	<i>Thectocercus acuticaudata</i>
White eyed Conure	<i>Psittacara leucophthalmus</i>
Peach-fronted Parakeet	<i>Eupsittula aurea</i>
Monk Parakeet	<i>Myiopsitta monachus</i>
Blaze winged Conure	<i>Pyrrhura devillei</i>
Green cheeked conure	<i>Pyrrhura molinae phoenicura</i>
Blue-winged Parrotlet	<i>Forpus xanthopterygius</i>
Yellow chevroned Parakeet	<i>Brotogeris chiriri</i>
Scaly headed Parrot (Maximilian's)	<i>Pionus maximiliani</i>
Yellow faced Parrot (formerly Amazon)	<i>Alipiopsitta xanthops</i>
Orange-winged Amazon	<i>Amazona amazonica</i>
Blue fronted Amazon	<i>Amazona aestival</i>

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