

## Ubatuba, South-east Brazil 28/2-12/3 2010

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**Brown Noddy** a new species to Sao Paulo state

Photos the authors

### Introduction

After having visited south east Asia and Africa several times in the last decade we decided it was time to do a family trip to South America. The question was - where to find a place that suited us all? We soon realized that Ubatuba in south-eastern Brazil with all its surrounding beaches and some birding hot spots close to the town was ideal. Though we have never been to South America the birding around the Posada's Corner would be more than rewarding, with the possibility of new species almost everywhere.

The warning comes right here – ***this was not a full time birding trip, this was a family holiday!***

After deciding when to go we started to search for, first of all, a place to stay. Quite soon we found Annika Haraldsson and her agency Ubatubaresor

on the internet ([www.ubatubaresor.se](http://www.ubatubaresor.se)). She lives in Ubatuba and knows the area like the back of her hand. We had an email conversation and she gave us tips of where to stay and we finally decided to try the small posada called A Casa do Sol e da Lua, some 27 km south of Ubatuba. This small and very friendly place was situated right on a beach called Fortaleza. To reach this place one had to leave the main road south of Ubatuba, almost opposite the road to Corcovado and Folha Seca. The last km of the road was really bad for a small car.

Bear in mind the time of the year when reading our species list. Early March is definitely not the best in Brazil for song birds, prior to the breeding season. We were also a bit unlucky with the weather in the first week, with a lot of rain. Although some species we recorded might have been owing to the rainy weather. A few weeks before our visit it was extremely hot and dry in Ubatuba area. Rick Simpson, our local guide, mentioned a couple of times once that bird numbers had improved after a hot spell.

### **Logistics**

We bought the flight tickets on our own at a cost of c.800 Euros each and flew with Iberia. That meant a stop over at Barajas, Madrid for a couple of hours. We arrived in the morning to Guarulhos, Sao Paulo International airport. After a smooth passage through immigration control, we met Annika, who had arranged the transfer to our posada. She also gave us a guide and a short introduction to the country and Ubatuba surroundings during the 2 ½ hour transportation. We also made a breakfast stop at the half way point at Do Madre rest stop with buffet and of course our first spot of birding.

As our posada was far from town we decided to rent a car to be independent of local buses. Annika helped us with that in town. We rented a car suitable for all five of us from Localiza, situated near the airfield in the southern part of town. This is in fact the only car rental agency around Ubatuba. As none of us speak any Portuguese and the people at Localiza hardly any English, Annika's help was very useful, also when returning the car, which was not straight forward. Has anybody paid a fee for the cleaning of the car? We had not before.... The total cost including free mileage and insurances was about 650Euros for 10 days. Petrol costs about 0,5 Euros per liter.

Local buses do the trip from Fortaleza to Ubatuba and back a couple of times every day and take almost an hour to the bus station in town.

Traffic in and around Ubatuba was not too bad, though a high amount of speed bumps slowed the traffic down in areas with many pedestrians, near beaches and schools. That made traffic a rather stop and start affair.

### **Guide and sites**

After we had read a couple of recently written trip reports it was clear that we should contact Rick Simpson for advice and guiding. Contact him at [rick@rick-simpson.com](mailto:rick@rick-simpson.com) well in advance because he seems to have a rather tight schedule. He is invaluable as a guide, knowing all the prime areas like the back of his hand. We used his services twice (should have been three times, but he got sick and we had to cancel one tour). Rick showed us Folha Seca and Fazenda Angelim on half day trips and as a first time birder in Brazil (South-America) it is the only way to be sure of, at least a couple of days, with a high number of Atlantic rainforest species. Rick is also very aware of what species to focus upon, namely the Atlantic rainforest endemics, so one do not have to worry at all. Besides he is a nice chap who really loves to share his birds with others.

**Fortaleza** is the name of the beach where our posada was situated. All species seen along the entrance road and the beach is referred to by this name. From the southern end of the beach there is a track leading through the rain forest to the next beach – Praia do Cedro. We tried this path one morning but had to go back because of pouring rain. We did not walk the full length until the very last day of our stay, unfortunately. The first part is rather unproductive, at least this was our impression. After a little more than half way there is a small plantation with a house and directly after this area the track goes steeply downhill towards Praia do Cedro. This part of the track has great potential: we had several Flame-crested Tanagers, Blue Manakins and a Black-cheeked Gnateater in the middle of the day. The clearing around the small house (no one seems to stay here permanently) is really interesting for a Brazil first time birder.

**Folha Seca and Jonas´ place** is so well known among birders there is no need for a description. We just want to add a couple of comments. The house at the end of the road is inhabited again and according to Rick there have been some small incidents so beware of this. Mr Jonas d´Abronso´s hummingbird feeders are well known all over the world, so I think there is no excuse for that. His care for these stunning small (there are also some

bigger rather than small) birds is invaluable. It also gives birders an opportunity to study these amazing birds closely. Please do not sabotage this chance because too many have probably got into his garden in an unorthodox manner and he is now talking about closing the gates. That is really a shame for birders to act like this. So use Rick Simpson's services to get there and bring Jonas some sugar instead of money. He is a really nice man to meet and he knows so much about his hummers that one can get a lesson worth its name! Please do not ruin this opportunity for others!

**Corcovado** lies in the same area as Folha Seca. Just take the tarmac road to the left and drive for a couple of km. In a small village with speed bumps there is a small sign to the right – Pico Corcovado. Take the narrow road for a km or so until one reaches a concrete bridge. We parked just before here and walked the small roads in the neighborhood. The one leading to the left was especially productive in the clearing around the small plantation. A few hundred meters beyond the plantation is an inhabited house. We could not find any track leading behind the settlement or any track towards the mountain slopes. There is also a track to the right just after passing the bridge with a nice forest to the left and a couple of houses and a small football pitch to the right. The whole area seems to have a great potential, especially with a local guide.



Pico Corcovado

**Pica Pau**, the former Ubatuba Bird Watching Centre, situated just a few km outside the town. Coming from the south along the main road, take to the left at the third roundabout. Sometimes the Pica Pau sign is there, sometimes the authorities have removed the big sign. Pass over the small bridge and keep left following the road for a couple of km then signposted to the left. Pica Pau is actually a camping site with surrounding forest, a small stream and bare trees for the purpletufts. Although we did not manage to see any here, despite several attempts.

We also continued the road past Pica Pau's entrance road for a couple of km, parked the car and walked along the road.

The UBWC is at this moment moving out from Rancho Pica Pau and no new address is to be announced at the time of writing. Visit their provisional website on [www.ubcw.info](http://www.ubcw.info) for latest news. Therefore Pica Pau will be of little or no importance for bird watchers in the future.

**Angelim** is nowadays the only fazenda worth a visit according to Rick. Capricornio is no longer what it was. Angelim still costs 10 reais and the fee is paid to the man in charge, living in the first house on the left side of the main track. The forest around the former plantation is a really nice patch of genuine Atlantic rainforest and on a morning in early October the whole forest will be filled with bird song. Rick showed us some really good birds here including the purpletuft.

**Ubatuba**, old part of town with the pier and the small fishing harbor is also worth a visit. Typical birds are herons, cormorants and some urban species, with Masked Water-tyrant, Cliff Flycatcher, Cattle Tyrant, Ruddy Ground-dove and Saffron Finch seen.

The park in central town had Palm and Sayaca Tanagers among others. In the south part, near the airfield, in a small, fenced, grassy area we found a pair of Burrowing Owl and as bonus a Buff-necked Ibis came flying over when we returned the car. Nacunda Nighthawks hunted insects over this area one evening and in town Hans-Erik found a roosting Lesser Nighthawk on a roof one day.

## **Itinerary**

**27/2** After evening bus 26/2 from Sundsvall, we made an enforced overnight stay in Stockholm because of the chaotic situation of the Swedish railways. This winter really saw nothing but frozen railway gears and loads of cancelled trains, all over the southern half of Sweden.

So we started with short bus trip to Arlanda and left for Barajas, Madrid just before 16.00 with arrival 3 hours later. Flight to Guaralhos, Sao Paulo just after midnight and at 07.20 we landed in Brazil. Smooth immigration control and after the luggage was off the belt we met Annika Haraldsson at Ubatubaresor. She and the driver Jackson then took us the 2 1/2 hour trip (230 km) to our posada south of Ubatuba. We stopped en route for late breakfast at rest stop do Madre, about half way.

When we arrived at the guesthouse it started to rain. Outside one of our rooms there was a spacious verandah so we birded from there. Later when the rain had almost stopped we had a short afternoon walk around the corner. Ended the day with quite an early dinner at a nearby hotel.

**1/3.** Rain for most of the day, birded on and off near the posada until 11.00.

We then took the bus in to Ubatuba town with our guide/host Annika. Walked around in the town, got some tips for good restaurants, shops and ended up at Localiza, the local car rental company. There we met Rick Simpson and his wife Elis and had a short talk. The species list was growing fast with common species like **Brazilian, Palm** and **Sayaca Tanager**, hummers like **Black Jacobin, Glittering-throated Emerald, Violet-capped Woodnymph** and common flycatcher and tyrants.

**2/3.** A really lazy day with morning birding in the neighborhood and then just relaxing on the beach, looking at **Black** and **Turkey Vultures** in the sky and **Brown Boobies** and **Magnificent Frigatebirds** on the sea. In the afternoon a short trip to a supermarket to fill up with basic food. Ended the day with an hour's birding around the posada.

**3/3.** Finally a morning with some blue sky. Half day birding with Rick at Folha Seca and a visit to Mr Jonas d'Abronso and his marvellous hummingbird feeders. It is really stunning! We stopped birding just before lunch. Brilliant views of a **Spotted Bamboowren**, several **Blue Manakins**, heard a couple of calling **Bare-throated Bellbirds** and excellent views of **Spot-backed Antshrike** and **Slaty Bristlefront**, to name but a few. Rick's guidance was invaluable! We got something like 40 new species on that day!

In the afternoon rain again and we paid a visit to Ubatuba.

**4/3.** This morning we opted to try the track through the forest to the next beach, but we had to return rather quickly, after we both became soaking wet. After breakfast we took the car and drove to Pica Pau and visited Rick and his wife when they were cleaning the feeders. We then drove back to

town for lunch and dropped off the ladies for a spot of shopping. The birders took the car and drove northwards and finally we found ourselves in the Pica Pau roundabout. Parked the car by the bridge and birded. Nice species around Pica Pau was **Black-and White hawk-eagle** and an **Amazon Kingfisher** in the afternoon, near the bridge just after have left the roundabout.

**5/3.** Went to Corcovado early in the morning and birded there until 8.30 when we headed back for breakfast. New species for us was **Slaty-breasted Wood-rail, Gray-rumped Swift, Ferruginous Antbird** and **Golden-chevroned Tanager**. The rest of the day was a lazy one on the Fortaleza beach and the surroundings. At least no rain today, and it was also a little warmer.



Green-headed Tanager

**6/3.** We had promised to take Annika for a morning trip, so we did today. Drove to Folha Seca and walked the road slowly without finding much. This morning really showed us how much a local guide means in unknown territory and with unfamiliar bird calls. Early morning rather good weather. After breakfast pouring rain again. Species of the morning was **Green Honeycreeper**. Went to Ubatuba for the rest of the day. When we were just about to leave town the rain stopped and over the southern end of the

airfield at least 3 **Nacunda Nighthawks** were chasing insects, easily recognizable by their white bodies.

**7/3.** Our first morning with clear blue skies. We had decided to make a boat trip to a small island called Ilha Anchieta, a former prison island, a short way off Fortaleza. The whole day was arranged by Ubatubaresor and cost a little less than 100 Reais each inclusive of barbecue lunch. We started with a swim on a smaller, nearby island. The rocks were home to about 20 **Kelp Gull** and 30 **Brown Booby**. After we had been served the lunch on Ilha Anchieta we had the opportunity to walk a non tourist path with the chief warden, thanks to Annika. Found a couple of new flycatchers on the island and spotted an Agouti, also called Paca (*Cuniculus paca*) and a small gang of Tufted-ear Marmoset (*Callithrix jacchus*), but no Capybara.



Tufted-ear Marmoset

**8/3.** Morning around Folha Seca on our own. Birded mainly in an open area a couple of hundred meters before Jonas's house. New birds this morning was a **Black Hawk-eagle** and **Long-billed Gnatwren**. Otherwise it was good birding with a lot of movement and "old friends" but our limited knowledge of Brazilian bird calls was a handicap for sure.



Relaxed on the beach until late afternoon when we went to drop the ladies in Ubatuba while we headed to Pica Pau once again, in desperate search of the purpletuft. Late dinner in town and when driving the small road down to Fortaleza we finally spotted our first Opossum, either White-eared or South-eastern Common.

**9/3.** This morning was booked with Rick but as he had become ill on Monday evening he had to cancel the trip. We therefore drove to Pica Pau area, but passed the entrance road and drove a couple km further. Parked the car and started to walk along the road. Good finds for us along the road was **Pin-tailed Manakin** and **Red-breasted Toucan**. Before going back we had a short look at Pica Pau and were lucky with the **Fork-tailed Tody-Tyrant** and a **Ringed Kingfisher**, but no purpletuft. Found a second Opossum 50 meters from the posada early in the morning. After late lunch we met Annika at Praia Lagoninha for bathing, jungle walk and a search for Capybaras. No animals this evening though, even though the whole area looked very promising. Found another **Ringed Kingfisher** and our only **Swallow Tanager** and on the beach two winter plumage **Spotted Sandpipers**.

**10/3.** Went to Corcovado for today's pre breakfast birding. A warm and nice morning again and the birds were on our side. Birded very much the same area as last time and with a little patience were rewarded. Nice finds of new birds were **Sharpbill**, a calling **Brown Tinamou**, **Gray-hooded Attila**, **Rufous-headed Tanager**, a small party **White-bearded Manakins** and **Crested Oropendola** to mention but a few. The rest of the day was spent relaxing on the Fortaleza beach.

**11/3.** Early rise and left for Ubatuba to pick up Rick for a half day of birding at fazenda Angelim. Today started with a discovery Rick had made but a minute earlier while walking to our meeting point. A couple of **Black-capped Donacobius** in a small area with reed. Headed off for Angelim and started with **Tataupa Tinamou** and **Channel-billed Toucan**. Another nice species was the elusive **Squamate Antbird**, behaving very much like a South-east Asian Wren-babbler. Ended the morning with finally ticking off the **Buff-throated Purpletufts**. Really a place worthy of more time if one has it.

After lunch we went to Ubatuba though we had to return the rental car. When we were just about to leave the rental company an ibis come flying and landed on the grass field behind Localiza. Called Rick and he told us of

this long staying rarity, a **Buff-necked Ibis**. Took the local bus back to Fortaleza.

**12/3**. This morning, the last full day in Brazil on this trip, we birded in the neighborhood until breakfast. Around 11.30 Annika met up and we all had a lazy walk through the rain forest from Fortaleza to the next beach called Praia do Cedro. A little more than half way we stopped at a small plantation. **Flame-crested Tanager, Blue Manakin** and **Chestnut-bellied Euphonia** were easily seen. When proceeding downhill towards the beach we found **Red-crowned Ant-tanager** and **Black-cheeked Gnateater**. Some way on to the beach we found a **Little Blue Heron** and a **BROWN NODDY**, which lingered around the beach for a good while. Annika had arranged a boat trip back to our posada. Called Rick to impart news of the noddy. He went there the day after and the bird was still around.

**13/3**. No morning birding on this last day in Brazil. Went down to sea and had a swim before breakfast. Then packing and the transfer to Guaralhos at 10.45. Had lunch and a little birding at rest stop Do Madre. Found our last new species for this trip – a **Wattled Jacana** in the grass by the small lake. Also a singing **Chalk-browed Mockingthrush, Saffron Finches** and **Smooth-billed Ani**. Spotted also a small party of Cabbybaras (*Hydrochaeris hydrochaeris*) by a small pond not far from Sao Paulo international airport

Our flight back to Europe left in time and in the morning **14/3** we arrived in Madrid. Well, in Stockholm in the afternoon we checked our train time just to find out “our departure” was cancelled and the next would leave in 10 minutes time. Still total chaos for the national railway company. But that is another story!

## Species List

**Brown Tinamou** (*Crypturellus obsoletus*)

1 heard Corcovado 10/3.

**Tataupa Tinamou** (*Crypturellus tataupa*)

2 heard Angelim 11/3.

**Brown Booby** (*Sula leucogaster*) Up to 20 seen Fortaleza 2-6/3, 2

Ubatuba town 3/3 and 30 Ilha Anchieta, 7/3.

After the weather change Sunday 7/3 no boobies was seen close to the beach at Fortaleza.

**Neotropic Cormorant** (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*)

3 rest stop Do Madre 28/2 and up to 9 seen in the small fishing harbor in old Ubatuba 1-11/3.

**Magnificent Frigatebird** (*Fregata magnificens*)

Seen almost every day along the beach at Fortaleza, with around 30 as the highest number on 5/3. Also 5 Ubatuba town 3/3, 10 Ilha Anchieta and 4 Praia do Cedro 12/3.

**Great Egret** (*Ardea alba*)

Up to 6 seen in the small fishing harbor in old Ubatuba 1-11/3 and 5 rest stop Do Madre 13/3.

**Snowy Egret** (*Egretta thula*)

1 rest stop Do Madre 28/2 and up to 6 seen in the small fishing harbour in old Ubatuba 1-11/3.

**Little Blue Heron** (*Egretta caerulea*)

3 Praia Lagoninha 9/3, 1 Ubatuba town 11/3 and 1 Praia do Cedro 12/3.



Little Blue Heron



Snowy Egret

**Cattle Egret** (*Bubulcus ibis*)

10 rest stop Do Madre 28/2 and 13/3.

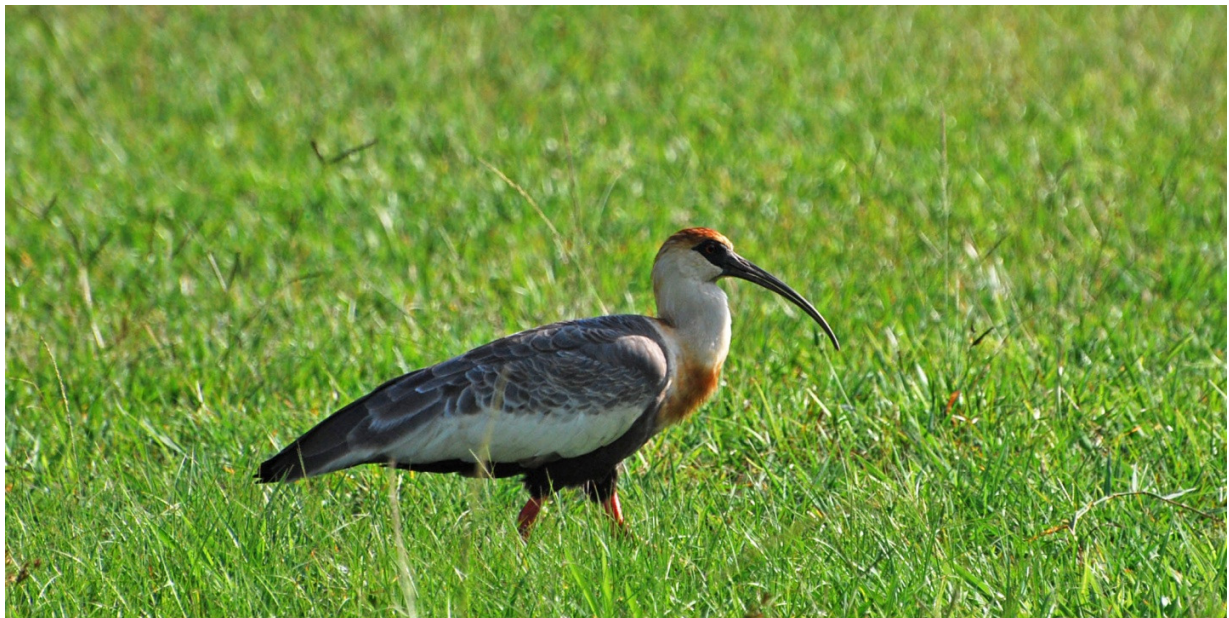
**Black-crowned Night-Heron** (*Nycticorax nycticorax*)

1 juvenile Ubatuba town (the fishing harbor) 11/3.

**Buff-necked Ibis** (*Theristicus caudatus*)

1 Ubatuba town (at the airfield) 11/3.

A long staying rarity, according to Rick. This bird had been seen on and off for the last six months



Buff-necked Ibis

**Black Vulture** (*Coragyps atratus*)

Common.

**Turkey Vulture** (*Cathartes aura*)

Fairly common.

**Gray-headed Kite** (*Leptodon cayanensis*)

1 adult Angelim 11/3.

**White-tailed Kite** (*Elanus leucurus*)

1 along the road Sao Paulo-Ubatuba 8/2.

**Rufous-thighed Kite** (*Harpagus diodon*)

2 near Pica Pau 4/3 and 1 Angelim 11/3.

**Savanna Hawk** (*Buteogallus meridionalis*)

1 Fortaleza 5/3.

**Roadside Hawk** (*Buteo magnirostris*)

1 Fortaleza 28/2, 6/3 and 11/3, at least 2 different birds, also 1 Angelim 11/3.

**Black Hawk-Eagle** (*Spizaetus tyrannus*)

1 sub adult Folha Seca 8/3.

**Black-and-white Hawk-Eagle** (*Spizaetus melanoleucus*)

1 adult Pica Pau 4/3.

**Southern Caracara** (*Caracara plancus*)

Fairly common, seen almost every day.

**Yellow-headed Caracara** (*Milvago chimachima*)

1 just outside Ubatuba town 3/3, 1 ex Fortaleza, Ubatuba 5/3 and 10/3, and 2 Praia do Cedro 12/3.

**Slaty-breasted Wood-Rail** (*Aramides saracura*)

2 (a pair) Corcovado 5/3 and 1 Corcovado 10/3.

**Southern Lapwing** (*Vanellus chilensis*)

Common.

**Wattled Jacana** (*Jacana jacana*)

1 adult seen at rest stop Do Madre 13/3.

**Spotted Sandpiper** (*Actitis macularius*)

2 in winter plumage Praia Lagoninha 9/3.

**Kelp Gull** (*Larus dominicanus*)

Up to 10 seen around Fortaleza and Ubatuba town. Highest number seen at Ilha Anchieta (30) 7/3.

**Brown Noddy** (*Anous stolidus*)

1 Praia do Cedro 12/3.

The first record for Ubatuba and Sao Paulo state. Also seen the day after by Rick Simpson. A nice surprise!

**South American Tern** (*Sterna hirundinacea*)

2 seen outside the pier opposite the fishing harbor, Ubatuba town 6/3.

**Royal Tern** (*Thalasseus maximus*)

1 Fortaleza 5/3 and 2 Fortaleza 6/3.

Some more large terns seen, but too far away for a positive id.

**Rock "feral" Pigeon** (*Columba livia*)

Common in towns.

**Picazuro Pigeon** (*Patagioenas picazuro*)

Common.

**Ruddy Ground-Dove** (*Columbina talpacoti*)

Common.

**White-tipped Dove** (*Leptotila verreauxi*)

2 Fortaleza 7/3.

Seen together with a Gray-fronted Dove early in the morning.

**Gray-fronted Dove** (*Leptotila rufaxilla*)

2 Fortaleza 5/3 and 1 there 7/3 and also 1 Corcovado 10/3.

**Maroon-bellied Parakeet** (*Pyrrhura frontalis*)

Fairly common around Folha Seca and Corcovado.

**Blue-winged Parrotlet** (*Forpus xanthopterygius*)

2 (a pair) Fortaleza 2/3 and 7/3.

**Plain Parakeet** (*Brotogeris tirica*)

Common.

**Scaly-headed Parrot** (*Pionus maximiliani*)

Up to 8 Fortaleza 2-11/3, 4 Corcovado 5/3, 8 Corcovado 10/3, 6 Angelim 11/3 and 10 Praia do Cedro 12/3.

**Guira Cuckoo** (*Guira guira*)

1 Sao Paulo-Ubatuba 28/2.

**Smooth-billed Ani** (*Crotophaga ani*)

Fairly common.

**Burrowing Owl** (*Athene cunicularia*)

1 pair Ubatuba town (just south of the airfield, in a small grassy area) 4/3 and 1 along the road Sao Paulo-Ubatuba 13/3.



Burrowing Owl

**Lesser Nighthawk** (*Chordeiles acutipennis*)

1 roosting on a roof in Ubatuba town 1/3.

**Nacunda Nighthawk** (*Podager nacunda*)

3 hunting insects just south of the airfield, Ubatuba town 6/3.

**Sick's Swift** (*Chaetura meridionalis*)

Small numbers seen at Fortaleza, Pica Pau, Corcovado and Angelim.

In accordance with SACC, the species **Ashy-tailed Swift** *Chaetura andrei* is subsumed. The nominate subspecies, *Chaetura andrei andreii* is synonymous with the southernmost subspecies of **Vaux's Swift**, *Chaetura*

*vauxi aphanes*, and so is no longer recognized. On the other hand, the second subspecies, *Chaetura andrei meridionalis* is elevated to species status, **Sick's Swift** *Chaetura meridionalis*. The comment cut from Clement's updates 2008.

**Gray-rumped Swift** (*Chaetura cinereiventris*)

5 identified Corcovado 5/3 and 10/3.

**Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift** (*Panyptila cayennensis*)

1 seen briefly Corcovado 10/3.

**Saw-billed Hermit** (*Ramphodon naevius*)

Fairly common. Up to 10 Folha Seca (highest count at Jonas place 3/3) 3-8/3, 4 Pica Pau 4-9/3, 1 Corcovado 10/3 and 2 Angelim 11/3.



Saw-billed Hermit



Glittering-throated Emerald

**Reddish Hermit** (*Phaethornis ruber*)

1 seen on two different locations Fortaleza 2-12/3, 2 Corcovado 5/3 and 1 there 10/3, 1 Folha Seca 6 and 8/3 also 1 Angelim 11/3.

**Swallow-tailed Hummingbird** (*Eupetomena macroura*)

1 rest stop Do Madre 28/2, 1 Ubatuba town 1/3 and 2 there 3/3, 1 Folha Seca 3/3 and 1 Fortaleza 10/3.





Festive Coquette



Reddish Hermit

**Sombre Hummingbird** (*Aphantochroa cirrochloris*)

1 Folha Seca 3/3, 1 Pica Pau 4/3, 1 ex Fortaleza 6-7/3 and 5 Fortaleza 12/3.

**Black Jacobin** (*Florisuga fuscus*)

1 Fortaleza 1-12/3 and 1 at a different part of Fortaleza 12/3, about 20 Folha Seca (Jonas place) 3/3 and 5-10 Pica Pau 4-9/3.



Black-throated Mango

**Black-throated Mango** (*Anthracothorax nigricollis*)

1 male and 1 female Folha Seca (Jonas place) 3/3, 1 female Pica Pau 4/3.

**Festive Coquette** (*Lophornis chalybeus*)

20 Folha Seca (Jonas place) 3/3 and up to 5 Pica Pau 4-9/3.

**Violet-capped Woodnymph** (*Thalurania glaucopis*)

Common.

**White-chinned Sapphire** (*Hylocharis cyanus*)

1 Folha Seca 3 and 8/3.

**Versicolored Emerald** (*Amazilia versicolor*)

5 Folha Seca (Jonas place) 3/3.



Violet-capped Woodnymph



Brazilian Ruby

**Glittering-throated Emerald** (*Amazilia fimbriata*)

Up to 2 Fortaleza 1-11/3, 2 or 3 Folha Seca (Jonas place) 3/3 and 1 Ubatuba town 11/3.

**Brazilian Ruby** (*Clytolaema rubricauda*)

1 pair Folha Seca (Jonas place) 3/3.

**Green-backed Trogon** (*Trogon viridis*)

1 Folha Seca 3/3.

In accord with [SACC](#), the White-tailed Trogon is split into two species:

**White-tailed Trogon** *Trogon chionurus*

**Green-backed Trogon** *Trogon viridis* (including the subspecies

*melanopterus*). The latter species has its range in tropical se Brazil (Bahia to Saõ Paulo). Comment cut from Clement's updates 2009.

**Ringed Kingfisher** (*Megaceryle torquata*)

1 female Pica Pau 9/3 and 1 Praia Lagoninha 9/3.

**Amazon Kingfisher** (*Chloroceryle amazona*)

1 near Pica Pau 4/3, 1 female Ubatuba town (the pier in old town) 6/3 and 1 at the same spot 11/3.

**Channel-billed Toucan** (*Ramphastos vitellinus*)

2 Angelim 11/3.

The second bird was nicely perched for a while and gave good views.

**Red-breasted Toucan** (*Ramphastos dicolorus*)

1 near Pica Pau 9/3 and 1 nicely perched for a couple of minutes at Corcovado 10/3.

**White-barred Piculet** (*Picumnus cirratus*)

1 Fortaleza 2 and 5/3, 3 Folha Seca 8/3 and 1 Pica Pau 9/3.

**Yellow-fronted Woodpecker** (*Melanerpes flavifrons*)

1 pair Corcovado 10/3 and 1 male Fortaleza 12/3.

**Blond-crested Woodpecker** (*Celeus flavescens*)

1 Folha Seca 3 and 8/3.

**Black-capped Donacobius** (*Donacobius atricapilla*)

2 Ubatuba town 11/3.

Even a surprise for Rick, who actually found them while waiting for us early in the morning.

**Rufous Hornero** (*Furnarius rufus*)

1 rest stop Do Madre 28/2.

**Rufous-capped Spinetail** (*Synallaxis ruficapilla*)

1 Angelim 11/3.

**Orange-eyed Thornbird** (*Phacellodomus erythrophthalmus*)

4 near Folha Seca 3/3 and 2 Angelim 11/3.

Red-eyed Thornbird *Phacellodomus erythrophthalmus*

In accordance with [SACC Proposal 371](#) and [SACC Proposal 396](#), the two subspecies of this species are each elevated to species rank, as follows:

Orange-eyed Thornbird *Phacellodomus erythrophthalmus*

Orange-breasted Thornbird *Phacellodomus ferrugineigula*

Comment cut from Clement's updates 2009.

**Ochre-breasted Foliage-gleaner** (*Philydor lichtensteini*)

1 Folha Seca 3/3.

**Black-capped Foliage-gleaner** (*Philydor atricapillus*)

6 Folha Seca 3/3, 1 Pica Pau 4/3 and 2 Angelim 11/3.

**White-eyed Foliage-gleaner** (*Automolus leucophthalmus*)

3 Folha Seca 3/3 and 2 Angelim 11/3.

**Plain-brown Woodcreeper** (*Dendrocincla fuliginosa*)

1 Folha Seca, 3 and 8/3 and 1 Praia do Cedro 12/3.

Thrush-like Woodcreeper *Dendrocincla turdina*, in accordance with NACC and SACC, this species is lumped with Plain-brown Woodcreeper

*Dendrocincla fuliginosa*. It retains an identity as the group: Plain-brown Woodcreeper (Thrush-like) *Dendrocincla fuliginosa turdina*.

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**Olivaceous Woodcreeper** (*Sittasomus griseicapillus*)

1 Folha Seca 3/3, 1 Pica Pau 4/3 and 1 Angelim 11/3.

**Lesser Woodcreeper** (*Xiphorhynchus fuscus*)

1 Folha Seca 3 and 8/3, 1 Fortaleza 5/3 and 2 Angelim 11/3.

**Spot-backed Antshrike** (*Hypoedaleus guttatus*)

1 pair Folha Seca 3/3.

**Variable Antshrike** (*Thamnophilus caerulescens*)

1 male Folha Seca 6/3.

**Spot-breasted Antwreos** (*Dysithamnus stictothorax*)

2 Folha Seca 3/3 and 2 Angelim 11/3.

**Plain Antwreos** (*Dysithamnus mentalis*)

Up to 4 seen Folha Seca 3-8/3.

**Unicolored Antwrens** (*Myrmotherula unicolor*)

2 Folha Seca 3/3 and 1 Angelim 11/3.

**Rufous-winged Antwren** (*Herpsilochmus rufimarginatus*)

1 male Fortaleza 1/3, 1 Folha Seca 8/3 and 2 Angelim 11/3.

**Ferruginous Antbird** (*Drymophila ferruginea*)

2 Corcovado 5/3, 3 near Pica Pau 9/3 and 5 Angelim 11/3.

**Scaled Antbird** (*Drymophila squamata*)

3 Folha Seca 3/3, 3 Fortaleza 4/3 and 1 female near Praia do Cedro 12/3.

**Streak-capped Antwrens** (*Terenura maculata*)

1 Folha Seca 3/3 and 4 Angelim 11/3.

**White-shouldered Fire-eye** (*Pyriglena leucoptera*)

1 female seen and 1 male heard Angelim 11/3.

**Squamate Antbird** (*Myrmeciza squamosa*)

1 heard Folha Seca 3/3, 1 seen well + 2-3 more heard Angelim 11/3.

**Rufous-capped Antthrush** (*Formicarius colma*)

1 heard Folha Seca 3/3 and 3 heard Angelim 11/3.

**Black-cheeked Gnateater** (*Conopophaga melanops*)

1 giving brilliant views Folha Seca 3/3 and 1 seen well near Praia do Cedro 12/3.

**Spotted Bamboowren** (*Psilorhamphus guttatus*)

1 seen very well + another heard Folha Seca 3/3, 2 or 3 heard Angelim 11/3.

**Slaty Bristlefront** (*Merulaxis ater*)

1 giving excellent views + 3 heard Folha Seca 3/3 and 1 heard Folha Seca 8/3.

**Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet** (*Camptostoma obsoletum*)

1 Fortaleza 5/3.

**Gray-hooded Flycatcher** (*Mionectes rufiventris*)

1 Folha Seca 3/3, 3 Corcovado 5/3 and 1 there 10/3.

**Sepia-capped Flycatcher** (*Leptopogon amaurocephalus*)

2 Folha Seca 3/3 and 2 Ilha Anchieta 7/3.

**Sao Paulo Tyrannulet** (*Phylloscartes paulista*)

3 Folha Seca 3/3.

**Fork-tailed Tody-Tyrant** (*Hemitriccus furcatus*)

1 heard Pica Pau 9/3 and 1 seen Angelim 11/3.

**Gray-headed Tody-Flycatcher** (*Todirostrum poliocephalum*)

2 Fortaleza 1/3 and 1 Ubatuba town 6 and 11/3.

**Yellow-olive Flycatcher** (*Tolmomyias sulphurescens*)

1 Angelim 11/3.

**Cliff Flycatcher** (*Hirundinea ferruginea*)

1 Ubatuba town 1/3, 3 Fortaleza 1/3, 2 Ubatuba town 3/3, 2 Fortaleza 5/3 and 2 Praia Lagoninha 9/3.

**Whiskered Flycatcher** (*Myiobius barbatus*)

3 Folha Seca 3/3 and 1 Folha Seca 6/3.

**Euler's Flycatcher** (*Lathrotriccus euleri*)

1 Ilha Anchieta 7/3.

**Masked Water-Tyrant** (*Fluvicola nengeta*)

2 rest stop Do Madre 28/2, up to 4 seen Fortaleza, Ubatuba 28/2-12/3, 1 Ubatuba town 1/3, 1 Ilha Anchieta 7/3, 2 Pica Pau 8/3 and 1 Angelim 12/3.



Masked Water-Tyrant

**Long-tailed Tyrant** (*Colonia colonus*)

2 Fortaleza 1-2/3, 2 Corcovado 5/3 and 2 near Folha Seca 8/3.

**Cattle Tyrant** (*Machetornis rixosa*)

3 Ubatuba town 1 and 3/3 and 2 Pica Pau 9/3.

**Gray-hooded Attila** (*Attila rufus*)

1 Corcovado 10/3.

**Swainson's Flycatcher** (*Myiarchus swainsoni*)

1 Ilha Anchieta 7/3.

**Short-crested Flycatcher** (*Myiarchus ferox*)

1 Fortaleza 28/2.

**Great Kiskadee** (*Pitangus sulphuratus*)

Common.

**Social Flycatcher** (*Myiozetetes similis*)

Fairly common.

**Streaked Flycatcher** (*Myiodynastes maculatus*)

Fairly common.

**Variegated Flycatcher** (*Empidonomus varius*)

1 Ilha Anchieta 7/3.

**Tropical Kingbird** (*Tyrannus melancholicus*)

Common.

**Sharpbill** (*Oxyruncus cristatus*)

1 perched for a long while, giving excellent views at Corcovado 10/3.

**Bare-throated Bellbird** (*Procnias nudicollis*)

3 heard Folha Seca 3/3 and 2 heard Folha Seca 6/3.

**Pin-tailed Manakin** (*Ilicura militaris*)

1 male seen briefly near Pica Pau 9/3.

**White-bearded Manakin** (*Manacus manacus*)

At least 6 Corcovado 10/3 and 10 Angelim 11/3.

**Swallow-tailed Manakin** (*Chiroxiphia caudata*)

Up to 6 Folha Seca 3-8/3, 4 near Pica Pau 9/3, 4 Angelim 11/3 and 6 near Praia do Cedro 12/3.

**Buff-throated Purplethroat** (*Iodopleura pipra*)

4 moving around in a hurry, only giving short scope views at Angelim 11/3.

**White-winged Becard** (*Pachyramphus polychopterus*)

1 male Angelim 11/3.

**Black-capped Becard** (*Pachyramphus marginatus*)

1 male Folha Seca 3/3.

**Red-eyed Vireo** (*Vireo olivaceus*)

2 Fortaleza 5/3, 1 Fortaleza 7/3, 1 near Pica Pau 9/3 and 1 Angelim 11/3.

**Blue-and-white Swallow** (*Pygochelidon cyanoleuca*)

Common.





Red-eyed Vireo

**Southern Rough-winged Swallow** (*Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*)  
Common.

**Gray-breasted Martin** (*Progne chalybea*)  
7 Pica Pau 4/3, up to 20 Fortaleza 6-7/3, 2 Ubatuba town 6/3, 5 Folha Seca 8/3 and 5 Praia Lagoninha 9/3.

**Long-billed Wren** (*Thryothorus longirostris*)  
1 Folha Seca 3/3.

**House Wren** (*Troglodytes aedon*)  
Fairly common.

**Long-billed Gnatwren** (*Ramphocaenus melanurus*)  
1 heard Folha Seca 8/3 and 1 heard Angelim 11/3.

**Pale-breasted Thrush** (*Turdus leucomelas*)  
1 Fortaleza 2/3, 1 Corcovado 5/3 and 1 Ubatuba town 11/3.

**Rufous-bellied Thrush** (*Turdus rufiventris*)  
Common.

**Creamy-bellied Thrush** (*Turdus amaurochalinus*)  
1 Fortaleza 1/3 and 2 Fortaleza 7/3 also 1 Corcovado 10/3.

**White-necked Thrush** (*Turdus albicollis*)

1 Pica Pau 4/3.

**Chalk-browed Mockingbird** (*Mimus saturninus*)

1 rest stop Do Madre 13/3.

**Tropical Parula** (*Parula pitiayumi*)

4 Fortaleza 5/3, 1 heard Folha Seca 6/3, 2 Folha Seca 8/3, 2 Angelim 11/3 and 2 ex Fortaleza 12/3.

**Riverbank Warbler** (*Basileuterus rivularis*)

1 Folha Seca 3/3 and 2 there 8/3, 3 near Pica Pau 9/3 and 1 Corcovado 10/3.

**Bananaquit** (*Coereba flaveola*)

Common.



Bananaquit

**Olive-green Tanager** (*Orthogonys chloricterus*)

2 Fortaleza 2/3.

**Orange-headed Tanager** (*Thlypopsis sordida*)

1 adult male Fortaleza 5/3.

**Rufous-headed Tanager** (*Hemithraupis ruficapilla*)

1 adult male Corcovado 10/3.

**Flame-crested Tanager** (*Tachyphonus cristatus*)

2 Folha Seca 3/3 and 4 younger/moulting birds there 6/3, 5 near Pica Pau 9/3 and 4 near Praia do Cedro 12/3.

**Ruby-crowned Tanager** (*Tachyphonus coronatus*)

2 Fortaleza 4/3, 1 female colored Corcovado 5/3, 2 female colored Fortaleza 5/3 and 1 adult male Angelim 11/3.

**Red-crowned Ant-Tanager** (*Habia rubica*)

3 Folha Seca 3/3 and 2 near Praia do Cedro 12/3.

**Brazilian Tanager** (*Ramphocelus bresilius*)

Common.

**Sayaca Tanager** (*Thraupis sayaca*)

Common

**Golden-chevroned Tanager** (*Thraupis ornata*)

4 Corcovado 5/3, 1 pair Pica Pau 8/3 and 1 Angelim 12/3.



Golden-chevroned Tanager

**Palm Tanager** (*Thraupis palmarum*)

Common.

**Green-headed Tanager** (*Tangara seledon*)

Common.

**Red-necked Tanager** (*Tangara cyanocephala*)

5 Fortaleza 2/3, 1 Folha Seca 3/3, 1 Pica Pau 4/3, 1 Fortaleza 5/3, 3 Folha Seca 6/3, 5 near Pica Pau 9/3, 2 ad feeding 2 juveniles Corcovado 10/3, 2 Angelim 11/3 and 2 Fortaleza 12/3.

**Brassy-breasted Tanager** (*Tangara desmaresti*)

2 Fortaleza 2/3.

**Burnished-buff Tanager** (*Tangara cayana*)

2 Fortaleza 5/3 and 1 there 9/3.



Red-necked Tanager

**Blue Dacnis** (*Dacnis cayana*)

Fairly common.

**Green Honeycreeper** (*Chlorophanes spiza*)

1 pair Folha Seca 6/3.

**Swallow-Tanager** (*Tersina viridis*)

1 adult male Praia Lagoninha 9/3.

**Blue-black Grassquit** (*Volatinia jacarina*)

6 near the entrance road to Pica Pau 8/3.

**Lined Seedeater** (*Sporophila lineola*)

1 male seen at rest stop Do Madre 28/2.

**Yellow-bellied Seedeater** (*Sporophila nigricollis*)

1 male Fortaleza 2/3.

**Double-collared Seedeater** (*Sporophila caerulescens*)

Common.

**Saffron Finch** (*Sicalis flaveola*)

10 rest stop Do Madre 28/2, 2 Ubatuba town 1/3, up to 20 seen Pica Pau 8-9/3 and 5 rest stop Do Madre 13/3.

**Rufous-collared Sparrow** (*Zonotrichia capensis*)

Fairly common.

**Shiny Cowbird** (*Molothrus bonariensis*)

5 just outside Ubatuba town 2/3, 5 Pica Pau 4/3, 4 Fortaleza 5/3 and Ubatuba town 6/3.

**Epaulet Oriole** (*Icterus cayanensis*)

1 near Pica Pau 4/3.

**Red-rumped Cacique** (*Cacicus haemorrhous*)

7 Folha Seca 3/3, up to 10 Pica Pau 4-9/3 and 4 Angelim 11/3.

**Crested Oropendola** (*Psarocolius decumanus*)

1 Corcovado 10/3 and 1 Angelim 11/3.

**Purple-throated Euphonia** (*Euphonia chlorotica*)

1 male Fortaleza 1/3 and 1 male Ubatuba 11/3.

**Violaceous Euphonia** (*Euphonia violacea*)

5 Folha Seca 3 and 8/3, 1 male Pica Pau 4/3, 2 adult male Fortaleza 5/3, 1 adult male Corcovado 5/3, 4 Pica Pau 8/3 and 4 Corcovado 10/3.

**Chestnut-bellied Euphonia** (*Euphonia pectoralis*)

3 Folha Seca 3/3, 1 male Fortaleza 4/3, 1 male Corcovado 5/3, 1 pair Folha Seca 8/3, 3 Pica Pau 9/3 and 3 near Praia do Cedro 12/3.

**House Sparrow** (*Passer domesticus*)

Common.

**Common Waxbill** (*Estrilda astrild*)

2 at the airfield Ubatuba town 1/3 and about 60 near the entrance road to Pica Pau 4/3.

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