

**Cotinga bonanza in Suriname, 26 Nov – 12 Dec, 2017** by Remco Hofland  
A 33-page text-only version of this report is published separately.

**Visited sites** (in chronological order)

Peperpot, Chocopot, Weg naar Zee (all within half an hour drive from the capital Paramaribo);  
Powakka, Republiek, Zanderij and Colakreek (white sand forest 1 hr drive S of Paramaribo);  
Warappa Kreek (1 hr NE of Paramaribo by boat); Zintete-Fredberg Lodge & Fredberg (rainforest  
c 3.5 hrs S of Paramaribo) and Brownsberg (elevated rainforest c 2 hrs S of Paramaribo).

**Participants**

Garry Bakker, Gerjon Gelling, Remco Hofland (report) and Chris Quispel from the Netherlands.



Displaying male Guianan Cock-of-the-rock *Rupicola rupicola*, Fredberg, 6 Dec 2017; Zigzag Heron *Zebriilus undulatus* behind Zintete-Fredberg Lodge, 8 Dec 2017 (Garry Bakker)

**Introduction**

Visiting Suriname, a former Dutch colony and the only tropical country where Dutch is spoken as a national language, was a dream come true! Not only because of the relaxed atmosphere, the great food, the absolute unparalleled forestedness of the country (at 94%!) or even the fantastic set of Guianan specialty birds – but rather the total package, combined with a week+ long stay at Fred Pansa’s secluded and quiet Zintete-Fredberg Lodge (hereafter: Zintete Lodge). Especially with Venezuela now basically being a no-go for tourists, Suriname is a great way of getting acquainted with the Guianan specialties – and in Suriname, serviced by direct flights from e.g. Amsterdam and Miami, many of these are found within a four-hour drive from the capital Paramaribo (three hours from the Johan Adolf Pengel International Airport).

**Highlights**

In many of my previous birding tripreports I started this paragraph with “almost too many to mention ...” and this trip is no exception. Aside from just really wanting to visit the country Suriname, the mouthwatering array of Cotingas available (primarily at Zintete Lodge) was a big draw, and the trip didn’t disappoint in that respect: we saw a total of 9 **Crimson Fruitcrows** (and heard a 10th), a pair of **Dusky Purpletuft**, 3 **Purple-breasted Cotingas** (2 males), 6 **Guianan Red Cotingas**, c 15 **Guianan Cock-of-the-rock** (at **two leks**), c 8 **Capuchinbirds** (**lekking** in two sites, one of which behind Zintete Lodge), c 25 Pompadour and c 13 Spangled Cotingas, 8 Purple-breasted Fruitcrows (and heard many more), 6 **Sharpbills** and well over 10 Screaming Pihás (hearing many, many more)!

Personally, I was also absolutely delighted with the wonderful views we had of a pair of **(Southern) Wing-banded Antbirds**, vigorously leaftossing only meters from us as if we weren’t there – my most-wanted South American bird after seeing White-capped Tanager in Colombia in 2016.



Female Guianan Red Cotinga *Phoenicircus carnifex*, Brownsberg, 10 Dec 2017; ad male Crimson Fruitcrow *Haematoderus militaris*, Zintete, 2 Dec 2017 (Garry Bakker)



Male Pompadour Cotinga *Xipholena punicea*, Powakka, 28 Nov 2017; Sharpbill *Oxyruncus cristatus hypoglaucus* feeding on *Clusia grandiflora* fruit, Brownsberg, 9 Dec 2017 (Garry Bakker)

The other 41 species of antbird (sensu latu) didn't disappoint either, nor did seeing 33 species of tanager (sensu latu), 18 species of parrot, 5 toucan(et)s, 6 jacamars, 14 woodpeckers (incl 5 range-restricted lifers: **Arrow-headed & Golden-spangled Piculet, Blood-colored, Waved & Golden-collared Woodpecker**). **Scarlet Ibis, Zigzag Heron, Black Curassow, Grey-winged Trumpeter, Rufous Crab-Hawk, Spectacled, Crested & Black-banded Owl, Dusky & Caica Parrot, Lilac-tailed Parrotlet, Spotted & Collared Puffbird, Crimson Topaz, Tufted Coquette, Rufous-bellied, Guianan Streaked & Todd's Antwren, Black-throated Antshrike, Rufous-throated, White-plumed & Ferruginous-backed Antbird, Black, Crimson-hooded, White-throated & White-fronted Manakin, Glossy-backed Becard, Cayenne Jay and Red-billed Pied, Yellow-backed & Blue-backed Tanager** complete the set of personal favorites.



White-throated Pewee *Contopus albogularis*, Brownsberg, 11 Dec 2017; Arrow-headed Piculet *Picumnus minutissimus*, Peperpot, 27 Nov 2017 (Garry Bakker)

Rarities encountered included the rarely-seen **White-throated Pewee** at Brownsberg (lifer for guide Fred Pansa, for us and for several birders that visited since our discovery, incl guide Otte)



and Amethyst Woodstar (new bird for Zintete), **Orange-breasted Falcon** at Fredberg and the ultra-localised **Boat-billed Tody-tyrant** at Zintete. Locally rare was also our sighting of two migrant/wintering Purple Martins at Chocopot near Paramaribo.

Non-feathered highlights were 31 species of dragonflies (Odonata) incl the third record of *Erythemis carmelita* for the Guyanas, the spectacular localised damselfly *Heliocharis amazona*, sev Ornate Helicopters *Mecistogaster ornata*, a copula of *Gynacantha membranalis* and the large gomphid *Phyllogomphoides undulatus*; Pale-throated Three-toed Sloth *Bradypus tridactylus* and six species of monkey incl Golden-handed Tamarin *Saguinus midas*; Yellow-footed Tortoise *Chelonoides denticulata*, (the snake) Boddaert's Tropical Racer *Mastigodryas boddaerti*, (the spectacular lizards) Goldenscale Anole *Anolis chrysolepis*, Black Tegu *Tupinambis teguixin*, Turnip-tailed Gecko *Thecadactylus rapicauda* and Rainbow Whiptail *Cnemidophorus lemniscatus*; (the spectacular frogs) *Anomaloglossus baeobatrachus*, Orange-legged Leaf Frog *Phyllomedusa hypochondrialis*, Tiger-striped Leaf Frog *Callimedusa tomopterna* and, best of all, Three-striped Poison Frog *Ameerega t. trivittata*, Guianan Shield Leaf Frog *Rhinella lescurei*, Oophagus Slender-legged Tree Frog *Osteocephalus oophagus* and Small-mouthed Frog sp *Chiasmocleis shudikarensis*; dozens of species of mushrooms incl *Lentinus bertieri*, *L. tigrinus* and *L. crinitus*, the unique genus *Caripia montagnei*, the stunning *Favolus brasiliensis*, *Calocera cornea*, *Dacryopinax spathularia*, *Leucocoprinus fragilissimus*, *Ceratiomyxa fruticulosa*, *Schizophyllum commune*, *Cyathus olla* and, best of all, *Phallus indusiatus*, along with 1,000's of tiny *Marasmius* on the forest floor; the spectacular moths *Arsenura ponderosa guianensis*, *Adhemarius gannascus* and *Trosia nigropunctigera*; and bugs *Paryphes flavocinctus* and *Acanthocephala* sp. sov. (*nr. granulosa*).



*Heliocharis amazona*, Fredberg, 5 Dec 2017 (Remco Hofland); Fine-banded Amberwing *Perithemis lais*, Zintete, 2 Dec 2017 (Garry Bakker)



Pale-throated Three-toed Sloth *Bradypus tridactylus* near Weg naar Zee, 27 Nov 2017; *Arsenura ponderosa guianensis*, Brownsberg, 11 Dec 2017 (Garry Bakker)

### Trip totals

We recorded 420 birds, of which 13 were heard-only [**HO**]; the number of birds seen only includes one introduced species (House Sparrow). Among these 420 we recorded c 65 range-restricted (Guianan) species (**RR**), incl the former Suriname endemic (Arrowhead (Guianan) Piculet, now also found in Guyana), and c 67 range-restricted (Guianan) subspecies (**RRs**).

I saw 112 lifers, the others more. This tipped my total of life birds seen just over the 6,666-mark (based on IOC list v8.1).

### Most noticeable dips

The range-restricted species we searched hardest for but failed to see were Band-tailed Antshrike, Red-and-black Grosbeak, White Bellbird and Pale-bellied Mourner (the latter was heard-only, hereafter: HO). We also tried for birds like Ringed Antpiper, White-crested & Golden-crowned Spadebill, Ringed Woodpecker and Red-billed Woodcreeper without encountering any. Harpy is seen at Zintete Lodge c 5x a year but we didn't see one. Given the nature of birding in tropical rainforest, with several specialties roaming over vast areas, I think we did a pretty decent job. Returning for the birds (and snakes & frogs!) we missed this trip won't be hard at all!

### Top 10 lifers Remco

1. Capuchinbird
2. Wing-banded Antbird
3. Blue-backed Tanager
4. Scarlet Ibis
5. Ferruginous-backed Antbird
6. Purple-breasted Cotinga
7. Guianan Cock-of-the-rock
8. Waved Woodpecker
9. Dusky Purpletuft
10. Glossy-backed Becard



Ferruginous-backed Antbird *Myrmoderus f. ferrugineus*, Zintete, 4 Dec 2017 (Garry Bakker); female Waved Woodpecker *Celeus u. undatus*, Brownsberg, 9 Dec 2017 (Fred Pansa)

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### Visa / tourist card

Dutch and most EU, USA and UK citizens best collect a tourist card pretrip, which costs € 30. Dutch people can get this at the Suriname consulate in Amsterdam [De Cuserstraat 11, 1081 CK, Amsterdam; **Ph** +31 (0)20-642 6717 or 6137; opening hours Mon-Fri 9 am until 2 pm], or at the special desk at Amsterdam Schiphol Airport [found at Departure Hall 3, between entry gates B and C; it opens two hours prior to check-in of all KLM and SLM departures to Suriname; it's closed on Mondays]. To obtain a tourist card, one only has to present a return ticket and a passport valid for six months when entering Suriname (no photo or visa form needed). The site <http://consulaatsuriname.nl/> presents a listy of 50 countries whose citizens are eligible for a tourist



card. The tourist card is meant for holidayers only, and is valid for 90 days max. Upon entering the country the tourist card is valid for 30 days; it can be renewed in Suriname for an extra 60 days.

NOTE that a tourist card is meant for one-entry only. People who need multiple entries (for example those who want to combine visiting Suriname with a trip to Guyana) need to get a visa.

Surinames Johan Adolf Pengel International Airport (hereafter: the airport) has a desk for purchasing a tourist card upon arrival, but this takes extra time (on top of the already time-consuming process of entering the country).

### Money

Suriname has its own currency, the Suriname dollar. At the time of travel/writing, 1 EUR (€) was worth c 8.5 SUR\$. Many banks at the airport and in downtown Paramaribo (the capital) have ATM's, but not all take Cirrus/Maestro debit cards. We found that DSB (De Surinaamse Bank) did; at most other banks we could only get money using MasterCard. The daily limit is 2,000 SUR\$ (c € 250).

We brought some cash EURs, to pay guide Otte and our rental car. The money we owed Fred for our stay at Zintete Lodge we'd paid in advance on his Dutch bank account.

### Time

Since the country is located quite far east in South America, the time in Suriname is only three hrs less than in London, or four less than Amsterdam (five in the European summer).

### Guides

We used two bird guides: **Otte Ottema** and **Fred Pansa**.

**Otte Ottema** owns the website [www.planktonik.birdinginsuriname.com](http://www.planktonik.birdinginsuriname.com), containing info about what birds are best found where. Otte is Dutch and has lived in Suriname since 1990. He is co-author of Field Guide to the Birds of Suriname. He has a wide experience guiding in Suriname, and offers guided tours of the country, including sites around Paramaribo, several coastal sites (incl Warappa Kreek) and Colakreek, Powakka & Zanderij (white-sand forest and so-called 'savanna'). Although Otte is now 66 (2018), he has a vast knowledge about what is best found where, and also knows the sounds well. He prefers to sit down somewhere and listen out for the sounds of the specialties one's after, as opposed to covering large distances. Otte's e-mail is **E** [otteottema@gmail.com](mailto:otteottema@gmail.com).



White sand forest near Powakka, 28 Nov 2017; heading towards Warappa Kreek, 29 Nov 2017 (Garry Bakker)

We used Otte's services for one day at Colakreek, Powakka & Zanderij (only missing Pale-bellied Mourner, HO, and Smoky-fronted Tody-flycatcher – both of which we also missed with Fred), seeing specialties like Bronzy Jacamar, Rufous-crowned Elaenia, (Point-tailed) Palmcreeper and Glossy-backed Becard. Since we provided our own transportation (rental car), Otte charged us € 30 each for this tour. He also organised and guided our Warappa Kreek tour, where we saw numerous Rufous Crab-hawk, as well as specialties like Scarlet Ibis, Spot-breasted & Blood-colored Woodpecker, Pale-tipped Inezia and Plain-bellied Emerald. For the Warappa Kreek tour we each paid € 110.

If the tide is right (incoming) the Warappa Kreek tour can, for an additional fee, be extended with a visit to Suriname river mouth to see Guiana (Estuarine) Dolphins *Sotalia (fluviatilis) guianensis*.

**Fred Pansa** is the owner of Zintete-Fredberg Lodge and guides to nearby Fredberg, locations that should feature high on all birding visits to Suriname, as the pristineness of the forest is unparalleled, the number of both species and numbers of cotingas, parrots and antbirds is astonishing and the birding is downright excellent! Fred also guides throughout Suriname. Even though he only started birding as recent as 2014, Fred is an extremely good guide, not only by sight and sound, habits and habitats, but he is also keen to make one's stay as pleasant as possible. For instance, whenever we exited the forest after a walk, he would always have a good supply of cold coke, water, juice and biscuits in his van. He is thoroughly recommended! Fred can be contacted through Facebook, at **E** [fredcotours@hotmail.com](mailto:fredcotours@hotmail.com) or at **Ph** +597 894 8661.

As a tour to Zintete-Fredberg Lodge typically starts from Paramaribo in early morning, it makes sense to spend the first hours of birding along the way, for example in the Colakreek, Powakka & Zanderij areas that are more or less along the way. Alternatively, one could head straight for either Zintete Lodge or Brownsberg from Suriname's Johan Adolf Pengel International Airport, located at Zanderij, which is an hour closer to both sites than the capital (leaving Paramaribo and the necessary sites for the coastal specialties for the end of one's trip).



Roadside birding, Zintete, 2 Dec 2017 (Garry Bakker)

**Sean Dilrosun** is another very knowledgeable birdguide who guided, for example, Arjan Dwarshuis when he visited Suriname during his Biggest Year in 2016. Arjan, Otte and Fred speak very highly of Sean's birding and guiding abilities. Sean, who, like Fred, guides all over Suriname, can be contacted through Facebook, at **E** [seandil@hotmail.com](mailto:seandil@hotmail.com) or at **Ph** +597 827 2021. Sean is fluent in English.

For insects it is possible to hire **Auke Hielkema**. He has his own light set-up to attract good numbers and variety of moths, beetles and other insects, especially at Brownsberg. Auke also knows his way around reptiles & amphibians, plants and some mushrooms (but no birds). Auke can be contacted through Facebook, at **E** [groenhart@yahoo.com](mailto:groenhart@yahoo.com) or at **Ph** +597 872 89018.

All guides are fluent in Dutch (native speakers) and, so I'm told, in English. In his own words, Fred knows enough English to name the birds and explain where they are (he also uses a laserpointer). Both Fred and Sean also speak all local Suriname languages.

## Orientation

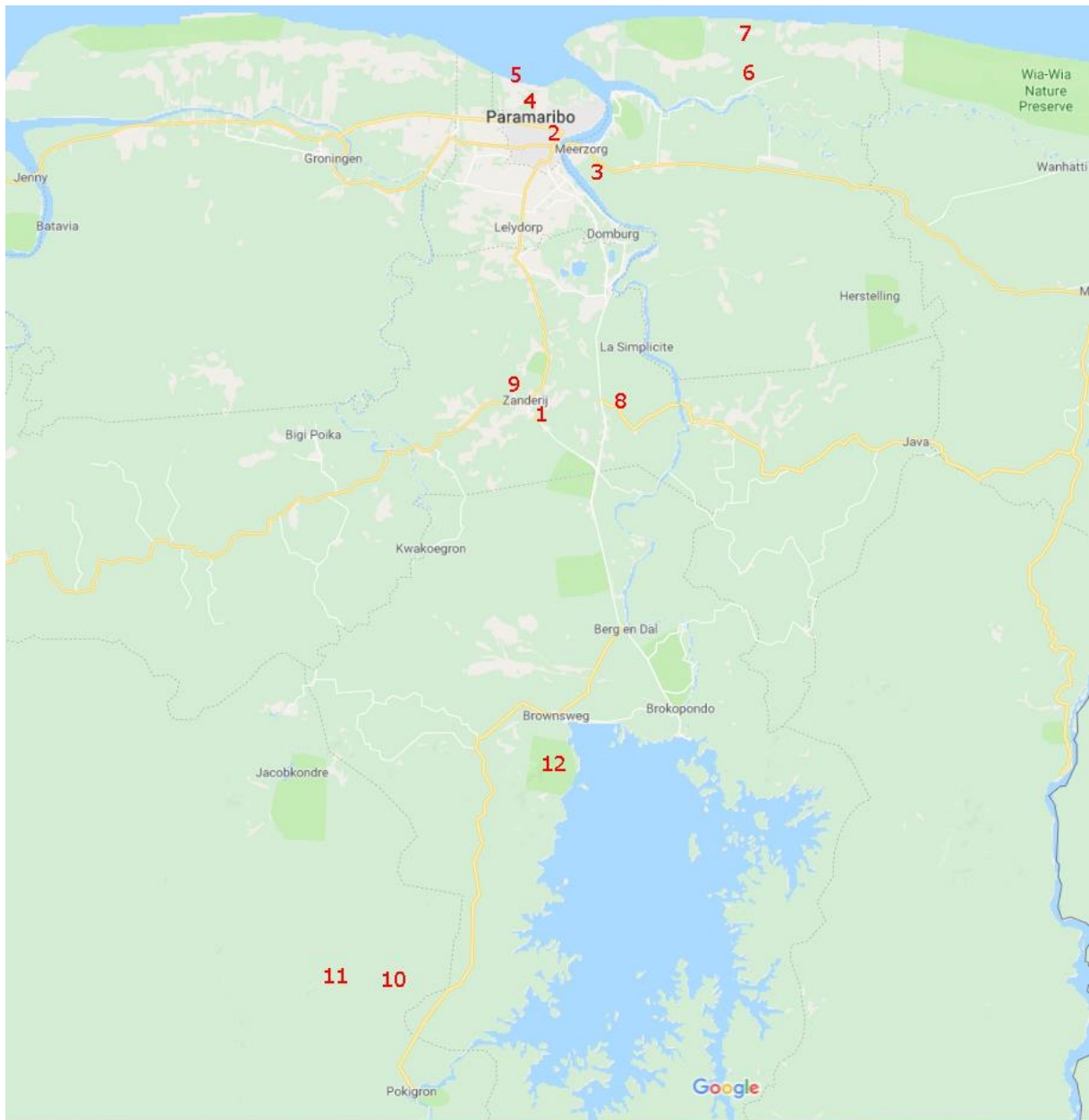
From the maps below you can tell we only birded the northeastern quarter of Suriname, all sites easily reached by (saloon) car. Numbers (of visited sites) are explained in detail under map 2. As a quick reference, on map 1 the international airport is located next to Zanderij (1), which is an hour's drive south of the capital Paramaribo (2) and an hour's drive north of Brownsberg (12). The southwesternmost point we birded is Fredberg (11) in the Zintete-Fredberg Lodge area, which is c 2.5 hours drive south of the international airport and c 3.5 hours drive south of Paramaribo.



Map 1, quick reference to relative distances (Gerjon Gelling)

- 1 Johan Adolf Pengel International Airport, next to the small village of Zanderij
- 2 Paramaribo, the capital of Suriname, located west of Suriname river
- 11 Fredberg
- 12 Brownsberg, located just northwest of the artificial Brokopondo Lake





Map 2, indicating all birding sites visited by us (Gerjon Gelling)

- 1 Johan Adolf Pengel International Airport
- 2 Paramaribo
- 3 Peperpot
- 4 Chocopot
- 5 Weg naar Zee
- 6 Bakkie
- 7 Warappa Kreek lagoon
- 8 Powakka
- 9 Colakreek
- 10 Zintete-Fredberg Lodge
- 11 Fredberg
- 12 Brownsberg

## LODGING

We only stayed in four locations (five when counting the top of Fredberg as separate) in two weeks.

### **Paramaribo**

Our first five nights in Paramaribo we stayed at **AlbergoAlberga B&B** (GPS 5.82659082, -55.15354119), located in an old wooden house in the old wooden quarter near Suriname river. This is only a few mins walk from some of the major tourist sites (Fort Zeelandia, the presidential palace etc), as well as sev good eateries along the river's edge (Waterkant) and elsewhere. The cost was € 32 per twin room per night (fan); one pays a bit more for a room with A/C. Small as it may be, AlbergoAlberga has a welcoming swimming-pool. Bicolored Conebill has been seen in its tiny garden.

Our last night of the trip we stayed at **Eco Resort Inn** (GPS 5.82981418, -55.14401934) in Paramaribo, part of the Torarica complex of three of the best hotels in town. A (modern) twin room with A/C and elaborate breakfast cost c € 70 per night. The Eco Resort Inn is located c 500m northeast of the center of town, along the river's edge. The garden makes for nice birding, best birds recorded being Bicolored Conebill, Rufous-sided Crake (HO), Yellow-chinned Spinetail, Ashy-headed Greenlet, feeding Semipalmated Sandpipers and major roost migration of egrets, mainly Little Blue Heron, past its small shoreline. The swimming-pool was being repaired when we stayed, but Eco Resort Inn guests can also use the (more expensive) old and new Torarica Hotels' facilities, less than 10 mins walk away. We used their bus service to the airport at 15 US\$ per person, this taking 1.5 hr.



Roost migration of Tricolored Herons *Egretta tricolor* & Snowy Egret *E. thula* and Yellow-chinned Spinetail *Certhiaxis c. cinnamomeus*, Eco Resort Inn, Paramaribo, 11 Dec 2017 (Garry Bakker)

### **Inland, rainforest**

The wooden **Zintete-Fredberg Lodge** (GPS 4.635, -55.420) was built by Fred Pansa in early 2017, and consists of a communal building (incl kitchen, dining tables, dormitory, river viewing deck and charging facility); c. four separate wooden huts, each containing three beds (with mosquito nets) with en-suite toilet; and a separate toiletblock where the (cold) showers are located. The lodge is found next to a small river that, in Nov 2017, held little water. The entrance road is found c 55 km south of Brownsweag (a town 90 km due south of Paramaribo) and is marked "Lumprex 726" on a white wooden sign. Take this unpaved (good) road c 17 km westwards until, roughly 300m before a guarded gate, a small track veers into the forest to your left (south). This turn-off is not signposted; follow this track through the forest for c 900m to finally reach the lodge. The lodge is surrounded by excellent primary tropical rainforest, entered by several small trails (see **Visited sites** on p. 29 for an idea of what birds occur). The lodge currently (2017) receives about 50/50% birders and 'normal tourists', the latter mostly Dutch students doing some kind of internship in Suriname (we met aspiring teachers, GP's and biologists), but Fred hopes to change that number to 80/20 in the future. Birding packages to Zintete Lodge include an optional night's stay at the top of Fredberg and Fred's (or another guide's) guiding throughout, and are therefore more expensive than 'normal tours'.

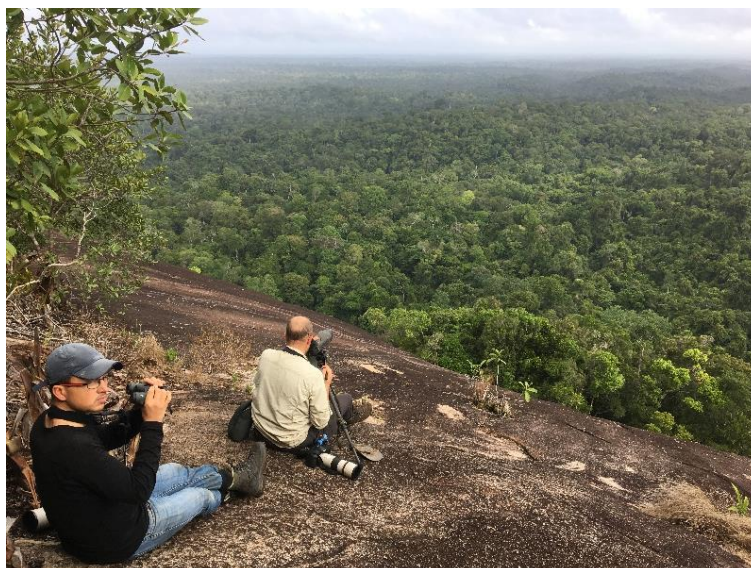


Even though many interesting birds are found around the lodge (incl Zigzag Heron, Boat-billed Tody-tyrant, Crimson Topaz, Capuchinbird, Spectacled Owl, Rufous-capped Antthrush, Yellow-billed & Great Jacamar), the best birding is found driving further west over the logging road, beyond the guarded gate. There's however no access beyond the guarded gate for independent birders. All visiting birders are therefore strongly recommended to contact Fred to see what their options are.



Zintete-Fredberg Lodge, with our cabins on the left and most of the communal buildings obscured in the center, 4 Dec 2017 (Garry Bakker). Sev more cabins have been built since our visit.

**Fredberg** (GPS 4.644, -55.495) is a large rock located 275m above the rainforest, with a truly magnificent view in all directions. It is reached by an ascending 4-km-long trail, after driving 8 kms from Zintete Lodge. Fredberg is basic and consists of two shelters, one harbouring c 8 hammocks and one a kitchen and dining table. There is also a cold shower. We spent one night in a hammock but as we weren't used to sleeping in one, we did not have a good night's sleep. The birding along the access trail (that can also be done while staying at Zintete Lodge), our visit to the Guianan Cock-of-the-rock lek at the top of Fredberg in early morning and the view from the top made our visit definitely worthwhile however.



Garry & Gerjon on top of Fredberg, 6 Dec 2017 (Remco Hofland)



**Brownsberg** (GPS 4.949, -55.181) is one of the best birding sites in Suriname, and easily reached by road c two hrs south of Paramaribo. However, parts of the ascending unsurfaced access road are steep, narrow and muddy (more so when it rains), so a 4WD or sturdy car is recommended to reach your destination (Fred drove us up in his van). On top of Brownsberg there's a small settlement consisting of several simple places to stay and a simple but adequate restaurant. We stayed at **Tapir Lodge**, a one-storey building with several bunk-bedded rooms, a spacious living-room and a kitchen located 100m from the restaurant, at the edge of Brownsberg with a matching grand view of the lower-lying surroundings (incl Brokopondo Lake). A large fig-like tree (*Clusia grandiflora*) in front of our window attracted large numbers of fruit-eating birds (and monkeys) each morning, incl Sharpbill and Waved Woodpecker. Sometimes, as happened in other parts of Brownsberg settlement, a flock of Grey-winged Trumpeter would walk across our lawn. The light bulbs at the restaurant, the house next to it and the small outhouse behind it attracted interesting and occasionally spectacular moths at night.



Evening view over Brokopondo Lake from Tapir Lodge, Brownsberg, 8 Dec 2017 (Garry Bakker)

**Package deal Zintete Lodge, Fredberg & Brownsberg** combined: we paid Fred c € 1,000 each (party of four) for eight nights at Zintete Lodge (incl a night at Fredberg) and three nights at Brownsberg. This amount included all accommodation, transportation (from and to our hotels in Paramaribo), all food, hot and soft drinks, water and snacks while at Zintete, entrance fee to Brownsberg and Fred's guiding (day and night, as we pleased). We paid for our own food & drinks at Brownsberg (cheap) and Chris, Gerjon and Garry purchased some beer to bring to Zintete Lodge (Fred and I don't drink alcohol).

### **Food & drinks**

Everywhere in Suriname, the food was good to excellent. Roti, kouseband, baka bana, sauto etc are amongst many Dutch people's favorites – and here one can eat them every day! The cook at Zintete Lodge served great food with surprisingly great variety. At Brownsberg, the small café-and-restaurant served one fairly simple meal each night. We ate a couple of times at Warung Kartini in Zanderij, a stone's throw from the airport; here, the food was also great. Roopram, a chain of roti restaurants/take-away with several shops in Paramaribo, is also highly recommended.

Beer (incl the local Parbo and international types such as Heineken) and soft drinks are widely available. In the Zintete Lodge package deal, hot drinks, water and soft drinks were included, but beer had to be bought and brought in by oneself. In Paramaribo, water from the tap is safe to drink (we did and experienced no trouble at all).

### **Internet & cell phone coverage**

Cell phone coverage was good in and around Paramaribo, Zanderij and Brownsberg, non-existent at Zintete Lodge and OK from the very top of Fredberg.

Both AlbergoAlberga B&B and Eco Resort Inn (in Paramaribo) had good wifi, whereas Zintete Lodge, Fredberg and Brownsberg had none.

### **Electricity**

An internet search revealed that in Suriname supposedly the American, type A electrical plug (with two small flat pins, 110 volts), is used. However, in all places we stayed we found European, type C electrical plug (220 volts) sockets, so we didn't need adapters. Multiple sockets or multiple usb-chargers came in handy, as we frequently charged multiple appliances (cellphone, camera battery, JBL Clip speaker, torch, powerbank etc).

At Zintete Lodge there is no electricity. However, our wooden cottages had one light each that worked well. The generator is turned on for about 1.5 hours each night, so that all electric equipment can be charged. On top of Fredberg, there are no charging options.

### **Equipment used**

Aside from our bins, we brought:

- birdsounds from xeno-canto, on our smartphones (iPhone and Samsung);
- a JBL Clip 2 speaker (€ 49 at Dutch websites CoolBlue or MediaMarkt), which sets a new standard in playback: it weighs 184 gr, is water resistant, measures 14x9x4 cm, plays sound for up to 8 hrs, has a mountaineer's clip (to attach it to a branch, or to one's belt), has great sound quality with high volume, and works with Bluetooth up to 10m away;
- two telescopes (Swarowski ATS 65 and Swarowski ATM 80 with 25-50x wide angle), complemented by Fred's surprisingly good Landove scope;
- two larger cameras (Canon EOS 7D mark II with Canon EF 300 f/4L IS USM (Gerjon) and Canon EF 400 f/5.6L USM (Garry) lenses, respectively) and two pocket cameras incl a Lumix DMC-TZ40 (Gerjon's, that I used);
- a green laserpointer (Fred also has one);
- sev good torches; and
- sev powerbanks.

### **Dangers & annoyances**

Suriname is a very safe country, and we really were at ease wherever we went. However, the capital Paramaribo appears to have a few areas where it's best not to wander around at night. We avoided these areas (ask your hotel staff where they are).

The only annoyances we experienced were

- mosquitos primarily in Warappa Kreek, where they were quite a nuisance when our boat wasn't moving; however, burning incense (that Otte brought) helped a bit;
- a few ticks at Zintete Lodge;
- grass lice at Peperpot.

Nothing a bit of DEET won't be able to fix.

### **Temperatures & weather**

As with most tropical countries, daytime temperatures in Suriname usually varied between 26 and 32 C, only dropping to c 24 C at night. Usually, using a sheet in the middle of the night was handy as then it would be significantly colder (but still over 20 C). On top of Fredberg, as well as on Brownsberg (300m and 575m, respectively), it was cooler in the evening, night and morning. A light sweater could come in handy at Brownsberg (depending of course how easy you chill), and so could proper pj's or thermal underwear for the night in the hammock at Fredberg.

Much to our surprise the birding stayed excellent even after the first two hours of day (when obviously the birding was most pleasant, temperature-wise as well as bird-activity being the highest). We would frequently encounter mixed-species-flocks at all times of day (at Zintete and Brownsberg; Peperpot didn't have mixed flocks on our visits), while at fruiting trees there were always birds present. For example, we found one tree (not fruiting, though there was a fruiting tree nearby) that held 5 Crimson Fruitcrows (and 8 Pompadour & 2 Spangled Cotingas) at 1.30 pm! Along the wide and quiet logging road near Zintete-Fredberg Lodge, there were always plenty of Paradise & Brown Jacamars, Swallow-winged Puffbirds, raptors and quite frequently parrots or cotingas to look at, at any time of day ...



Birding at Zintete (pic not staged), 3 Dec 2017 (Garry Bakker) and 4 Dec 2017 (Fred Pansa). Left: left to right Remco, Garry, Chris, Fred & Gerjon; right: Remco, Gerjon, Chris & Garry.

Our visit coincided with the start of the 'small rainy season', which in our case meant we had downpours on our last two days (each lasting 15-20 mins only). On some other days we had a few drops of rain but nothing to lose birding time over. The 'large rainy season' basically lasts from April to mid-July, during which there's heavy rain at night and occasionally during the day. During 'large rainy season' all Guianan avian specialties are present and as easily seen as at other times of year; numbers of frogs and dragonflies encountered are higher at that time of year though.



Male Capuchinbird *Perissocephalus tricolor* behind Zintete lodge, 8 Dec 2017; displaying male Guianan Cock-of-the-rock *Rupicola rupicola*, Fredberg, 6 Dec 2017 (Garry Bakker)

### Timing of trip

Our visit was timed during the lekking period of two of our most sought-after cotingas: Guianan Cock-of-the-rock and Capuchinbird, and we were not disappointed in that respect! These cotingas lek from Nov-late Dec. Friends of us whose visit overlapped with ours, even saw a singing White Bellbird at Brownsberg at November 14.

Most, if not all, Suriname avian specialties are resident, and can therefore be found at any time of year (especially with an experienced bird guide).

NOTE that April-August is a good time for Leatherback Turtle *Dermochelys coriacea* (as well as four other species of sea turtle), whose nesting beaches are found at Galibi, in NE Suriname.



### **Birdable habitats**

Read these staggering percentages: Suriname has 15.3 million hectares of forest covering approximately 94% of the country's surface area (FAO, 2015). 91.4% of Suriname's forest area is primary forest, 8.5% is naturally regenerated and only 0.1% planted! We therefore mainly birded in primary rainforest (Zintete, Brownsberg), at remnants of coastal primary rainforest and nearby second-growth (Peperpot, Chocopot), white-sand forest (Powakka, Zanderij, Republiek, Colakreek, Colakreek), mudflats (Weg naar Zee, Torarica Hotel), mangrove (Warappa Kreek) and gardens bordering the Suriname River in the capital Paramaribo (Eco Resort Inn, Torarica Hotel).

### **International flight**

We flew KLM direct, Amsterdam – Paramaribo, for c € 850 (I paid with airmiles + € 130 in taxes). Flying time in the KLM Boeing 747 was c 8h30m to, and 8h from Paramaribo. Both flights were uneventful; even though we departed about an hour late on both flights, we still made our ETA's.

NOTE that Suriname flights take longer than usual to check-in, drop-off and board, and so it is mandatory to check in no later than 1.5 hr prior to the flight (preferably, 2.5-3 hrs prior) in both Amsterdam and Suriname.

Getting into the country was a bit of a hassle. There were three officials for people with a Suriname passport, three for people with other passports, and one for VIP's, crew and people over 60 years old. It took us an hour to pass the passport check. Grabbing our luggage and getting out the door only took 15 mins though.

From Amsterdam, the Netherlands, Suriname is serviced by direct flights from KLM (flights on Tue, Thu, Sat & Sun), SLM-Surinam Airways (Mon, Wed, Fri, Sun) and, since June 1, 2017, the holiday carrier TUI (flights on all days except Tue and Thu). As tickets are usually in high demand because of the large number of people of Suriname origin living in the Netherlands, prices of tickets are relatively high; around € 810 (KLM) or € 710 (SLM) outside high season (like in Nov, when the cotingas lek), rising to c twice as much in high seasons (Christmas and European summer holiday).

Surinam Airways also has a direct flight from Miami (flights on all days except Wed & Sun, c \$ 600 return) and Caribbean Airlines flies from Tobago (c \$ 400 return).

NOTE that TUI and KLM offer the possibility of a stop-over in the Dutch Antilles after one's Suriname trip, thus making it easier to sell this trip to a non-birding spouse (Suriname doesn't have proper beaches, but the Dutch Antilles surely do).



Suriname's beach at the mouth of Warappa Kreek (c 4 hrs by boat from Paramaribo), 29 Nov 2017 (Gerjon Gelling)

### **Rental car**

Our car rental agency Compa International didn't have an office at the airport but nevertheless delivered the car to the airport, and collected it from our Paramaribo accommodation the evening prior to departure for Zintete. Compa International can be reached at [E info@compainternational.com](mailto:info@compainternational.com).

To rent a car in Suriname, Westerners do not need to present an international driver's license.

We were given a car with the tank half-full, and turned the car in with a tank half-full.

We paid € 228 for four days (incl full insurance and collecting fees, excluding € 100 deposit), for a 4WD RAV4. We paid € 50 in advance on a Dutch bank account, and the remainder in cash at the airport upon collecting the car. The car was fine, except for a persistent glare over the front window that made driving in the dark problematic (especially given the lack of street lights or reflecting paint on countryside roads). We only drove in the dark one early morning though (towards Powakka, with Otte). The glare could not be removed by A/C, repeated use of water and/or a towel. I later learned this problem is easily fixed by cutting a potatoe in half and rubbing the cut part over the window – so now you know what to bring!

### **Road conditions & driving hints**

Roads are not too bad in Suriname. They don't have lights, metal shoulders or reflectors though, and frequently there is no indication between or beside lanes. Max speed limit outside cities is 60 km/hr (inside cities 40 km/hr), and I didn't feel the need to drive faster.

In Suriname one drives on the left (like in Britain, Australia and Malaysia). People coming from the left have the right of way. Cars on a roundabout have the right of way over traffic entering the roundabout. In my experience, everyone abided by international traffic rules and moreover, people in general drive slow and courteous. Even though the road between the airport (1 hr due south of the capital Paramaribo) and Paramaribo is a main street (in the sense that once on it one has the right of way), people would frequently stop and let other traffic in.

Paramaribo knows few traffic lights, elsewhere there are none. One-way streets are frequent in Paramaribo. Rush hour is a pain, with especially the road over the high Jules Wijdenbosch bridge over Suriname river (connecting the capital with Commewijne province east of the river) being very crowded. The road connecting (the airport at) Zanderij and Paramaribo can also get congested; for example, driving from the airport to the capital took us 2.5 hrs (instead of 1) in the evening of Nov 26.

Suriname basically has few roads and no highways as such. There are two major roads going south, one of which ends up at a river (after c 200 km), after which the only possibility to go any further is by boat. Furthermore, there are roads along the coast going west, and east of Paramaribo, to (formerly British) Guyana and French Guiana, respectively. Outerlying parts of the country are serviced by small aircraft, departing from domestic airport Zorg en Hoop (that apparently also offers international flights to Georgetown, capital of neighbouring Guyana).

### **Literature**

We took the following literature:

\*Field Guide to the Birds of Suriname by Jan Hein Ribot, Arie Leendert Spaans & Otte Ottema (2015), ISBN 978 90042 49295

\*Bradt Travel Guide Suriname by Philip Briggs (2017), ISBN-13 978 1 84162 910 0

\*International Travel Map of Surinam & French Guiana (1:720 000)(2010), ISBN 978 1553 413622

and a print of the following tripreport (found on [www.cloudbirders.com](http://www.cloudbirders.com)):

\*Vincent van der Spek (22 January – 13 February 2011)

In Paramaribo I bought Slangen in Suriname ('Snakes in Suriname') by Bert Abuys (2015), in Dutch.

### Legend

<b>E</b>	= endemic to Suriname	<b>[INTRO]</b>	= introduced species
<b>RR(s)</b>	= range-restricted (sub)species	<b>VU</b>	= vulnerable to extinction
<b>[HO], HO</b>	= heard only	imm	= immature
sev	= several	m	= male
btw	= between	f	= female
incl	= including	p	= pair

### DAY-BY-DAY & best sightings

#### Sun Nov 26

#### Amsterdam to Paramaribo

Departed Schiphol Amsterdam Airport with KLM at 1.30 pm (45 mins late), arriving at Johan Adolf Pengel International Airport at Zanderij at 4.25 pm after an uneventful 8.5 hr direct flight. Getting through the passport check took an hour. Both our fellow traveller Chris, who'd been in Suriname with his spouse for 10 days, and the car rental representative were waiting for us. Checking the pre-rented RAV4 in the parking lot and signing papers was a swift occasion, and off we went to Paramaribo – only to arrive in the dark, after 2.5 hrs of congested traffic. Checked into AlbergoAlberga B&B and had dinner at a food stall of Waterkant, alongside Suriname river.



Street with AlbergoAlberga B&B, Paramaribo (Gerjon Gelling)

#### Mon Nov 27

#### Peperpot, Chocopot, Weg naar Zee

We started the day at the old Dutch cocoa plantation of Peperpot at 6.30 am (dawn). Incl the crossing of the tall Jules Wijdenbosch bridge to the eastern shore of Suriname river, getting to Peperpot took about half an hour from our b&b in the center of Paramaribo. Since we thought the trailhead on the eastern end of Peperpot was closed on Mondays (this now changed, see Visited sites), we drove to the western side of Peperpot where we birded along the quiet road parallel to the eastern edge of Suriname river, finding coastal specialties incl **Arrowhead Piculet**, **Blood-colored Woodpecker**, **Slender-billed Kite** and Black-crested Antshrike, as well as Cinnamon Attila, a displaying pair of (Black-capped) **Donacobius**, a very confiding singing male **Silvered Antbird** and three trip-exclusives White-shouldered Tanager, Yellow Oriole & **Lesson's Seedeater**. We had lunch at Eco Resort Inn, Paramaribo (1-2.15 pm)(and made reservations for our last night of the trip), and then drove on towards Chocopot, another deserted cocoa plantation.





Blood-colored Woodpecker *Veniliornis sanguineus* and singing male Silvered Antbird *Sclateria n. naevia*, Peperpot W, 27 Nov 2017 (Garry Bakker)

As the birding at Chocopot was a bit slow (apart from two brilliant males **Crimson-hooded Manakin**) we continued towards Weg naar Zee, finding a nice **Pale-throated Three-toed Sloth** hanging in an open *Cecropia* tree, with a male **Long-winged Harrier** hunting in the fields below. At the mudflats along Weg naar Zee (5-5.45 pm) we were surprised to see a flock of **Scarlet Ibis**, as well as our first, distant, **Rufous Crab-Hawk**. We also enjoyed the many waders, mostly Semipalmated Sandpipers. Stayed at AlbergoAlberga B&B.



Males Long-winged Harrier *Circus buffoni* near Weg naar Zee, and Crimson-hooded Manakin *Pipra a. aureola*, Chocopot, 27 Nov 2017 (Gerjon Gelling)

## Tue Nov 28

## Powakka, Zanderij, Colakreek

We departed our b&b at 5 am, to pick up guide Otte Ottema at his house in the southern part of Paramaribo (20 mins drive). We then continued towards Powakka, to arrive at around 6.30 am, just after first light. In a patch of white-sand forest near Powakka we connected with specialties **Bronzy Jacamar**, Southern White-fringed Antwren, **Rufous-crowned Elaenia**, **Red-billed & Channel-billed Toucan** and Green-tailed Goldenthrout, but unfortunately dipped Pale-bellied Mourner. Close to Powakka we also had fabulous views of lekking **Black Manakin**, and denser & taller white-sand forest further S of Powakka produced **Spotted Puffbird**, **Saffron-crested Tyrant-Manakin** and **Northern (Guianan) Slaty-Antshrike**. We had lunch at Zanderij and drove round the nearby airport for some open-country birds like Burrowing Owl (only site in Suriname), Red-breasted Blackbird and Ruddy-breasted Seedeater. Our afternoon was spent at Colakreek, where best birds seen were **Glossy-backed Becard**, (Point-tailed) **Palmcreeper**, Dusky-chested Flycatcher, **Northern Red-shouldered & Red-bellied Macaw**. We dipped Smoky-fronted Tody-flycatcher however. At night, had dinner with Fred (our guide as of Dec 1) and three Dutch friends who'd just returned from Fred- and Brownsberg. Stayed at AlbergoAlberga B&B.



Southern White-fringed Antwren *Formicivora g. grisea* and Rufous-crowned Elaenia *Elaenia ruficeps*, Powakka, 28 Nov 2017 (Garry Bakker)



Male Glossy-backed Becard *Pachyramphus surinamus* and Northern Red-shouldered Macaws *Diopsittaca nobilis*, Colakreek, 28 Nov 2017 (Garry Bakker)

### Wed Nov 29

### Warappa Kreek

Guide Otte collected us with a rental van and driver at our b&b at 5 am and drove us to a boatlanding NE of Paramaribo, where our chartered motorised boat departed around 5.30 am. Departing in the dark, we drove for about 1.5 hour, first crossing Suriname River, then east into a wide creek and finally north into Warappa Kreek. At dawn, **100+ Orange-winged Amazons** (pairs and small flocks) flew over the wide creek along with herons, kingfishers and swallows. We stopped at Bakkie restaurant between 7-8 am, where we encountered **Plain-bellied Emerald**, **Spotted Tody-flycatcher** and Great Antshrike, before heading deeper into the mangroves. Lowish tide meant frequent stops at narrow spots in the creek to wait before we could continue – a good way to watch birds (of which there were few and far apart) but a nuisance with the many mosquitoes.



Rufous Crab-Hawk *Buteogallus aequinoctialis* and Pale-tipped Inezia *Inezia c. caudata*, Warappa Kreek, 29 Nov 2017 (Garry Bakker & Gerjon Gelling)



Although we did see specialties **Rufous Crab-Hawk** (19), **Pale-tipped Inezia**, **Blood-colored, Crimson-crested, Cream-colored & Spot-breasted Woodpecker** (the latter three trip-exclusives), **Black-crested Antshrike** and **Crimson-hooded Manakin**, I recommend this trip only for those who need to see any of the target birds mentioned. At 1 pm we reached the lagoon just south of the beach, where indeed we saw a small flock of **9 Scarlet Ibis** roosting in mangrove trees, as well as dozens of **Yellow-crowned Night Herons** on the mud. After having lunch at the narrow beach we headed back, again with a stop at Bakkie. Since the tide was not right (outgoing instead of incoming) we didn't stand a chance of seeing **Guiana (Estuarine) Dolphins** *Sotalia (fluviatilis) guianensis*. Dinner with our Dutch friends. Stayed at **AlbergoAlberga B&B**.

### Thu Nov 30

### Peperpot

Back to Peperpot, now birding the eastern end of the trail (starting behind the office). We specifically looked for, but dipped on, **Amazonian Royal Flycatcher**, nesting along the trail according to Otte (but later found we'd been looking in the wrong place). Best birds seen include **Crimson-hooded Manakin**, **Arrowhead Piculet**, **Chestnut & Blood-colored Woodpecker**, **Little Hermit**, **Spotted Puffbird**, **Guianan Trogon**, **Blackish & Black-chinned Antbird**, **Guianan & Olive-green Tyrannulet**, **Yellow-throated Flycatcher**, **Painted Tody-flycatcher** (giving us the runaround for 45 mins!) and **Ochre-ored Flatbill**. Stayed at **AlbergoAlberga B&B**.



Foraging male Black-chinned Antbird *Hypocnemoides m. melanopogon* and Painted Tody-flycatcher *Todyrostrum pictum*, Peperpot E, 30 Nov 2017 (Garry Bakker)

### Fri Dec 1

### Paramaribo to Zintete Lodge via Zanderij and Colakreek

Fred picked us up with his van at our b&b in early morning and we drove straight to some forest patches near Republiek where we soon found new birds such as **Golden-collared Woodpecker**, **Golden-spangled Piculet**, **Golden-sided Euphonia**, **Black-spotted Barbet**, **Dusky Parrot** & **Cayenne Jay**. Very nice were also the good views we had of **Golden-handed Tamarin**, a small monkey, a roadside **Tayra** pausing for a while and of a **pair of displaying Purple-throated Fruitcrow** both collecting nesting material. On one of several more stops, incl a repeat-dip at the **Smoky-fronted Tody-flycatcher**, we connected with our first **Little Chachalaca**, finally arriving at **Zintete Lodge** at dusk. Stayed at **Zintete-Fredberg Lodge**.

### Sat Dec 2

### Zintete-Fredberg Lodge

Departed the lodge at 6.10 am, proceeded through the guarded gate and drove c 15 km further west through the rainforest. We encountered no other traffic. Highlights today included **7 Crimson Fruitcrows**, **1p Purple-breasted Cotinga**, **Waved Woodpecker**, **Guianan Toucanet**, **Black-headed Parrot** & **Painted Parakeet** (8 sp of parrot in total today), **Yellow-backed & Blue-backed Tanager**, **Tiny Tyrant-Manakin**, **Tufted Coquette**, **6 Crimson Topaz**, **McConnell's Spinetail**, **Todd's & Spot-tailed Antwren** (out of a total of 22 lifers for me). Other species of interest included **13 Pompadour** & **6 Spangled Cotingas**, a confiding pair of **Red-and-green Macaw**, **Red-necked & Yellow-tufted Woodpecker**. Stayed at **Zintete-Fredberg Lodge**.



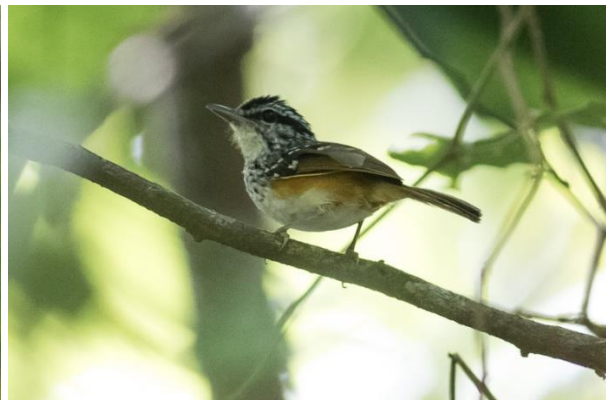


Red-and-green Macaw *Ara chloropterus*, Zintete, 2 Dec 2017 (Garry Bakker)

### Sun Dec 3

### Zintete-Fredberg Lodge

After trying for Zigzag Heron behind the lodge (without result), we went birding in the rainforest. Interesting creatures encountered today include **Scarlet Macaw, Red-fan & Caica Parrot**, Golden-winged Parakeet, **Guianan Toucanet**, Green Aracari, **Guianan Puffbird, Black Nunbird**, Chestnut-rumped & Black-banded Woodcreeper, Rufous-rumped Foliage-gleaner, Black-faced Antthrush, Amazonian, Cinereous, Dusky-throated & Fasciated Antshrike, Spot-backed, **Ferruginous-backed & Black-headed Antbird**, Ash-winged, Long-winged, **Brown-bellied, Rufous-bellied & *microstictus* Dot-winged Antwren, Guianan Antwbler and *phaeopygus* White-necked Thrush**, along with Guianan Red Howler Monkey, Guianan Brown Capuchin, **Golden-handed Tamarin, Neotropical Pygmy Squirrel & Red-rumped Agouti**. After dusk, before dinner, a nocturnal foray along the access road delivered **great views of Common Potoo, Crested Owl & Tawny-bellied Screech-Owl**, Short-tailed Nighthawk and the ever-present Pauraque; while Black-banded Owl and Slaty-backed Forest-Falcon were heard only. Stayed at Zintete-Fredberg Lodge.



Rufous-bellied Antwren *Isleria guttata* and Guianan Antwbler *Hypocnemis cantator*, Zintete, 3 Dec 2017 (Garry Bakker)

#### Mon Dec 4

#### Zintete-Fredberg Lodge

Another day at this most fantastic birding spot, that we had all to ourselves again today. Highlights included **Guianan Cock-of-the-rock**, Amazonian Pygmy-Owl, Golden-collared Woodpecker, **Painted Parakeet**, **Lilac-tailed & Sapphire-rumped Parrotlet**, Black-and-white Hawk-Eagle, **Black-spotted Barbet**, Paradise, Brown & **Yellow-billed Jacamar**, Slender-billed Xenops, **McConnell's Spinetail**, Rufous-capped Antthrush, **Spot-tailed Antwren**, **Todd's Sirystes**, Cocoa Thrush, Opal-rumped, Paradise, **Blue-backed, Spotted, Speckled, Yellow-backed & Red-billed Pied Tanager**, **Golden-sided & Finsch's Euphonia**. After dusk, before dinner, we had another go at the access road and this time had **great views of Black-banded Owl**; Crested Owl and Slaty-backed Forest-Falcon were heard only. After dinner we had **great views of a Spectacled Owl** that was calling above our cabin at Zintete Lodge. Stayed at Zintete Lodge.



Black-banded Owl *Ciccaba h. huhula* and Spectacled Owl *Pulsatrix p. perspicillata*, Zintete, 4 Dec 2017 (Garry Bakker)

#### Tue Dec 5

#### Zintete-Fredberg Lodge to Fredberg

Today three of us (Garry, Gerjon and I) basically took all day for the ascent to the top of Fredberg (Chris stayed behind at Zintete Lodge). Two targets for the day, that we both dipped, were Band-tailed Antshrike and Southern Wing-banded Antbird. In chronological order, today's highlights included **Marail Guan**, Great Jacamar, **lekking males Guianan Cock-of-the-rock** (at the bottom of the Fredberg trail), **McConnell's Flycatcher**, **Goldenscale Anole** (lizard), Reddish Hermit, HO **Crimson Fruitcrow**, **Rose-breasted Chat**, **Boat-billed Tody-tyrant**, *luteifrons* Tawny-crowned Greenlet, Black-bellied Cuckoo, Whiskered Flycatcher and Common Scale-backed Antbird. The latter four were seen in a major all-storey mixed flock counting more than 50 birds, of which we were able to identify less than half. Arrived at the top at 4 pm; starting 4.15 we had some light rain. Stayed on top of Fredberg in a hammock and a slight chill.



Male Guianan Cock-of-the-rock *Rupicola rupicola* and Goldenscale Anole *Anolis chrysolepis*, Fredberg trail, 5 Dec 2017 (Fred Pansa)



**Wed Dec 6**

**Fredberg to Zintete-Fredberg Lodge**

Spent between 6.45 and 9 am at the **Guianan Cock-of-the-rock** lek (8m, 2f) on top of Fredberg, where we also ran into a singing male **Rose-breasted Chat** and **two Little Chachalacas**; Guianan Schiffornis & Variegated Antpitta were HO unfortunately. At 10 am, scanning the rainforest for Harpy and cotingas, we spotted a distant **Orange-breasted Falcon** in the top of a tree, in direct comparison with a pair of more or less nearby Bat Falcons. Departing the top at 10.30 am, we slowly walked back, finding more or less the same birds as the day before, until at 1 pm we stumbled upon a feeding pair of **Southern Wing-banded Antbirds**. Brilliant views were obtained as they were totally oblivious to our presence: we could just follow them while they vigorously tossed leaves aside in a buttonquail fashion. We arrived at Fred's parked van at 3 pm and drove slowly back towards Zintete Lodge, when Fred suddenly stopped: he'd spotted an adult and an immature male **Crimson Fruitcrow** in the canopy! Needless to say we spent some time with these beauties before carrying on. While we still saw a couple of good birds in the afternoon, the highlight surely consisted of two male **Crimson Topaz** catching gnats from a bunch of twigs at the opposite side of the small river at Zintete-Fredberg Lodge – scope views to be enjoyed with beer or cup of tea in hand. Stayed at Zintete-Fredberg Lodge.



Female Southern Wing-banded Antbird *Myrmornis torquata*, Fredberg trail, and Crimson Topaz *Topaza p. pella*, Zintete-Fredberg Lodge, 6 Dec 2017 (Garry Bakker)

**Thu Dec 7**

**Cotinga bonanza**

**Zintete-Fredberg Lodge**

First lifer of the day was a pair of Rufous-throated Antbirds Chris had bumped into the previous day at a small army antswarm along the Zintete access track; a trip-exclusive **Ruddy Spinetail** was feeding nearby. Another fruitless check at one of Fred's Band-tailed Antshrike sites sort of paid off in untickable views of a male Guianan Red Cotinga flying overhead. Ten (previous) red-letter-birds later (incl Caica Parrot, Guianan Toucanet, Black Nunbird & Amazonian Pygmy-Owl) we found ourselves a **large army antswarm**, with no less than **10 Rufous-throated, 8 albifrons White-plumed & 2m Black-headed Antbirds attending**, all giving great views! The day would however soon convert from good to excellent, when we bumped into **5 lekking Capuchinbirds** (instant bird-of-the-trip), 2 Spangled, 2 Pompadour, **a pair of Guianan Red and a confiding male Purple-breasted Cotinga**. This could only mean one thing – next, Fred found us a **pair of Dusky Purpletuft** preening in the canopy, even at Zintete a species that is not easy to find.



Rufous-throated Antbird *Gymnopithys r. rufigula* and White-plumed Antbird *Pithys a. albifrons* at a large army antswarm, Zintete, 7 Dec 2017 (Garry Bakker)



**Fri Dec 8**

**Zintete-Fredberg Lodge to Brownsberg**

Our second attempt at **Zigzag Heron** paid off: at 6.30 am we were watching one in the small creek 50m behind the lodge, fabulous views! Other trip-exclusives that suddenly decided to play ball included **White-chested Puffbird**, Pectoral Sparrow & Short-tailed Pygmy-tyrant. **Three lekking Capuchinbirds right behind the lodge** surely was another bonus encounter, followed by a pair of Great Jacamar. We departed for Brownsberg after lunch (1.15 pm), did some shopping along the way and arrived at the top of Brownsberg at 4 pm. A walk over the premises of the settlement yielded a flock of **15 Lilac-tailed Parrotlets** giving prolonged scope views, while the resident flock of **Grey-winged Trumpeter** nearly sat on our laps. Four **White-throated Manakins**, **nigriceps Golden-olive Woodpecker**, **Blackish Nightjar** at a daytime roost and a **Marail Guan** perched in a *Cecropia* in front of our lodge completed the set of today's highlights. Stayed at Tapir Lodge, Brownsberg.



Zigzag Heron *Zebriulus undulatus* behind Zintete-Fredberg Lodge & feeding Lilac-tailed Parrotlet *Touit batavicus*, Brownsberg, 8 Dec 2017 (Garry Bakker)

**Sat Dec 9**

**Brownsberg**

Before 7 am we were already watching a **feeding Sharpbill** in the *Clusia grandiflora* in front of **our lodge**, accompanied by scores of other fruit-eating birds like White-throated Manakin & **nigriceps Golden-olive Woodpecker**. Best birds of our morning walk over the top of Brownsberg were Spot-tailed, Rufous-bellied & **Pygmy Antwren**, Golden-headed & **White-fronted Manakin**, **Black-throated Antshrike**, Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo, Fulvous Shrike-Tanager, **Musician Wren**, **Amazonian (Rothschild's) Grosbeak**, as well as **mushroom-of-the-trip Favolus brasiliensis**. Star bird of the afternoon walk was undoubtedly **Collared Puffbird**, that we had brilliant and prolonged views of; **sev flocks of Grey-winged Trumpeter** were also entertaining. An evening walk yielded sev interesting moths, Turnip-tailed Gecko and the frogs *Callimedusa tomopterna*, *Phyllomedusa hypochondrialis* and *Pristimantis zeuctotylus*. Stayed at Tapir Lodge, Brownsberg.



Male White-fronted Manakin *Lepidothrix serena* & Collared Puffbird *Bucco capensis*, Brownsberg, 8 Dec 2017 (Garry Bakker & Fred Pansa)

**Sun Dec 10**

**Brownsberg**

A pair of **Black Curassow**, Pompadour, Spangled & 1f **Guianan Red Cotinga**, **Sharpbill**, **Tufted Coquette**, **Blue-backed Tanager**, both Ochre-bellied & McConnell's Flycatcher, **Black-throated Antshrike**, Black-throated Antbird, Buff-throated, Chestnut-rumped & **Guianan Woodcreeper**, Red-throated Caracara and a trip-exclusive Short-tailed Hawk were today's avian highlights. Mammals Red-rumped Agouti & Common Red Brocket (Deer), Common Monkey Lizard (Anole) *Polychrus marmoratus* & Giant Ameiva *Ameiva ameiva*, moths *Trosia nigropunctigera*, *Automerina auletes* & *Calonotos longipennis* and praying mantis *Angela guianensis* were also nice. Stayed at Tapir Lodge, Brownsberg.



Female Black-throated Antshrike *Frederickena viridis* & Common Monkey Lizard *Polychrus marmoratus*, Brownsberg, 10 Dec 2017 (Garry Bakker & Gerjon Gelling)

**Mon Dec 11**

**Brownsberg to Paramaribo**

A last check of all lights in the Brownsberg settlement yielded the fantastic moths *Arsenura ponderosa guianensis*, *Xylophanes media*, *Adhemarius gannascus*, *Hylesia teratex*, *Hyalurga mysis* & *Podalia orsilochus*. The plan to stop-and-bird our way down Brownsberg worked out great, starting with great views of sev feeding **Guianan Toucanets**. At one point, playing the sound of Amazonian Pygmy-Owl created a flock containing goodies like Opal-rumped & Spotted Tanager, **Golden-sided Euphonia**, Sharpbill, McConnell's Flycatcher & **Great Jacamar**; the star bird in it however was a **White-throated Pewee**, so very localised and seldom-seen that it was a lifer not only to us, but also to Fred, Otte (who tried for it weeks later) and sev other visiting birders since. The next stops yielded Green Aracari, Collared Trogon, Red-billed Pied Tanager, Pompadour Cotinga, Spot-tailed Antwren, White-throated Manakin, with next highlight a cooperative **pair of Guianan Red Cotinga**; finally, the male showed well for all! After lunch in Zanderij we paid a final visit to the white sand forest adjacent to the airport, where we connected with **Red-shouldered Tanager**, Brown-throated Parakeet and, after a heavy downpour (that Fred and I were in, fruitlessly searching for Giant Snipe), a pair of **Ash-throated Crake**. We arrived at Eco Resort Inn, Paramaribo, at 4.30 pm, where we birded the gardens until dusk and found Ashy-headed Greenlet, Sick's Swift, **Bicolored Conebill**, Green-throated Mango, Yellow-chinned Spinetail, massive roost migration of Little Blue & Tricolored Heron & HO Rufous-sided Crake. Stayed at Eco Resort Inn.



Hawkmoth *Xylophanes media* & feeding Guianan Toucanet *Selenidera piperivora*, Brownsberg, 11 Dec 2017 (Fred Pansa & Garry Bakker)



## Tue Dec 12

## Paramaribo to Amsterdam

After a lavish breakfast at Eco Resort Inn, we birded our way through the Torarica Hotel gardens, with best bird being a feeding first-summer Scarlet Ibis at the mudflats bordering the river. Having heard about the heronry at the pumping station holding Boat-billed Herons, we entered through a fence, heading for someone to ask permission to enter – but were apprehended by security forces within a minute: it turned out the pumping station grounds are bordered by secret police offices. Our passports were copied and we were reprimanded for entering without permission. However, within 20 mins we were on our way again, walking into town for some sightseeing: among others, Paramaribo is known for its beautiful old wooden quarters, a square that holds a synagogue, a mosque and a church, and the largest wooden church in the world. We also checked the Vaco bookstore for local fieldguides, finding a nice book on Suriname snakes. Back at Eco Resort Inn we had lunch and bided our time until at 5 pm our bus to the airport departed. Departed the airport at 9.40 pm. Arrived in Amsterdam on Wed Dec 13, 10.30 am.



Pair of (Point-tailed) Palmcreeper *Berlepschia rikeri*, Colakreek, 28 Nov 2017; ad King Vulture *Sarcoramphus papa* along the main road south of Brownsweg, 1 Dec 2017 (Garry Bakker)

### **VISITED SITES** (in chronological order) & most important sightings

NOTE that Suriname has plenty even more remote Amazonian birding options, such as Palumeu, Kabalebo and Raleigh Falls (see Van der Spek 2011, p. 15); however, these sites require a flight and are generally more expensive, so for this introductory trip we limited ourselves to sites within c 3 hrs drive from the international airport – and had a truly great time.



Peperpot W, 27 Nov 2017 (Gerjon Gelling). A good site for Arrow-headed Piculet & Blood-colored Woodpecker.



**Peperpot** (GPS 5.775, -55.133), Nov 27 and (GPS 5.801, -55.119), Nov 30

This out-of-use old Dutch cocoa plantation has a rich avifauna and is especially good for some of the coastal specialties not (as easily) found at the rainforest sites further inland: Zintete Lodge and Brownsberg. These coastal specialties are the range-restricted Arrowhead Piculet, Blood-colored Woodpecker, Crimson-hooded Manakin, Little Hermit and Painted Tody-flycatcher, along with Amazonian Royal Flycatcher, Cinnamon Attila and Slender-billed Kite. A trail starts at the eastern side and ends, after c 4 km, at the western side, at the Suriname river. NOTE however that the gate at the western side is closed after c 2.30 pm, so one cannot exit and has to walk back. Getting back to one's car, if parked at the eastern end, by road is difficult, as there is very little traffic and no public transport at the western end.

The trail starting behind the visitor's center at the eastern end can always be accessed, even before opening hours (8 am to 5 pm); one is required to pay a small entrance fee even if one enters outside office hours.

The Bradt Guide and the Field Guide to the Birds of Suriname mention that the trail is closed on Mondays (which incidentally was also our first full day in Suriname) but this is no longer the case. However, we didn't know and so on our first day started birding the scrub along the road near the western end of the trail, which was quite productive.



Singing Cinnamon Attila *Attila cinnamomeus* and displaying pair of (Black-capped) Donacobius *Donacobius a. atricapilla* Peperpot W, 27 Nov 2017 (Garry Bakker)

**Best records Peperpot W end** (GPS 5.7751, -55.1332 and further northwest along Weg naar Peperpot), Nov 27 (6.20–11.15 am): **Arrowhead Piculet, Blood-colored Woodpecker, Lesson's Seedeater**, Campina (Black-billed ssp *arthuri*) Thrush, **Silvered Antbird**, displaying Donacobius, Yellow Oriole, Cinnamon Attila, Spotted Tody-flycatcher, Black-crested Antshrike, Ashy-headed Greenlet, Short-tailed & Chapman's Swift, Green-throated Mango, Glittering-throated Emerald, Greyish Mourner, Straight-billed Woodcreeper, Fork-tailed Flycatcher, Plain-crowned Spinetail, Turquoise & White-shouldered Tanager, Slender-billed Kite, White-vented Euphonia & Greyish (Caribbean Grey) Saltator. By chance, I photographed the third Carmelita Pondhawk for the Guyanas in a ditch, amongst the more common Pin-tailed & Black Pondhawks. Rainbow Whiptail was common. Three ***Phallus indusiatus*** were a pleasant surprise.

**Best records Peperpot E end, main entrance** (GPS 5.7998, -55.1185), Nov 30 (7 am – 5.20 pm): **Arrowhead Piculet, Blood-colored Woodpecker, Crimson-hooded Manakin, Little Hermit**, Painted Tody-flycatcher, Campina (Black-billed ssp *arthuri*) & Spectacled Thrush, Guianan & **Olive-green Tyrannulet**, Ochre-ored & Grey-crowned Flatbill, Spotted Puffbird, Green-tailed Jacamar, Chestnut Woodpecker, Great Potoo (chanced upon), Limpkin, Aplomado Falcon (over the car park at dawn on Nov 27), **Slender-billed Kite**, Cinnamon Attila, Guianan Trogon, White-winged Becard, Little Cuckoo, Lesser Swallow-tailed & Short-tailed Swift, Blue-chinned Sapphire, Green-throated & Black-throated Mango, Black-chinned, White-browed & Blackish Antbird, Buff-breasted Wren, Yellow-throated Flycatcher, Straight-billed Woodcreeper, Grey-necked Wood-rail. Amazonian Royal Flycatcher breeds, but we dipped. Cinereous Tinamou was HO. Red-rumped Agouti, Common Squirrel Monkey and Guianan Capuchin Monkeys were the mammals seen.

**Chocopot** (GPS 5.861, -55.207), Nov 27 (3–4.10 pm)

Known as a good site for Crimson-hooded Manakin & Cocoa Thrush, we found this old overgrown Dutch cocoa plantation rather quiet and full of mosquitoes in late afternoon. Best records were **Crimson-hooded Manakin, Hooded Tanager**, Little Cuckoo, Campina (Black-billed ssp *arthuri*) Thrush, White-winged Becard, Greenish Elaenia, Buff-breasted Wren, Buff-throated Woodcreeper and a pair of Purple Martin. Cocoa Thrush was HO.

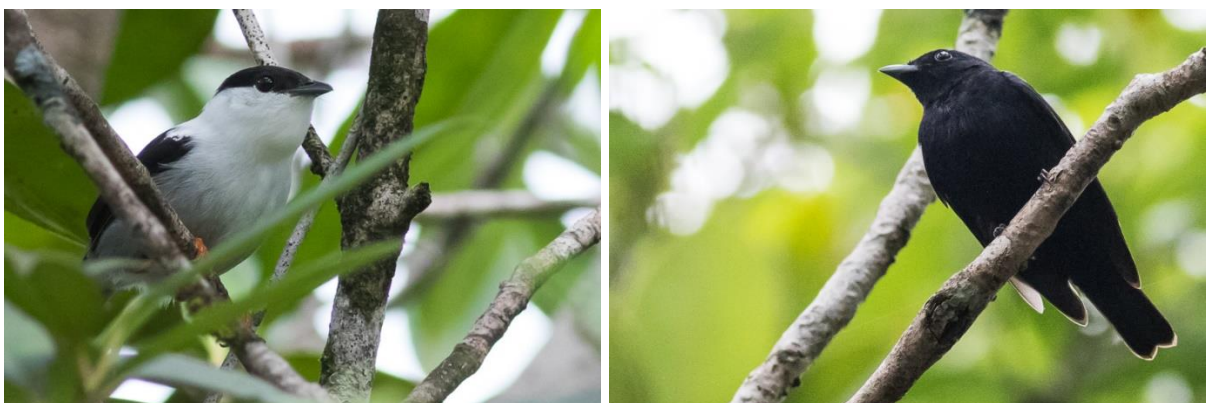
Pale-throated Three-toed Sloth and Long-winged Harrier were seen btw Chocopot and Weg naar Zee, Striped Cuckoo was HO.

**Weg naar Zee** (GPS 5.901, -55.226), Nov 27 (5–5.45 pm)

This road ultimates at a hindu temple on Surinames north coast but overlooks vast mudflats (at least at low tide) to the east before reaching the temple. We chanced upon a rather distant flock of **19 feeding Scarlet Ibis**, with 1 Roseate Spoonbill (interesting mix of colour). An even more distant **Rufous Crab Hawk** meant we saw two of our main coastal targets, but views left much to be desired, especially in the case of the hawk. Other birds here included tons of Semipalmated Sandpipers & Little Blue Herons, with dozens of Semipalmated Plovers and Greater Yellowlegs and single Barn Swallow, Cabot's Tern and Lesser Yellow-headed Vultures flying past. Dozens of fiddler crabs were thought to be *Uca maracoani*.

**Powakka** (GPS 5.424, -55.071 and 5.343, -55.093), Nov 28 (6.40 am-12.45 pm)

This is the name of a village east of Zanderij. It is surrounded by white-sand forest and is one of the best localities in the world for the localized Pale-bellied Mourner, a bird that sings rarely and does not respond to tape. After many hours of trying (picking up other specialties of the region/habitat) we heard one, but never saw it. Since white-sand is a poor-nutrition soil, birds and plants are few and far between but the ones there are usually specialties. With Otte we visited two different spots: the first with relatively low bushes with occasional higher stands of forest (optimal for the Mourner), with no trails and easy to get lost in; and a denser, higher type of forest ideal for Saffron-crested Tyrant-Manakin. At the first spot we saw Southern White-fringed Antwren, **Bronzy Jacamar**, Yellow-bellied, Plain-crested & **Rufous-crowned Elaenia**, Bran-colored Flycatcher, Red-billed (White-throated) & Channel-billed Toucan, **Green-tailed Goldenthrout**, Scaled Pigeon, Yellow-green Grosbeak and Pompadour Cotinga, and heard Little Chachalaca; at the second we saw **Saffron-crested Tyrant-Manakin, Northern ('Guianan') Slaty-Antshrike, Spotted Puffbird, Black Manakin** (at lek), Lineated Woodpecker & White-bearded Manakin (at lek) and **heard Pale-bellied Mourner**, Bronzy Jacamar, Thrush-like Antpitta & Little Tinamou; in the open area between the two we saw Burnished-buff & Black-faced Tanager.



Males White-bearded Manacus *m. manacus* and Black Manakin *Xenopipo atronitens*, Powakka, 28 Nov 2017 (Garry Bakker)

**Zanderij** (GPS 5.456, -55.206), Nov 28 and Dec 1

The main town near the international airport and therefore a (small) hub in the country. Adjacent to the airport, some patches of 'savanna' and white-sand forest hold specialties like **Red-shouldered Tanager** (and probably Pale-bellied Mourner as well). The airport holds the only breeding pairs of Burrowing Owl in the country, and the open terrain within and just outside the



fence is apparently also good for Crested Bobwhite (we didn't see any on two visits), Red-breasted Blackbird, Ruddy-breasted Seedeater, Grassland Sparrow, Eastern Meadowlark and perhaps also Giant Snipe. While looking for the latter in heavy rain, Fred and I stumbled upon a pair of **Ash-throated Crane** and Brown-throated Parakeet. We also had great views here of Lesser Nighthawks hunting termites in the rain. Driving NW and then N from Zanderij towards Republiek one passes forested recreational areas Colakreek and Vier Kinderen, where good rainforest is found.

**Colakreek** (GPS 5.477, -55.228), Nov 28 (3.35-4.35 pm) and Dec 1 (9-10 am)

This cola-coloured creek just NW of Zanderij & the airport is a very popular spot with Suriname people at weekends, and is best avoided by birders then. However, it is a very good primary rainforest spot and holds scores of specialties and numbers of birds. We visited twice, once with Otte & once with Fred, at suboptimal times (late afternoon and mid morning resp.) but still saw some good birds. This is the site where most Suriname sightings of White Bellbird come from, and one of the very few sites for the localized Smoky-fronted Tody-flycatcher (we dipped twice). We saw **Palmcreeper**, **Glossy-backed Becard** (singing male), **Northern Red-shouldered & Red-bellied Macaw**, Dusky-chested Flycatcher, Green-rumped Parrotlet & Turquoise Tanager, and heard Russet-crowned Crane & White-throated Toucan with Otte; and with Fred, near Republiek, added Cayenne Jay, **Golden-sided Euphonia**, Pompadour Cotinga, Purple-throated Fruitcrow, Coraya Wren, Giant Cowbird, Green-backed Trogon & White-bearded Manakin.



Colakreek, 28 Nov 2017 (Gerjon Gelling). A good site for Palmcreeper and Glossy-backed Becard.

**Warappa Kreek** (GPS 5.957, -54.917), Nov 29

This is the best site in Suriname for Rufous Crab-Hawk and Scarlet Ibis. The mangrove creek departs the eastern tributary of the Suriname river and exits in the Atlantic c 15 km further north. The thick mangrove forest harbours some local specialties, such as **Rufous Crab-Hawk** (we saw 19), **Blood-colored, Crimson-crested, Cream-colored & Spot-breasted Woodpecker** (the latter three trip-exclusives), **Crimson-hooded Manakin & Pale-tipped Inezia**; American Pygmy Kingfishers were common and we saw several Black-crested Antshrikes. Departing from the northeast part of Paramaribo prior to dawn, we first crossed to the eastern side of the Suriname river and briefly stopped at a major heron roost, before moving up eastwards into the tributary, where **100+ Orange-winged Amazons** (pairs and small flocks) flew overhead along with herons, kingfishers and swallows. Like most mangroves worldwide, the many mosquitoes were a nuisance and birds were few and far apart. At 1 pm we reached the lagoon just south of the beach, where we saw a flock of **9 Scarlet Ibis** roosting in mangrove trees, as well as dozens of Yellow-crowned Night Herons.



**Bakkie** (GPS 5.914, -54.895), Nov 29

This is a quiet lodge and restaurant at the entrance of Warappa Kreek, surrounded by lush second-growth that attracts many passerines & hummingbirds. At the time of our visit, Bakkie could only be reached by boat, but there are plans to create a 20-km cycling path connecting it with Paramaribo. At both ends of our Warappa Kreek boatride we stopped at Bakkie for a refreshment and to use the bathroom – and found that the flowering shrubs and trees attracted smaller hummingbirds, most noticeably Glittering-throated and **Plain-bellied Emerald**. Other birds seen here include a pair of Donacobius, Spotted Tody-flycatcher, Great & Barred Antshrike.



In the field thought to be the, in Suriname, rarely seen White-chested Emerald *Amazilia brevirostris*, we later identified this bird as Plain-bellied Emerald *A. l. leucogaster*, Bakkie, 29 Nov 2017 (Gerjon Gelling)

**Zintete-Fredberg Lodge** (GPS 4.635, -55.420), Dec 1-8

Nowadays the number one site in Suriname (that is reachable by car) with an ever-growing list of specialties, most of which can be seen in about a week. The birdlist now stands at 316 species; lists are also available for mammals, reptiles & dragonflies. The lodge is reached by car about four hrs south of Paramaribo (three from the airport at Zanderij). See Lodging (p. 9) for more details on how to get there and what the layout is like. Specialties recorded in our week incl **10 Crimson Fruitcrow**, **1p Dusky Purpletuft**, dozens of Pompadour & Spangled, **3 each of Purple-breasted & Guianan Red Cotinga**, **Guianan Cock-of-the-rock (at two leks)**, **Capuchinbird (lekking)**, **1p (Southern) Wing-banded Antbird**, Marail Guan, Little Chachalaca, Grey-winged Trumpeter, **Zigzag Heron**, Spectacled, **Black-banded & Crested Owl**, Amazonian Pygmy-Owl, Crimson Topaz, Tufted Coquette, **Orange-breasted Falcon**, 'Guianan Trogon', Black-spotted Barbet, Waved & Golden-collared Woodpecker, **Dusky & Caica Parrot**, Painted Parakeet, Lilac-tailed Parrotlet, Black Nunbird, Guianan Puffbird, Guianan Toucanet, Green Aracari, Great, Paradise & Yellow-billed Jacamar, McConnell's Spinetail, Chestnut-rumped & Guianan (Lineated) Woodcreeper, Spotted Antpitta, Ash-winged, Todd's, Spot-tailed, Rufous-bellied, Brown-bellied & Guianan Streaked Antwren, Guianan Antwarbler, 'Guianan' (Northern) Slaty- & Black-throated Antshrike,

Black-chinned, Black-headed, **albifrons White-plumed, Rufous-throated & Ferruginous-backed Antbird**, Glossy-backed Becard, Guianan Schiffornis, Rose-breasted Chat, Red-billed Pied, Yellow-backed & Blue-backed Tanager, Finsch's Euphonia, **Boat-billed Tody-tyrant**, Todd's Sirystes, Guianan Tyrannulet and McConnell's Flycatcher. Specialties we dipped were Harpy, Red-billed Woodcreeper & Band-tailed Antshrike.

In the annotated checklist I call the greater Zintete Lodge area (incl the lodge's surroundings, the access road and the logging road) simply 'Zintete'; actual sites are found at Observation.org but the sites (as well as the birds) cannot be reached and/or found if not accompanied by Fred.

**Fredberg** (GPS 4.644, -55.495), Dec 5-6

This is a rock at c 275m asl, towering above the rainforest, located c 12 km from Zintete Lodge, of which 8 km can be driven and 4 km needs to be walked up. It's possible to stay on top in hammocks and the view is fantastic, giving chances of seeing Harpy or **Orange-breasted Falcon** in early morning. Note that the views of the treetops are distant, so views won't be great. There's an **active Guianan Cock-of-the-rock lek** right on top, where we also recorded White-throated Manakin, Rose-breasted Chat and Guianan Schiffornis. Even though the climb is not that long and the views are great, birders best focus their efforts on the trail itself, where we witnessed a great show of a feeding pair of (Southern) Wing-banded Antbird at a known territory.



Common Opossum *Didelphis marsupialis* and Red-rumped Agouti *Dasyprocta leporina*, Brownsberg, 10 Dec 2017 (Garry Bakker)

**Brownsberg** (GPS 4.949, -55.181), Dec 8-11

An easily accessible area of tropical rainforest c 2 hrs' drive south of Paramaribo found at a maximum of 515m above sealevel. The settlement on top and some of the trails (and waterfalls) apparently attract a lot of visitors in holidays and weekends, meaning wildlife is used to people. Especially Red-rumped Agouti and flocks of Grey-winged Trumpeter roam around the premises and can be approached to 10m or less; it is said that in the rainy season an Ornate Hawk-Eagle hunts lizards around the settlement (but it wasn't there when we were). Best birds recorded by us along the trails on top and around the settlement were **Collared Puffbird, Sharpbill, Black Curassow, Guianan Red Cotinga, Grey-winged Trumpeter**, Golden-headed, **White-fronted & White-throated Manakin**, Red-billed Pied & **Blue-backed Tanager**, Ferruginous-backed & Black-throated Antbird, Pygmy, Rufous-bellied, Brown-bellied & Spot-tailed Antwren, Guianan Antwren, **Racket-tailed & Tufted Coquette**, Black-spotted Barbet, Musician Wren, Lilac-tailed Parrotlet, Guianan Schiffornis, Guianan Toucanet, King Vulture, Slender-billed Xenops, Lined Forest-Falcon, Yellow-throated, Red-necked, *nigriceps* Golden-olive & Waved Woodpecker, Marail Guan, Green Aracari, Blackish Nightjar, Thrush-like Antpitta, Black-throated Antshrike, Amazonian (Rothschild's) Grosbeak, Fulvous Shrike-Tanager, *phaeopygus* White-necked Thrush, Cinereous Mourner, Green-backed, Black-tailed & Collared Trogon, Pompadour & Spangled Cotinga, Dusky & Red-fan Parrot & Guianan Woodcreeper.

Birding along the road downslope delivered more and better views of Guianan Red Cotinga and, best bird recorded by us, the rare and localized **White-throated Pewee** (lifer for Fred and sev other birders that twitched the bird weeks after our discovery). Friends who visited Brownsberg mid-November saw singing White Bellbird & Red-and-black Grosbeak.



We also encountered an interesting array of mammals, amphibians, moths and other insects, such as Red-handed Tamarin, Guianan Red Howler Monkey, Guiana Spider Monkey, Bearded Saki, Black-capped Capuchin, Common Red Brocket, Red-rumped Agouti, Common Opossum; Turnip-tailed Gecko, Black Tegu, Three-striped Poison Frog, Oophagus Slender-legged Tree Frog, *Anomaloglossus baeobatrachus*, *Polychrus marmoratus*, Guianan Shield Leaf Frog and *Rhinella granulosa*, *Pristimantis zeuctotylus*, Orange-legged Leaf Frog & Tiger-striped Leaf Frog; bugs *Paryphes flavocinctus*, *Acanthocephala* nr. *femorata* (= *granulosa*) & *Enchophora prasina*; and moths *Arsenura ponderosa guianensis*, *Adhemarius gannascus* and *Trosia nigropunctigera*. Extraordinary mushrooms seen here were *Favolus brasiliensis*, *Leucocoprinus fragillissimus*, *Dacryopinax spathularia* and *Arcyria cinerea*.

**Paramaribo: Eco Resort Inn & Torarica Hotel** (GPS 5.8298, -55.1440), Dec 12

The gardens of these two lodges are good sites for birding within Paramaribo city limits. Specialties we recorded during the two hours we birded here include Scarlet Ibis (probably not regular), Bicolored Conebill, Rufous-sided Crake (HO), Ashy-headed Greenlet & Yellow-chinned Spinetail.

**Sites not visited**

Suriname has a large number of other good birding sites that we unfortunately did not have the time for (this time). Many of these sites are described on Otte Ottema's website, and include Bigipan (mangrove and marsh birds in the NW of the country), Kabalebo (a rainforest lodge only reachable by small aircraft), Raleighfalls and Palumeu (equally good rainforest locations further south in Suriname).



The team at Eco Resort Inn, Paramaribo: left to right Gerjon Gelling, Remco Hofland, Fred Pansa, Garry Bakker & Chris Quispel

### RECORDED DATA ([Observation.org](http://Observation.org))

Sharing one's observations directly from the field using Observation.org becomes more and more commonplace, with birders now widely using smartphones and improved cell phone coverage in remoter areas of the world.

In the field, GB, GG and RH recorded most of their sightings (birds, mammals, reptiles & amphibians, dragonflies) with accurate GPS locations by using an app (ObsMapp or iObs) on their smartphones. Whenever we had Wifi we uploaded our sightings onto Observation.org, a free, easy-to-use website that

- gives accurate site, time and date details with all observations (in our case, birds, reptiles, butter- and dragonflies, mammals, mushrooms and plants);
- has both standard fields (location, date & time, number of individuals, certainty of ID) and a field for extra info should one want to add any;
- makes all locations easily available for others, using GoogleEarth maps;
- enables the observer to store photographs and/or sound recordings with one's sightings;
- generates the observer's (life, country, site, trip) lists and
- has the capability to generate multiple exports, such as by species, date-of-year, area etc.

By querying Observation.org one can see all our data. Select our trip dates (26 Nov – 12 Dec 2017) and the country (Suriname) to view all our Suriname records (including photographs). Alternatively, one could also approach just one person's records by clicking 'Users' under the tab of 'This site'. To view *all* Suriname data, click 'Geography' and 'South America by country' and then 'Suriname' on the map displayed.



Collared Puffbird *Bucco capensis*, Brownsberg, 8 Dec 2017; Red-throated Caracara *Ibycter americanus*, Zintete, 3 Dec 2017 (Garry Bakker & Fred Pansa)

### SIGHTINGS

Exact locations, numbers and time of sighting can be found at Observation.org.

#### Recorded birds

Taxonomy roughly follows HBW Alive\*. All range-restricted species (**RR**) and odd-looking range-restricted subspecies (**RRs**) are highlighted, to indicate the most important birds recorded. Basically, all specific subspecies occurring only in the area comprised by E Venezuela, the Guianas and Brazil north of the Amazon are range-restricted, and thus deserve the status **RRs**. However, below I reserve (my) **RRs** status for those subspecies I think are indeed highly localised, and/or look or sound very different from other subspecies. This (very subjective) view is based mainly on HBW Alive depicting a particular subspecies, or describes the range as very specific. **RR(s)** = both the species and the particular subspecies are range-restricted; highlighted non-RR birds are personal favorites / rarely recorded birds.

NOTE that an incredible number of species was originally described from Suriname or the nearby Guianas, so that most of the birds encountered there are of the nominate subspecies.



\*Not because I follow that taxonomy myself (I only count birds seen well, IOC list), but because the HBW list emphasizes structural morphological and other differences in populations, so that that particular taxonomy highlights best the importance of the Guianan shield endemic taxa.

1. [HO] Great Tinamou *Tinamus m. major*: Zintete, Brownsberg
2. [HO] Cinereous Tinamou *Crypturellus cinereus*: Peperpot, Zintete
3. Variegated Tinamou *Crypturellus variegatus*: 1 flushed, 7 HO, Zintete; 2 HO Brownsberg
4. **Marail Guan** *Penelope marail* **RR**: 3 Zintete, 8 Brownsberg
5. Little Chachalaca *Ortalis m. motmot*: 1 HO Powakka, 1 Zanderij, 3 Zintete



Marail Guan *Penelope marail*, Brownsberg, 10 Dec 2017; Little Chachalaca *Ortalis m. motmot*, Zanderij, 1 Dec 2017 (Fred Pansa & Garry Bakker)

6. **Black Curassow** *Crax a. alector* **RR**: 1p, male booming, Brownsberg settlement. Good views required some work but were eventually obtained by all.
7. Muscovy Duck *Cairina moschata*: 1 over Bakkie B&B (Warappa Kreek)(GG)
8. Scaled Pigeon *Patagioenas speciosa*: Powakka, Zintete
9. Pale-vented Pigeon *Patagioenas c. cayennensis*: Peperpot, Torarica Hotel (Paramaribo)
10. Plumbeous Pigeon *Patagioenas plumbea wallacei*: recorded almost daily, Zintete
11. Ruddy Pigeon *Patagioenas subvinacea purpureotincta*: HO Zintete; seen Brownsberg
12. Grey-fronted Dove *Leptotila r. rufaxilla*: Chocopot, Zintete (HO), Brownsberg
13. Common Ground-dove *Columbina passerina griseola*: frequently seen
14. Plain-breasted Ground-dove *Columbina m. minuta*: singles S of Paramaribo, Eco Resort Inn
15. Ruddy Ground-dove *Columbina t. talpacoti*: frequently seen



Lesser Nighthawk *Chordeiles a. acutipennis* feeding on termites in the rain, Zanderij, 1 Dec 2017; Blackish Nightjar *Nyctipolus nigrescens*, Brownsberg, 8 Dec 2017 (Garry Bakker)

16. Great Potoo *Nyctibius g. grandis*: 1 Peperpot E (found ourselves)
17. Common Potoo *Nyctibius g. griseus*: 1 taped in after dusk, Zintete
18. Lesser Nighthawk *Chordeiles a. acutipennis*: 3 feeding on flying termites in the rain at 1 pm, airport near Zanderij
19. Short-tailed Nighthawk *Lurocalis s. semitorquatus*: sev Zintete
20. Blackish Nightjar *Nyctipolus nigrescens*: 1 at daytime roost, Brownsberg
21. Pauraque *Nyctidromus a. albicollis*: sev Zintete
22. Band-rumped Swift *Chaetura s. spinicaudus*: frequently seen
23. Chapman's Swift *Chaetura c. chapmani*: Peperpot W



Short-tailed Swift *Chaetura b. brachyura*, Peperpot W, 27 Nov 2017; Fork-tailed Palm-swift *Tachornis s. squamata* gathering nesting material, Zanderij, 28 Nov 2017 (Garry Bakker)

- 24. Southern (Sick's) Swift *Chaetura meridionalis*: few over Eco Resort Inn (Paramaribo)
- 25. Short-tailed Swift *Chaetura b. brachyura*: Peperpot, Republiek
- 26. Fork-tailed (Neotropical) Palm-swift *Tachornis s. squamata*: frequently recorded near palms
- 27. Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift *Panyptila c. cayennensis*: 1 over Peperpot (GG, RH)
- 28. **Crimson Topaz** *Topaza p. pella* **RR**: c 12 Zintete, incl up to 6 hunting gnats from twigs above the river in front of Zintete-Fredberg Lodge; needless to say, excellent views!
- 29. White-necked Jacobin *Florisuga m. mellivora*: Zintete, Brownsberg
- 30. **Little Hermit** *Phaethornis longuemareus* **RR**: 1 Peperpot E
- 31. Reddish Hermit *Phaethornis r. ruber*: Zintete
- 32. Straight-billed Hermit *Phaethornis b. bourcieri*: few Zintete, Brownsberg
- 33. Long-tailed Hermit *Phaethornis s. superciliosus*: the common hermit at Zintete, Brownsberg



Straight-billed *Phaethornis b. bourcieri* and Long-tailed Hermit *P. s. superciliosus*, Brownsberg, 10 Dec 2017 (Garry Bakker)

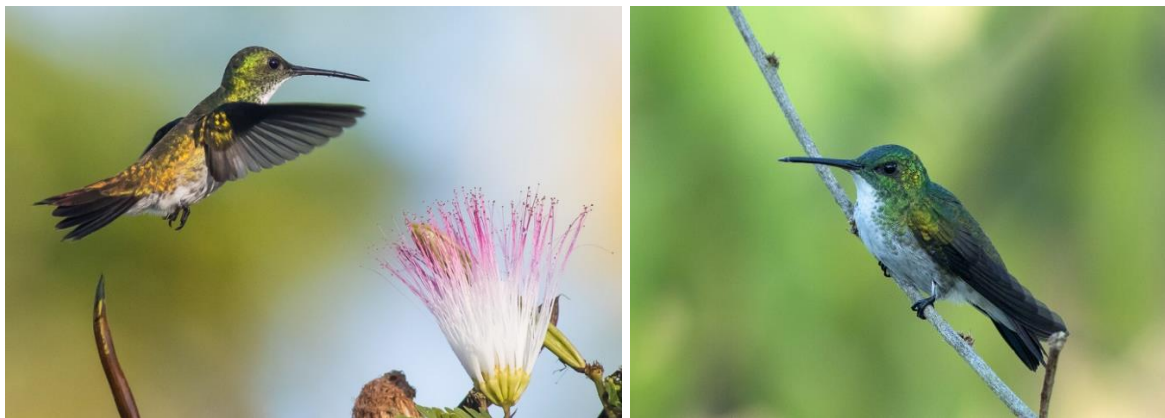
- 34. Black-eared Fairy *Heliotheryx a. auratus*: frequent, Peperpot, Zintete (incl 1 hunting gnats above the river, opposite the lodge, with Crimson Topaz and other hummers), Brownsberg



A nest with two young, presumably, Black-eared Fairy *Heliotheryx a. auratus*, Zintete, 6 Dec 2017; female Fork-tailed Woodnymph *Thalurania f. furcata*, Zintete, 3 Dec 2017 (Fred Pansa)



35. White-tailed Goldenthrout *Polytmus g. guainumbi*: 1 Zintete
36. Green-tailed Goldenthrout *Polytmus t. theresiae*: singles Powakka & Zintete
37. Green-throated Mango *Anthracothorax viridigula*: Peperpot & Eco Resort Inn
38. Black-throated Mango *Anthracothorax n. nigricollis*: Powakka, Peperpot & Zintete
39. **Tufted Coquette** *Lophornis ornatus* **RR**: 2 Zintete, 2 Brownsberg
40. **Racket-tailed Coquette** *Discosura longicaudus* **RR**: 1 feeding on white flowers high up in a tree (opposite the restaurant) at Brownsberg, together with sev Tufted Coquettes, White-necked Jacobins, a Black-eared Fairy etc. It was slightly darker than Tufted Coquette, without any rufous tones and an elongated tail (without rackets).
41. Blue-tailed Emerald *Chlorostilbon mellisugus*: 2 Zintete
42. Blue-chinned Emerald *Chlorostilbon (Chlorestes) n. notatus*: 1m Peperpot W
43. Grey-breasted Sabrewing *Campylopterus l. largipennis*: Zintete
44. Fork-tailed Woodnymph *Thalurania f. furcata*: Zintete, Brownsberg
45. Plain-bellied Emerald *Amazilia l. leucogaster*: 3 Bakkie
46. Glittering-throated Emerald *Amazilia f. fimbriata*: Peperpot, Bakkie
47. Rufous-throated Hummingbird *Amazilia (Hylocharis) sapphirina*: 2 Zintete
48. Amethyst Woodstar *Calliphlox amethystina*: 1f Zintete. First for Zintete-Fredberg!



Plain-bellied Emerald *Amazilia l. leucogaster*, Bakkie, 29 Nov 2017 (Garry Bakker, Gerjon Gelling)

49. Greater Ani *Crotophaga major*: 1 Republiek
50. Smooth-billed Ani *Crotophaga ani*: sev recorded in open country
51. **[HO]** Striped Cuckoo *Tapera naevia*: 1 btw Paramaribo and Weg naar Zee
52. Little Cuckoo *Coccyua minuta*: 3 Chocopot, 2 Peperpot
53. Common Squirrel-cuckoo *Piaya c. cayana*: Peperpot, Zintete & Brownsberg
54. **Black-bellied Cuckoo** *Piaya melanogaster*: 1 in a major all-storey flock of about 50+ birds, Zintete
55. **[HO]** Rufous-sided Crake *Laterallus melanophaius*: heard in the evening and early morning at Suriname River edge in the garden of Eco Resort Inn



Little Cuckoo *Coccyua minuta*, Chocopot, 27 Nov 2017; Common Squirrel-cuckoo *Piaya c. cayana*, Peperpot W, 27 Nov 2017 (Garry Bakker, Gerjon Gelling)

56. [HO] Russet-crowned Crake *Rufirallus viridis*: heard at Colakreek  
 57. [HO] Grey-breasted Crake *Laterallus exilis*: heard near Colakreek (RH)  
 58. Grey-necked Wood-rail *Aramides cajaneus*: 1 Peperpot  
 59. **Ash-throated Crake** *Porzana albicollis typhoea* **RRs**: 1 seen walking past twice (RH), 1 other HO, in dense wet grass next to the airport at Zanderij  
 60. Common Gallinule *Gallinula galeata*: 1 btw Paramaribo and the airport (GG)  
 61. **Grey-winged Trumpeter** *Psophia c. crepitans*: Zintete (CQ) & Brownsberg (sev confiding flocks daily); 50+ seen in total  
 62. Limpkin *Aramus g. guarauna*: 1 Peperpot E  
 63. Wood Stork *Mycteria americana*: 1 ad over Warappa Kreek  
 64. Roseate Spoonbill *Platalea ajaja*: 1 ad feeding with 19 Scarlet Ibis, Weg naar Zee



Feeding Limpkin *Aramus g. guarauna*, Peperpot E, 30 Nov 2017; Grey-winged Trumpeters *Psophia c. crepitans*, Brownsberg, 8 Dec 2017 (Garry Bakker)

65. [HO] Green Ibis *Mesembrinibis cayennensis*: heard one morning at Zintete Lodge (GG, RH)  
 66. **Scarlet Ibis** *Eudocimus ruber* **RR**: 19 feeding on the exposed mudflats at Weg naar Zee (5 pm); 9 ad Warappa Kreek lagoon (1 pm); 1 first-summer feeding for 10 mins on exposed mudflats along Suriname River, at Torarica Hotel in Paramaribo (8 am)  
 67. **Zigzag Heron** *Zebrilus undulatus*: 1 taped in, at small creek 50m behind Zintete Lodge, on the second time trying in early morning  
 68. Black-crowned Night-heron *Nycticorax nycticorax hoactli*: singles over Suriname River while heading out to Warappa Kreek at dawn  
 69. Yellow-crowned Night-heron *Nyctanassa violacea*: c 60 at Warappa Kreek lagoon, 5 Eco Resort Inn  
 70. Green-backed Heron *Butorides striata*: 8 seen, max 4 Peperpot W  
 71. Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*: occasionally recorded, max c 500 at roost E side of Suriname River  
 72. Cocoi Heron *Ardea cocoi*: 1 Weg naar Zee, 2 Warappa Kreek  
 73. Tricolored Heron *Egretta tricolor*: 4 Weg naar Zee, 1 over Suriname River, 101 flying west past Eco Resort in at dusk, 1 ad at Torarica Hotel mudflats  
 74. Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerulea*: occasionally seen in Paramaribo, max 101 flying west past Eco Resort Inn at dusk



Wattle-necked Jacana *Jacana jacana*, Weg naar Zee, 27 Nov 2017; resting Scarlet Ibis *Eudocimus ruber*, Warappa Kreek lagoon, 29 Nov 2017 (Garry Bakker, Gerjon Gelling)



75. Snowy Egret *Egretta thula*: occasionally seen, probably sev dozens at roost E side of Suriname River and 22 feeding on mudflats behind Torarica Hotel
76. Magnificent Frigatebird *Fregata magnificens*: 1m, 2f over Weg naar Zee mudflats
77. Grey Plover *Pluvialis squatarola*: 2 Warappa Kreek lagoon
78. Semipalmated Plover *Charadrius semipalmatus*: 100 Weg naar Zee, 10 boatlanding Suriname River, 1 Eco Resort Inn, 25 Torarica Hotel
79. Wattled Jacana *Jacana jacana*: 18 seen, around Paramaribo
80. Hudsonian Whimbrel *Numenius (phaeopus) hudsonius*: 1 Weg naar Zee, 11 Warappa Kreek lagoon, 1 boatlanding Suriname River
81. Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*: 1 Weg naar Zee, 15 Warappa Kreek lagoon
82. Least Sandpiper *Calidris minutilla*: 60 feeding near boatlanding Suriname River
83. Semipalmated Sandpiper *Calidris pusilla*: 650 seen, max 600 Weg naar Zee
84. Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius*: 45 seen, max 20 Torarica Hotel
85. Solitary Sandpiper *Tringa solitaria*: 1, S of Brownsweg
86. Willet *Tringa semipalmata*: 1 Warappa Kreek lagoon
87. Greater Yellowlegs *Tringa melanoleuca*: 10 Weg naar Zee
88. Laughing Gull *Larus (Leucophaeus) atricilla*: 9 over Suriname River, with 60 Torarica Hotel
89. Cabot's Tern *Thalasseus acutirostris*: 1 Weg naar Zee, 3 past mouth of Warappa Kreek
90. Royal Tern *Thalasseus maximus*: 1 past mouth of Warappa Kreek



Great Potoo *Nyctibius g. grandis*, Peperpot W, 27 Nov 2017; Burrowing Owl *Athene cunicularia*, airport, 28 Nov 2017 (Garry Bakker)

91. Amazonian Pygmy-owl *Glaucidium hardyi*: 2 Zintete
92. Burrowing Owl *Athene cunicularia (minor?)*: two pairs, one with three downy young, at the airport near Zanderij. These are the only ones in Suriname: they started breeding here only a few years ago.
93. **(Northern) Tawny-bellied Screech-owl** *Megascops (w.) watsonii*: great views of 1 taped in, Zintete Lodge access road
94. **[HO]** Vermiculated (Roraima) Screech-owl *Megascops vermiculatus roraimae* **RRs**: heard one night at Zintete Lodge (GB, GG)
95. **Spectacled Owl** *Pulsatrix p. perspicillata*: great views of 1 taped in with little effort, after hearing it one early morning, Zintete Lodge
96. **Crested Owl** *Lophotrix c. cristata*: great views of 1 taped in, Zintete Lodge access road



Crested Owl *Lophotrix c. cristata*, Zintete, 3 Dec 2017 and (Northern) Tawny-bellied Screech-owl *Megascops (w.) watsonii*, Zintete, 4 Dec 2017 (Garry Bakker)

97. **Black-banded Owl** *Ciccaba h. huhula*: great views of 1 taped in, Zintete Lodge access road
98. Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura ruficollis*: 4 near Paramaribo
99. Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture *Cathartes burrovianus urubutinga*: 1 Weg naar Zee, 6 sunning at edge of the airport, Zanderij
100. Greater Yellow-headed Vulture *Cathartes melambrotus*: occasionally seen: Powakka, Zintete
101. American Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus brasiliensis*: occasionally seen, max 20 sunning at edge of the airport, Zanderij
102. King Vulture *Sarcoramphus papa*: c 10 Zintete, 4 Brownsberg



Greater Yellow-headed Vulture *Cathartes melambrotus*, Powakka, and Lesser Yellow-headed Vultures *Cathartes burrovianus urubutinga*, airport, 28 Nov 2017 (Garry Bakker)

103. American Osprey *Pandion haliaetus carolinensis*: 13 around Paramaribo
104. Pearl Kite *Gampsonyx swainsonii leonae*: 1 Zanderij
105. Grey-headed Kite *Leptodon c. cayanensis*: 2 Zintete
106. Hook-billed Kite *Chondrohierax uncinatus*: 1 Zintete
107. Swallow-tailed Kite *Elanoides forficatus*: Zanderij, Zintete, Brownsberg
108. Black Hawk-eagle *Spizaetus tyrannus serus*: 1 Zanderij, 2 Zintete
109. **Black-and-white Hawk-eagle** *Spizaetus melanoleucus*: 1 Zintete



Black-and-white Hawk-eagle *Spizaetus melanoleucus*, Zintete, 4 Dec 2017, and Black Hawk-eagle *Spizaetus tyrannus serus*, Zintete, 2 Dec 2017 (Garry Bakker)

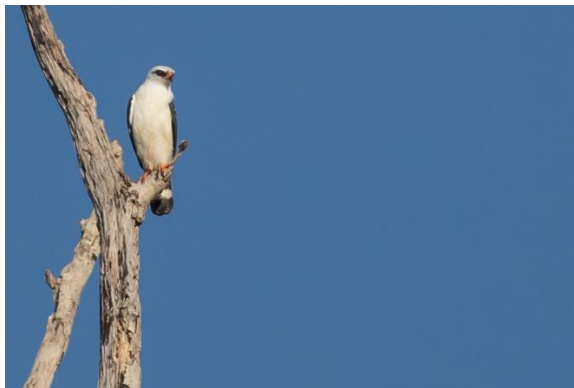
110. Double-toothed Kite *Harpagus b. bidentatus*: 2 Zintete
111. Long-winged Harrier *Circus buffoni*: 1m hunting btw Chocopot and Weg naar Zee
112. Plumbeous Kite *Ictinia plumbea*: Powakka, Zanderij, Zintete, Brownsberg
113. Snail Kite *Rostrhamus s. sociabilis*: 2 Peperpot, 2 Weg naar Zee, 2 Paramaribo
114. Slender-billed Kite *Helicolestes hamatus*: 4 Peperpot, 1 Republiek
115. Roadside Hawk *Rupornis m. magnirostris*: Peperpot, Warappa Kreek
116. **Rufous Crab-hawk** *Buteogallus aequinoctialis* **RR**: 1 distant bird with prey, Weg naar Zee; 19 Warappa Kreek, this mangrove creek probably the best site in the world for it
117. Savanna Hawk *Buteogallus meridionalis*: 1 S of Bernharddorp
118. Great Black Hawk *Buteogallus u. urubitinga*: 1, resident near Zintete Lodge (Amazonian)
119. White Hawk *Pseudastur a. albicollis*: 9 Zintete, 1 Brownsberg
120. **Black-faced Hawk** *Leucopternis melanops*: 2 Zintete





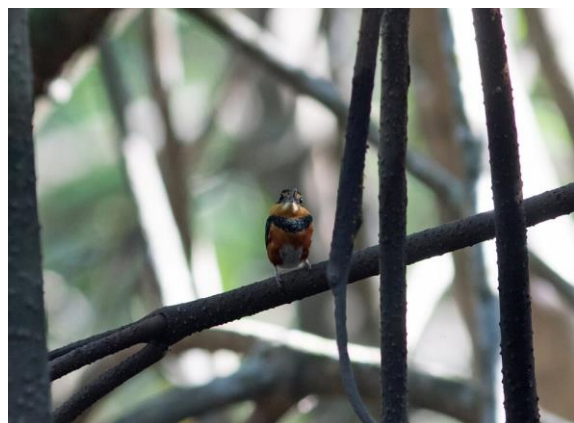
Great Black Hawk *Buteogallus u. urubitinga*, Zintete-Fredberg Lodge, 7 Dec 2017; Pearl Kite *Gampsonyx swainsonii leonae*, Zanderij, 1 Dec 2017 (Garry Bakker)

- 121. Grey-lined Hawk *Buteo n. nitidus*: 1 Powakka, 2 Zintete
- 122. Short-tailed Hawk *Buteo b. brachyurus*: 1 Brownsberg
- 123. Black-tailed Trogon *Trogon m. melanurus*: 6 Zintete, 1m Brownsberg
- 124. Green-backed Trogon *Trogon viridis*: Powakka, Zanderij, Zintete, Brownsberg
- 125. **Guianan (Violaceous) Trogon** *Trogon v. violaceus* **RRs**: 2 Peperpot, 1 Zintete
- 126. (Southern) Collared Trogon *Trogon c. collaris*: 2 Brownsberg



Black-faced Hawk *Leucopternis melanops*, Zintete, 4 Dec 2017; (Amazonian) White Hawk *Pseudastur a. albicollis*, Zintete, 2 Dec 2017 (Garry Bakker)

- 127. Amazonian Motmot *Momotus m. momota*: 12 Zintete
- 128. Amazon Kingfisher *Chloroceryle amazona*: 1 Warappa Kreek (GB, GG)
- 129. American Pygmy-kingfisher *Chloroceryle a. aenea*: 6 Warappa Kreek, 1m Zintete
- 130. Green-and-rufous Kingfisher *Chloroceryle i. inda*: 2 Warappa Kreek, 1 Peperpot
- 131. Brown Jacamar *Brachygalba l. lugubris*: common Zintete (17 recorded)
- 132. **Yellow-billed Jacamar** *Galbula albirostris* **RR**: 1 HO, 1p seen Zintete



Green-backed Trogon *Trogon viridis*, Zanderij, 1 Dec 2017 (Fred Pansa); American Pygmy-kingfisher *Chloroceryle a. aenea*, Warappa Kreek, 29 Nov 2017 (Gerjon Gelling)



Yellow-billed Jacamar *Galbula albirostris*, Zintete-Fredberg Lodge, 4 Dec 2017; juvenile Green-tailed Jacamar *Galbula galbula*, Zanderij, 28 Nov 2017 (Gerjon Gelling)

- 133. **Green-tailed Jacamar** *Galbula galbula* **RR**: 5 Zanderij, 5 Peperpot E, 1 Republiek
- 134. **Bronzy Jacamar** *Galbula leucogastra*: 2 Powakka
- 135. **Paradise Jacamar** *Galbula dea*: 1 SE of Zanderij, common Zintete (15 recorded)
- 136. **Great Jacamar** *Jacamerops aureus*: 2 HO, 2 seen Zintete, 1 Brownsberg



Paradise Jacamar *Galbula dea*, near Brownsweg, 1 Dec 2017 (Gerjon Gelling); Great Jacamar *Jacamerops aureus*, Zintete-Fredberg Lodge, 8 Dec 2017 (Fred Pansa)

- 137. **Guianan Puffbird** *Notharchus macrorhynchos* **RR**: 1 HO Republiek, 5 Zintete
- 138. **Greater Pied Puffbird** *Notharchus tectus*: 5 Zintete
- 139. **Spotted Puffbird** *Nystactes (Bucco) t. tamatia*: 4 Powakka, 1 Peperpot E, 1 Republiek
- 140. **Collared Puffbird** *Bucco capensis*: 1 Brownsberg
- 141. **White-chested Puffbird** *Malacoptila fusca*: 1 Zintete
- 142. **Black Nunbird** *Monasa atra* **RR**: 8 Zintete
- 143. **Swallow-winged Puffbird** *Chelidoptera tenebrosa*: Powakka, Zanderij, S of Brownsweg, Zintete
- 144. **Red-billed (White-throated) Toucan** *Ramphastos tucanus* **RR**: 1 Powakka, 3 btw Republiek & Zanderij, frequent Zintete
- 145. **Channel-billed Toucan** *Ramphastos vitellinus* **RR**: 1 Powakka, 2 Republiek, 6 S of Zanderij, 2 Zintete
- 146. **Guianan Toucanet** *Selenidera piperivora* **RR**: 5 Zintete, 5 Brownsberg





Guianan Puffbird *Notharchus macrorhynchos*, Zintete, 2 Dec 2017; Spotted Puffbird *Nystactes t. tamatia*, Powakka, 28 Nov 2017 (Garry Bakker)

- 147. **Green Araçari** *Pteroglossus viridis* **RR**: 13 Zintete, 9 Brownsberg
- 148. **Black-necked Araçari** *Pteroglossus aracari*: 2 W of Brownsweg, 2 Zintete
- 149. **Black-spotted Barbet** *Capito niger* **RR**: 1p Republiek, 8 Zintete, 1 Brownsberg



Black-spotted Barbet *Capito niger*, Zintete, 4 Dec 2017 (Garry Bakker); Red-billed (White-throated) Toucan *Ramphastos tucanus*, Zintete, 3 Dec 2017 (Fred Pansa)

- 150. **Golden-spangled Piculet** *Picumnus exilis buffonii* **RR**: 1 Republiek
- 151. **Arrowhead (Guianan) Piculet** *Picumnus minutissimus* **RR**: 6 Peperpot (both ends)
- 152. **Red-necked Woodpecker** *Campephilus rubricollis*: 3 HO, 5 seen Zintete, 1 Brownsberg
- 153. **Crimson-crested Woodpecker** *Campephilus melanoleucos*: 1p Warappa Kreek
- 154. **Yellow-throated Woodpecker** *Piculus f. flavigula*: 6 Zintete, 3 Brownsberg
- 155. **Spot-breasted Woodpecker** *Colaptes p. punctigula*: 1p Warappa Kreek
- 156. **Golden-olive Woodpecker** *Colaptes rubiginosus nigriceps* **RRs**: 5 Brownsberg
- 157. **Cream-colored Woodpecker** *Celeus f. flavus*: 1f Warappa Kreek



Female Spot-breasted Woodpecker *Colaptes p. punctigula*, Warappa Kreek, 29 Nov 2017; female Red-necked Woodpecker *Campephilus rubricollis*, Zintete, 6 Dec 2017 (Garry Bakker)

158. **Waved Woodpecker** *Celeus u. undatus* **RR**: 2 HO, 2 seen Zintete, 2 HO, 1f seen Brownsberg
159. Chestnut Woodpecker *Celeus elegans hellmayri* **RRs**: 1m Warappa Kreek, 1m Peperpot E, 5 Zintete
160. Lined Woodpecker *Hylatomus (Dryocopus) l. lineatus*: 1m Powakka, 1f Republiek, 2 Zintete
161. Yellow-tufted Woodpecker *Melanerpes cruentatus*: 1 Zanderij, 15 Zintete
162. **Golden-collared Woodpecker** *Veniliornis cassini* **RR**: 1p Republiek, 3 Zintete, 1 Brownsberg
163. **Blood-colored Woodpecker** *Veniliornis sanguineus* **RR**: 6 Peperpot (both ends), 1 Warappa Kreek



Golden-winged Parakeet *Brotogeris chrysoptera* over Republiek, 1 Dec 2017; pair of Red-bellied Macaw *Orthopsittaca manilatus* over Colakreek, 28 Nov 2017 (Garry Bakker)

164. Laughing Falcon *Herpetotheres cachinnans*: 1 HO Peperpot, 1 Zintete
165. **[HO]** Barred Forest-falcon *Micrastur ruficollis*: 2 Zintete
166. Lined Forest-falcon *Micrastur gilvicollis*: 1 taped in, another HO, Brownsberg
167. **[HO]** Slaty-backed Forest-falcon *Micrastur mirandollei*: 2 Zintete
168. Red-throated Caracara *Ibycter americanus*: frequent Zintete, Brownsberg
169. Yellow-headed Caracara *Milvago chimachima cordata*: Peperpot, Warappa Kreek, Zanderij
170. Black Caracara *Daptrius ater*: 2 flying past Tapir Lodge, Brownsberg (GB, GG)
171. Bat Falcon *Falco ruficularis*: 1 Warappa Kreek, 1 SE of Zanderij, 7 S of Brownsweg, 3 Zintete
172. **Orange-breasted Falcon** *Falco deiroleucus*: 1 scoped at great distance from the top of Fredberg. A direct comparison was possible with 1p Bat Falcon, that were noticeably smaller and did not have red on the upper breast.
173. Aplomado Falcon *Falco femoralis*: 1 over Peperpot E parking lot at dawn
174. Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*: 1 btw Paramaribo and the airport (GB, RH)
175. **Lilac-tailed Parrotlet** *Touit batavicus* **RR**: 2 over Zintete, fabulous prolonged views of 15 feeding in a solitary tree, Brownsberg settlement
176. **Sapphire-rumped Parrotlet** *Touit purpuratus* **RR**: 1p over the rocks at the start of the Fredberg trail (GG, RH)
177. Golden-winged Parakeet *Brotogeris chrysoptera*: 8 Republiek, 17 Zintete



Feeding Northern Red-shouldered Macaw *Diopsittaca nobilis*, Colakreek, 28 Nov 2017; mating pair of Caica Parrot *Pyrilia caica*, Zintete, 3 Dec 2017 (Garry Bakker)





Green-rumped Parrotlets *Forpus passerinus*, Republiek, 1 Dec 2017; feeding Northern Red-shouldered Macaws *Diopsittaca nobilis*, Colakreek, 28 Nov 2017 (Garry Bakker)

- 178. **Caica Parrot** *Pyrilia caica* **RR**: 8 Zintete, incl a displaying & mating pair
- 179. **Dusky Parrot** *Pionus fuscus* **RR**: 3 over Republiek, 8 Zintete
- 180. Blue-headed Parrot *Pionus m. menstruus*: 16 Zintete
- 181. Southern Mealy Amazon *Amazona farinosa*: 1 W of Brownsweg, 12 Zintete
- 182. Orange-winged Amazon *Amazona amazonica*: 23 Peperpot, 2 Colakreek, 100+ Warappa Kreek, 4 W of Brownsweg, 4 Zintete, 2 Eco Resort Inn. Almost all were seen flying overhead.
- 183. Green-rumped Parrotlet *Forpus passerinus*: 38 around Paramaribo, 20 Republiek
- 184. Black-headed Parrot *Pionites m. melanocephalus*: 11 Zintete, incl fantastic views
- 185. Red-fan Parrot *Deropterus a. accipitrinus*: 6 S of Brownsweg, 17 Zintete, 4 Brownsberg
- 186. **Painted Parakeet** *Pyrrhura picta* **RR**: 70 Zintete, incl fantastic scope views
- 187. Brown-throated Parakeet *Eupsittula pertinax surinama*: 2 airport (Zanderij)
- 188. Red-bellied Macaw *Orthopsittaca manilatus*: 7 over Colakreek
- 189. Scarlet Macaw *Ara m. macao*: 6 Zintete
- 190. Red-and-green Macaw *Ara chloropterus*: 11 Zintete
- 191. **Northern Red-shouldered Macaw** *Diopsittaca nobilis* **RR**: fabulous views of 15 feeding at Colakreek. Split by HBW from Southern Red-shouldered Macaw *D. cumanensis*.
- 192. White-eyed Parakeet *Psittacara leucophthalmus*: 16 Zintete



Red-fan Parrot *Deropterus a. accipitrinus*, Zintete, 3 Dec 2017; pair of Red-and-green Macaw *Ara chloropterus*, Zintete, 2 Dec 2017 (Garry Bakker)

- 193. Ash-winged Antwren *Euchrepomis s. spodioptila*: 1 HO, 1 seen Zintete
- 194. Black-throated Antbird *Myrmophylax a. atrothorax*: 1m Peperpot E, 1p Zintete, 1m singing Brownsberg
- 195. Dot-winged Antwren *Microrhopias quixensis microstictus* **RRs**: 2p Zintete
- 196. **Brown-bellied Antwren** *Epinecrophylla gutturalis* **RR**: 13 Zintete, 2 Brownsberg
- 197. Southern White-fringed Antwren *Formicivora g. grisea*: 5 Powakka
- 198. Pygmy Antwren *Myrmotherula brachyura*: 2 Brownsberg
- 199. **Guianan Streaked Antwren** *Myrmotherula surinamensis* **RR**: 3 Zintete
- 200. White-flanked Antwren *Myrmotherula a. axillaris*: 3 Peperpot, 17 Zintete, 6 Brownsberg
- 201. Long-winged Antwren *Myrmotherula l. longipennis*: 9 Zintete



Male White-flanked Antwren *Myrmotherula a. axillaris*, Brownsberg, 10 Dec 2017; male Guianan Streaked Antwren *Myrmotherula surinamensis*, Zintete, 7 Dec 2017 (Garry Bakker)

202. Grey Antwren *Myrmotherula menetriesii cinereiventris* **RRs**: 3m Zintete, 1m Brownsberg
203. **Rufous-bellied Antwren** *Isleria guttata* **RR**: 5 Zintete, HO Brownsberg
204. Dusky-throated Antshrike *Thamnomanes ardesiacus obidensis*: 6 Zintete, but probably under-recorded since it's a flock-leader here
205. Cinereous Antshrike *Thamnomanes caesius glaucus*: 10 Zintete, 1m Brownsberg
206. **Spot-tailed Antwren** *Herpsilochmus sticturus* **RR**: 13 Zintete, 4 Brownsberg
207. **Todd's Antwren** *Herpsilochmus stictocephalus* **RR**: 1p, 1 HO Zintete
208. Fasciated Antshrike *Cymbilaimus l. lineatus*: 7 Zintete
209. Great Antshrike *Taraba major semifasciatus*: 1f Chocopot, 1m Bakkie, 1 HO S of Brownsweg, 1f Zintete



Female Great Antshrike *Taraba major semifasciatus*, Chocopot, 27 Nov 2017; male Northern ('Guianan') Slaty-Antshrike *Thamnophilus p. punctatus*, Powakka, 28 Nov 2017 (Garry Bakker)

210. **Black-throated Antshrike** *Frederickena viridis* **RR**: 1 HO Fredberg, 1p + 1m Brownsberg
211. **Black-crested Antshrike** *Sakesphorus c. canadensis* **RRs**: 9 Peperpot (both ends), 1 Chocopot, 5 Warappa Kreek
212. Barred Antshrike *Thamnophilus d. doliatus* **RRs**: Peperpot, Warappa Kreek, Republiek, Eco Resort Inn
213. Mouse-colored Antshrike *Thamnophilus m. murinus* **RRs**: 6 Zintete, 2 Brownsberg; probably under-recorded
214. **Northern ('Guianan') Slaty-Antshrike** *Thamnophilus p. punctatus* **RRs**: 5 Powakka, 2 Zintete
215. Amazonian Antshrike *Thamnophilus amazonicus divaricatus* **RRs**: 9 Zintete
216. Grey Antbird *Cercomacra cinerascens immaculata* **RRs**: recorded 10 Zintete, 7 Brownsberg; hard to get good views of, birds sticking to dense tangles in subcanopy, but seen in both locations
217. Blackish Antbird *Cercomacroides n. nigrescens* **RRs**: 4 Peperpot E, 1p Zintete
218. Dusky Antbird *Cercomacroides tyrannina saturator* **RRs**: 5 Zintete, 4 Brownsberg
219. **Guianan Antwarbler** *Hypocnemis cantator* **RR**: 8 Zintete, 3 HO Brownsberg
220. **White-plumed Antbird** *Pithys a. albifrons* **RRs**: 8 at large army antswarm, Zintete





Male and female Black-crested Antshrike *Sakesphorus c. canadensis*, Peperpot E, 27 and 30 Nov 2017 (Gerjon Gelling, Garry Bakker)

221. Common Scale-backed Antbird *Willisornis p. poecilinotus* **RRs**: 2m, 1f Zintete

222. **Rufous-throated Antbird** *Gymnopithys r. rufigula* **RR(s)**: 1p at small army antswarm, Zintete Lodge; 10+ at large army antswarm, Zintete



Male Black-throated Antshrike *Frederickena viridis*, Brownsberg, 10 Dec 2017; female Amazonian Antshrike *Thamnophilus amazonicus divaricatus*, Zintete, 5 Dec 2017 (Garry Bakker)

223. **Ferruginous-backed Antbird** *Myrmoderus f. ferrugineus* **RR(s)**: 7 Zintete, 5 Brownsberg, usually easy to see and confiding, a brilliant bird!

224. Spot-backed Antbird *Hylophylax n. naevius*: 2m Zintete

225. Black-chinned Antbird *Hypocnemoides m. melanopogon*: 1m Peperpot E (also singing), 1m opposite Zintete Lodge, both feeding adjacent to water

226. Silvered Antbird *Sclateria n. naevia* **RRs**: brilliant views of 1p Peperpot W, 2 HO Warappa Kreek, 1 HO Zintete

227. White-browed Antbird *Myrmoborus leucophrys angustirostris* **RRs**: 1p Peperpot W

228. **Black-headed Antbird** *Percnostola r. rufifrons* **RR(s)**: single male and female, 1p and 2m (the latter two at a large army antswarm), Zintete; 1 HO Brownsberg



Female and male Dusky Antbird *Cercomacroides tyrannina saturator*, Brownsberg, 10 Dec 2017 (Garry Bakker)



Ferruginous-backed Antbird *Myrmoderus f. ferrugineus*, Zintete, 4 Dec 2017; Silvered Antbird *Sclateria n. naevia*, Peperpot W, 27 Nov 2017 (Garry Bakker)

229. **Southern Wing-banded Antbird** *Myrmornis torquata*: great views of 1p feeding along the Fredberg trail, a known spot for Fred. HBW splits this off Northern Wing-banded Antbird *M. stictoptera*.



Female Southern Wing-banded Antbird *Myrmornis torquata*, Fredberg trail, 6 Dec 2017; male Black-chinned Antbird *Hypocnemoides m. melanopogon* Peperpot E, 30 Nov 2017 (Garry Bakker)

230. **[HO]** (Northern) Variegated Antpitta *Grallaria v. varia*: 1 Fredberg, distant  
 231. **Spotted Antpitta** *Hylopezus m. macularius* **RRs**: 1 seen well, 1 HO Zintete  
 232. **Thrush-like Antpitta** *Myrmothera c. campanisona* **RRs**: brilliant views of 1p, 10 HO Zintete, 4 HO Brownsberg



Spotted Antpitta *Hylopezus m. macularius*, Zintete, 3 Dec 2017; Thrush-like Antpitta *Myrmothera c. campanisona*, Zintete, 3 Dec 2017 (Garry Bakker)

233. **Rufous-capped Antthrush** *Formicarius c. colma*: brilliant views of 1p, 1 HO Zintete  
 234. Black-faced Antthrush *Formicarius analis crissalis* **RRs**: brilliant views of 1p + 2 singles, 4 HO Zintete, 1 HO Brownsberg  
 235. Plain-brown (Line-throated) Woodcreeper *Dendrocincla f. fuliginosa*: singles Warappa Kreek & Zintete



236. (Central) Wedge-billed Woodcreeper *Glyphorhynchus s. spirurus*: 9 Zintete, 1 Brownsberg
237. Cinnamon-throated Woodcreeper *Dendrexetastes r. rufigula* **RRs**: 1 seen, 1 HO Zintete
238. Amazonian Barred Woodcreeper *Dendrocolaptes c. certhia*: 2 Zintete
239. Black-banded Woodcreeper *Dendrocolaptes p. picumnus* **RRs**: 2 Zintete
240. **Chestnut-rumped Woodcreeper** *Xiphorhynchus p. pardalotus* **RR**: 12+ Zintete, 6 Brownsberg
241. Buff-throated Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus guttatus polystictus* **RRs**: 1 possible, Chocopot; 3 Zintete, 2 Brownsberg
242. Straight-billed Woodcreeper *Dendroplex p. picus* **RRs**: 3 Peperpot, 2 Warappa Kreek
243. **Guianan (Lineated) Woodcreeper** *Lepidocolaptes albolineatus* **RR**: 5 Zintete, 1 Brownsberg



McConnell's Spinetail *Synallaxis macconnelli obscurior*, Zintete, 4 Dec 2017; Straight-billed Woodcreeper *Dendroplex p. picus* feeding on a cicada, Peperpot W, 27 Nov 2017 (Garry Bakker)

244. Plain Xenops *Xenops genibarbis ruficaudus*: 3 Zintete, 1 Brownsberg
245. **Slender-billed Xenops** *Xenops tenuirostris hellmayri* **RRs**: 2 Zintete, 1 Brownsberg
246. **(Point-tailed) Palmcreeper** *Berlepschia rikeri*: 1p taped in, with much effort, by Otte at Colakreek
247. Rufous-rumped Foliage-gleaner *Philydor e. erythrocercum*: 1 Zintete
248. Rufous-tailed Foliage-gleaner *Anabacerthia ruficaudata flavipectus*: 7 Zintete, 2 Brownsberg



Rufous-tailed Foliage-gleaner *Anabacerthia ruficaudata flavipectus*, Zintete, 5 Dec 2017 (Fred Pansa); Saffron-crested Tyrant-manakin *Neopelma chrysocephalum*, Powakka, 28 Nov 2017 (Garry Bakker)

249. (Western) Buff-throated Foliage-gleaner *Automolus ochrolaemus turdinus*: 1 Zanderij, 2 Zintete
250. Yellow-chinned Spinetail *Certhiaxis c. cinnamomeus* **RRs**: 3 Eco Resort Inn, 5 Torarica Hotel (both Paramaribo)
251. Plain-crowned Spinetail *Synallaxis g. gujanensis*: 3 Peperpot
252. Ruddy Spinetail *Synallaxis rutilans dissors*: 1 Zintete
253. **McConnell's Spinetail** *Synallaxis macconnelli obscurior* **RR(s)**: 3 singles Zintete



Ad male and imm female Crimson Fruitcrow *Haematoderus militaris*, Zintete, 2 Dec 2017 (Garry Bakker)

254. [HO] Pale-breasted Spinetail *Synallaxis albescens josephinae*: 1 heard in a flock, SE of Zanderij (RH)
255. **Saffron-crested Tyrant-manakin** *Neopelma chrysocephalum* **RR**: 3 Powakka
256. **Tiny Tyrant-manakin** *Tyrannetes virescens* **RR**: 2 Zintete
257. **Black Manakin** *Xenopipo atronitens*: 4 lekking at Powakka graveyard, 2 S of Powakka
258. White-bearded Manakin *Manacus m. manacus*: 3m, 1f at lek S of Powakka, 1f near Zanderij, 2f Zintete
259. **Crimson-hooded Manakin** *Pipra a. aureola* **RR(s)**: 2m lekking Chocopot, 2m Warappa Kreek, 1m Peperpot E
260. (Northern) White-crowned Manakin *Pseudopipra p. pipra*: 5 Zintete
261. Golden-headed Manakin *Ceratopipra e. erythrocephala*: 1f Republiek, 7 Zintete, 6 Brownsberg
262. **White-fronted Manakin** *Lepidothrix serena* **RR**: 2m, 4f Brownsberg
263. **White-throated Manakin** *Corapipo gutturalis* **RR**: 1m top of Fredberg, 11 Brownsberg



Strongly backlit male Purple-breasted Cotinga *Cotinga cotinga*, Zintete, 7 Dec 2017 (Garry Bakker)

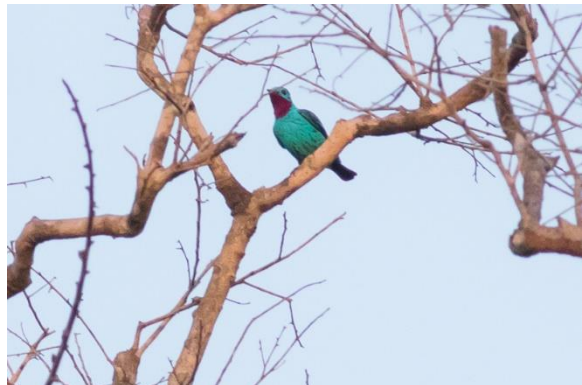
264. **Guianan Cock-of-the-rock** *Rupicola rupicola* **RR**: 3m HO, with (the same?) 2m seen later near the lek at the base of Fredberg (late morning). Three males lekking at the base of Fredberg when starting the ascend (7 am), with 7 ad m, 1 imm m and 2f seen at the lek at the top of Fredberg the following morning (lek active from 6.45 to at least 9 am)
265. **Guianan Red Cotinga** *Phoenicircus carnifex* **RR**: 3 each at Zintete & Brownsberg, as follows: poor views of one flying overhead, plus tricky brief views of 1p (not seen well by all), Zintete (Dec 7); 1f, seen well by all, Brownsberg (Dec 10); 1p, both sexes seen well by all, Brownsberg (Dec 12)
266. **Crimson Fruitcrow** *Haematoderus militaris* **RR**: 10 Zintete, as follows: 1p plus 5 in one tree (with 8 Pompadour and a few Spangled Cotingas, too) on our first full day at Zintete (Dec 2); 1 HO along the trail to Fredberg (Dec 5); 1 ad + 1 imm male on Dec 6
267. Purple-throated Fruitcrow *Querula purpurata*: 1p nestbuilding Zanderij, 7 Zintete
268. **Capuchinbird** *Perissocephalus tricolor* **RR**: 5+ lekking males along the logging road (Dec 7), with 3 lekking males behind Zintete-Fredberg Lodge on Dec 8. **Bird of the trip** for me: both sight and sound of the bird have to be experienced to fully do it justice!





Male Guianan Red Cotinga *Phoenicircus carnifex*, Brownsberg, 11 Dec 2017; pair of Purple-throated Fruitcrow *Querula purpurata* collecting nesting material, Zanderij, 1 Dec 2017 (Garry Bakker)

269. Screaming Piha *Lipaugus vociferans*: Suriname (Dutch) name: Bospolitie ('Forest Police'): common by voice Zintete, less so Brownsberg, but also regular sightings, with over 10 seen at both Zintete and Brownsberg  
( ) White Bellbird *Procnias albus*: we spent about an hour on each of two mornings, at a site where Fred (& our Dutch friends) saw a singing male of this species (a lifer for all of them) on Nov 14 at Brownsberg (GPS 4.932, -55.199) but no sign of it. This is a rare species, with most Suriname sightings coming from Colakreek.
270. Spangled Cotinga *Cotinga cayana*: 1f Colakreek, 9 Zintete, 2 Brownsberg
271. **Purple-breasted Cotinga** *Cotinga cotinga*: 1p prior to dusk, and prolonged views of a confiding male at 3 pm, Zintete
272. Pompadour Cotinga *Xipholena punicea*: 1p Powakka, 1p Colakreek, 1m Zanderij, 1m S of Brownsweg, 15 Zintete (max 8 in one tree, together with 5 Crimson Fruitcrows & 2 Spangleds), 4 Brownsberg
273. **Sharpbill** *Oxyruncus cristatus hypoglaucus* **RRs**: 7 Brownsberg
274. Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher *Terenotriccus e. erythrus* **RRs**: 2 Zintete
275. Whiskered (Bearded) Flycatcher *Myiobius b. barbatus*: 1 Zintete
276. **Dusky Purpletuft** *Iodopleura fusca* **RR**: 1p Zintete
277. Western Black-tailed Tityra *Tityra cayana*: 1 Republiek, 4 Zintete, 2 Brownsberg



Pair of Dusky Purpletuft *Iodopleura fusca*, Zintete, 7 Dec 2017; male Spangled Cotinga *Cotinga cayana*, Zintete, 2 Dec 2017 (Garry Bakker)

278. Pink-throated Becard *Pachyramphus minor*: 3 Zintete, 2 Brownsberg
279. **Glossy-backed Becard** *Pachyramphus surinamus* **RR**: single singing males at Colakreek & Zintete
280. Black-capped Becard *Pachyramphus marginatus nanus*: 1p, 2m Zintete, 1p Brownsberg
281. White-winged Becard *Pachyramphus polychopterus tristis*: 3m Peperpot, 1 HO Warappa Kreek
282. **Guianan Schiffornis** (Olivaceous Mourner) *Schiffornis olivacea* **RR**: 1 HO Zintete, 2 HO Fredberg, 2 seen well at Brownsberg
283. Cinereous Mourner *Laniocera hypopyrra*: 1 HO (singing) Zintete, 1 seen Brownsberg
284. **Olive-green Tyrannulet** *Phylloscartes virescens* **RR**: 1 Peperpot E
285. Ochre-bellied (Oleaginous) Flycatcher *Mionectes o. oleagineus*: 2 Brownsberg

286. **McConnell's Flycatcher** *Mionectes m. macconnelli* **RR(s)**: 3 Zintete, 3 Brownsberg
287. Eastern Olivaceous Flatbill *Rhynchocyclus olivaceus guianensis*: 7 Zintete
288. Yellow-olive Flatbill *Tolmomyias sulphurescens cherriei*: 1 in a large mixed-species flock at Brownsberg (RH)
289. Grey-crowned Flatbill *Tolmomyias poliocephalus sclateri*: 1 Peperpot E
290. Ochre-lored Flatbill *Tolmomyias flaviventris aurulentus*: 1 HO Warappa Kreek, 1 Peperpot E
291. Short-tailed Pygmy-tyrant *Myiornis ecaudatus miserabilis*: 1 Zintete
292. Double-banded Pygmy-tyrant *Lophotriccus vitiosus guianensis* **RRs**: 8 Zintete
293. Helmeted Pygmy-tyrant *Lophotriccus galeatus*: 1 Zanderij, 1 Zintete
294. **Boat-billed Tody-tyrant** *Hemitriccus josephinae* **RR**: 1p Zintete (high up)
295. Spotted Tody-flycatcher *Todirostrum m. maculatum* **RRs**: 1p Peperpot W, 7 Warappa Kreek, 1 Eco Resort Inn
296. Common Tody-flycatcher *Todirostrum c. cinereum*: 5 Peperpot W, 2 Colakreek, 1 Eco Resort Inn
297. **Painted Tody-flycatcher** *Todirostrum pictum* **RR**: 2 Peperpot E (very difficult to spot, even in fairly open trees), 2 HO Zintete
298. **Guianan Tyrannulet** *Zimmerius acer* **RR**: 1 Peperpot, 3 Zintete, 5 Brownsberg
299. **Pale-tipped Inezia** (Tyrannulet) *Inezia c. caudata* **RR**: 1 taped in, Warappa Kreek
300. White-lored Tyrannulet *Ornithion inerme*: 1 Zintete (GG)
301. Southern Beardless Tyrannulet *Camptostoma obsoletum napaeum*: 1 Republiek
302. **Rufous-crowned Elaenia** *Elaenia ruficeps* **RR**: 1 Powakka
303. Plain-crested Elaenia *Elaenia c. cristata*: 3 Peperpot (both ends), 4 Powakka, 2 Eco Resort Inn
304. Yellow-bellied Elaenia *Elaenia f. flavogaster*: 1 near nest, Peperpot W, 1 Powakka
305. Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet *Tyrannulus elatus*: 1 HO Republiek, 2 HO Zintete, 1 Brownsberg
306. Forest Elaenia *Myiopagis gaimardii guianensis*: 1 Zintete
307. Mouse-colored Tyrannulet *Phaeomyias murina incomta*: 1 Bakkie



Greyish Mourner *Rhytipterna simplex frederici* and Cinnamon Attila *Attila cinnamomeus*, Peperpot W, 27 Nov 2017 (Gerjon Gelling)

308. Cinnamon Attila *Attila cinnamomeus*: 4 Peperpot (both ends)
309. Bright-rumped Attila *Attila s. spadiceus*: 1 Colakreek, 2 Brownsberg
310. Piratic Flycatcher *Legatus l. leucophaeus*: 3 Peperpot (both ends), of which 2 attending a nest; 1 Colakreek, 2 Zanderij, 2 S of Brownsweg
311. Great Kiskadee *Pitangus s. sulphuratus*: Suriname (Dutch) name: Grietje Bie (onomatopaeic name): frequently recorded at Zanderij and at (half-open) sites around Paramaribo; not recorded in true forest sites such as Zintete or Brownsberg
312. Lesser Kiskadee *Philohydor l. lictor*: 3 S of Brownsweg, 1 Zintete
313. Sulphury Flycatcher *Tyrannopsis sulphurea*: 2 Republiek, 1 S of Brownsweg
314. Boat-billed Flycatcher *Megarynchus p. pitangua*: singles Peperpot W, Zintete & Eco Resort Inn
315. (Northern) Streaked Flycatcher *Myiodynastes m. maculatus*: 1 Peperpot (GB, GG)
316. Rusty-margined Flycatcher *Myiozetetes c. cayanensis*: 3 Peperpot (both ends), 1 Zintete, 1 Brownsberg



317. Dusky-chested Flycatcher *Myiozetetes luteiventris septentrionalis* **RRs**: 1 Colakreek, 1p Zintete (probably nesting nearby)
318. Yellow-throated Flycatcher *Conopias parvus*: 1 Peperpot E, 1 Republiek, 7 (incl a displaying pair) Zintete
319. Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus m. melancholicus*: 3 airport, 1 Powakka, 2 Republiek, 1 Zintete, 3 Eco Resort Inn
320. Grey Kingbird *Tyrannus d. dominicensis*: 1 Chocopot
321. Fork-tailed Flycatcher *Tyrannus savana monachus*: 1 Peperpot W
322. Greyish Mourner *Rhytipterna simplex frederici*: 1 Peperpot W, 1 Zintete, 1 HO Brownsberg
323. **[HO]** Pale-bellied Mourner *Rhytipterna immunda* **RR**: 1 S of Powakka
324. **Todd's Sirystes** *Sirystes subcanescens* **RR**: 1 Zintete  
( ) Swainson's/Short-crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus swainsoni / ferox*: 1 Zanderij
325. Long-tailed Tyrant *Colonia colonus poecilonota* **RRs**: 3 S of Brownsweg, 5 Zintete
326. Bran-colored Flycatcher *Myiophobus f. fasciatus*: 1 Powakka
327. Pied Water-tyrant *Fluvicola pica*: 11: Peperpot, Bakkie, Eco Resort Inn, Lelydorp
328. White-headed Marsh-tyrant *Arundinicola leucocephala*: singles Onverwacht, Bakkie, airport at Zanderij



Pied Water-tyrant *Fluvicola pica* and Spotted Tody-flycatcher *Todirostrum m. maculatum*, Bakkie, 29 Nov 2017 (Gerjon Gelling)

329. **White-throated Pewee** *Contopus albobularis* **RR**: 1 in mixed species flock (created by playing the call of Amazonian Pygmy-Owl) halfway the entrance road to Brownsberg (regularly returning inbetween sallies to an dead set of branches in the canopy at GPS 4.956, -55.181); photographed and sound-recorded. Rarely encountered anywhere; lifer for guide Fred Pansa (and for us of course).
330. Rufous-browed Peppershrike *Cyclarhis g. gujanensis*: 1 Warappa Kreek, 1 Zintete
331. Ashy-headed Greenlet *Hylophilus pectoralis*: 1 Peperpot W, 3 Eco Resort Inn
332. Lemon-chested Greenlet *Hylophilus g. griseiventris*: 4 Zintete
333. Slaty-capped Shrike-vireo *Vireolanus l. leucotis*: 1 HO Zintete, 2 Brownsberg
334. Tawny-crowned (Olive-crowned) Greenlet *Tunchiornis ochraceiceps*: 6 Zintete. HBW Alive splits this Tawny-crowned Greenlet ssp (with its cap obviously less distinct tawny than other ssp) as Olive-crowned Greenlet *Tunchiornis luteifrons*.
335. Buff-cheeked Greenlet *Pachysylvia m. muscicapina (Hylophilus muscicapinus)*: 7 Zintete, 2 Brownsberg
336. Red-eyed Vireo *Vireo olivaceus*: 4 Brownsberg
337. Black-whiskered Vireo *Vireo altiloquus*: 2 Brownsberg
338. Cayenne Jay *Cyanocorax cayanus*: 2 Republiek, 4 Zanderij
339. Donacobius *Donacobius a. atricapilla*: 1p Peperpot W end, 1p Bakkie B&B (Warappa Kreek)
340. American Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica erythrogaster*: 1 Weg naar Zee
341. White-winged Swallow *Tachycineta albiventer*: 25 Peperpot W, 6 Zanderij, 3 Warappa Kreek, 4 Brownsberg, 3 Eco Resort Inn
342. Brown-chested Martin *Progne t. tapera*: c 20 airport
343. Purple Martin *Progne subis*: 1p Chocopot
344. Grey-breasted Martin *Progne c. chalybea*: sev Peperpot W, 1 Zanderij, 10 Bakkie, 3 Zintete, 2 Brownsberg, 23 Paramaribo
345. Southern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx r. ruficollis*: 1 Zanderij



Grey-breasted Martin *Progne c. chalybea*, Peperpot W; female and male Purple Martin *Progne subis*, Chocopot, 27 Nov 2017 (Garry Bakker)

- 346. Blue-and-white Swallow *Pygochelidon c. cyanoleuca*: 1 Brownsberg
- 347. White-banded Swallow *Atticora fasciata*: 3 Zintete
- 348. Long-billed Gnatwren *Ramphocaenus melanurus albiventris* **RRs**: 7 Zintete
- 349. Tropical Gnatcatcher *Polioptila p. plumbea* **RRs**: 4 Peperpot (both ends)
- 350. House Wren *Troglodytes aedon clarus*: 11 recorded at sites in and around Paramaribo, 1 Republiek
- 351. Coraya Wren *Pheugopedius c. coraya* **RRs**: 1m singing Colakreek, 1 feeding + 2 HO Zintete
- 352. Buff-breasted Wren *Cantorchilus leucotis albipectus*: 3 Peperpot (both ends), 1 Zintete
- 353. White-breasted Wood-wren *Henicorhina l. leucosticte* **RRs**: 1 Zintete
- 354. (Guianan) Musician Wren *Cyphorhinus a. arada* **RRs**: 1 taped in, Brownsberg
- 355. Tropical Mockingbird *Mimus g. gilvus* **RRs**: singles around Paramaribo; 9 seen
- 356. Pale-breasted Thrush *Turdus leucomelas albiventer* **RRs**: frequent around Paramaribo; 23 seen
- 357. Cocoa Thrush *Turdus f. fumigatus*: 1 HO Chocopot, 9 Zintete (all but 1 HO)
- 358. White-necked (Grey-flanked) Thrush *Turdus albicollis phaeopygus* **RRs**: 2 Zintete, 6 Brownsberg
- 359. Spectacled Thrush *Turdus n. nudigenis* **RR**: singles Peperpot E & Republiek
- 360. **Campina** (Black-billed) **Thrush** *Turdus (ignobilis) arthuri* **RR**: 7 Peperpot. Split by HBW from Black-billed Thrush *T. ignobilis* on the basis of strong molecular and relatively weak plumage differences.
- 361. **[INTRO]** House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*: 5 Paramaribo
- 362. **Finsch's Euphonia** *Euphonia finschi* **RR**: 1p Zintete
- 363. Violaceous Euphonia *Euphonia v. violacea*: 13 Peperpot, 1m Chocopot, 1m Colakreek, 1 Republiek, 1m singing Zintete
- 364. Golden-bellied (White-lored) Euphonia *Euphonia chrysopasta nitida* **RRs**: 4 Zintete, 2 Brownsberg
- 365. White-vented Euphonia *Euphonia m. minuta*: 1f Peperpot W, 1m Zintete
- 366. **Golden-sided Euphonia** *Euphonia cayennensis* **RR**: 1m Republiek, 1p Zintete, 5 Brownsberg



Male Wing-barred Seedeater *Sporophila a. americana*, Bakkie, 29 Nov 2017 (Gerjon Gelling); Grassland Sparrow *Ammodramus h. humeralis*, airport (Zanderij), 28 Nov 2017 (Garry Bakker)



367. Grassland Sparrow *Ammodramus h. humeralis*: c 10 airport, near Zanderij  
 368. Pectoral Sparrow *Arremon t. taciturnus*: 3 Zintete  
 369. Eastern Meadowlark *Sturnella magna praticola* **RRs**: 6 airport, near Zanderij  
 370. Red-breasted Blackbird *Leistes militaris*: 1f in Zanderij, 1m airport fence, 1 singing male Torarica Hotel  
 371. Crested Oropendola *Psarocolius d. decumanus*: Peperpot, Powakka, Onverwacht  
 372. Green Oropendola *Psarocolius viridis*: 1 Powakka, 6 Zintete, 1 Brownsberg  
 373. Yellow-rumped Cacique *Cacicus cela*: 2 Peperpot, 6 Zanderij, c 10 Colakreek, 1 HO Warappa Kreek, 1 Onverwacht  
 374. Red-rumped Cacique *Cacicus h. haemorrhous*: 1 in a Yellow-rumped Cacique colony, Colakreek  
 375. Yellow Oriole *Icterus n. nigrogularis*: 1m Peperpot W  
 376. Epaulet (Moriche) Oriole *Icterus (cayanensis) chrysocephalus*: 1m S of Brownsweg. HBW Alive splits this Epaulet Oriole (with yellow cap, shoulder and rump) off as Moriche Oriole.  
 377. Giant Cowbird *Molothrus o. oryzivorus*: 1 Peperpot W, 2 Colakreek  
 378. Shiny Cowbird *Molothrus bonariensis minimus*: 1f Peperpot W, 4,000+ flying east past Eco Resort Inn at dusk  
 379. Carib Grackle *Quiscalus lugubris*: 1 near airport, Zanderij  
 380. Tropical Parula *Setophaga p. pitiaiyumi*: 4 Brownsberg  
 381. American Yellow Warbler *Setophaga petechia*: singles mainly around Paramaribo: Bakkie, Peperpot E, Republiek, Eco Resort Inn  
 382. Red-billed Pied Tanager *Lamprospiza melanoleuca*: 58 Zintete, 3 Brownsberg  
 383. Rose-breasted Chat *Granatellus pelzelni*: 1f Zintete, 1 singing male top of Fredberg



Black-faced Tanager *Schistochlamys m. melanopsis*, Zanderij, 1 Dec 2017; male Rose-breasted Chat *Granatellus pelzelni*, Fredberg, 6 Dec 2017 (Garry Bakker)

384. Blue-black (Amazonian) Grosbeak *Cyanoloxia (cyanooides) rothschildii*: 1 imm m singing, Brownsberg. HBW Alive splits Blue-black Grosbeak ssp off as Amazonian Grosbeak.  
 385. Yellow-green Grosbeak *Caryothraustes c. canadensis* **RR**: 6 Powakka, 7 Zintete  
 386. Hooded Tanager *Nemosia pileata surinamensis* **RRs**: 1 Chocopot  
 387. **Blue-backed Tanager** *Cyanicterus cyanicterus* **RR**: 5 Zintete, 5 Brownsberg



Male and female Blue-backed Tanager *Cyanicterus cyanicterus*, Brownsberg & Zintete, 10 and 4 Dec 2017 (Garry Bakker)

388. Green Honeycreeper *Chlorophanes s. spiza*: frequent Zintete, Brownsberg
389. Yellow-backed Tanager *Hemithraupis f. flavicollis* **RRs**: 7 Zintete
390. Guira Tanager *Hemithraupis guira nigrigula* **RRs**: 1 Zintete
391. Purple Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes c. caeruleus*: 10 Zintete, 14 Brownsberg
392. Red-legged Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes c. cyaneus* **RRs**: 1m Powakka, 7 Zintete, 10 Brownsberg
393. Blue Dacnis *Dacnis c. cayana*: 3 Zintete, 6 Brownsberg
394. Black-faced Dacnis *Dacnis l. lineata*: 1p Zintete
395. Caribbean Grey (Greyish) Saltator *Saltator o. olivascens*: ones and twos Peperpot W, Warappa Kreek, Eco Resort Inn
396. Buff-throated Saltator *Saltator m. maximus*: 4 Zintete
397. Slate-colored Grosbeak *Saltator g. grossus*: 1 Zintete, 1 HO Brownsberg
398. Bananaquit *Coereba flaveola minima* **RRs**: singles throughout, 13 recorded
399. Blue-black Grassquit *Volatinia jacarina splendens*: Suriname (Dutch) name: Dansmeester ('Dance Master'): 1m Powakka, 1m nestbuilding Zanderij
400. Flame-crested Tanager *Islerothraupis (Tachyphonus) cristata intercedens* **RRs**: 3 Zintete
401. White-shouldered Tanager *Islerothraupis (Tachyphonus) l. luctuosa*: 1 Peperpot W
402. Fulvous-crested Tanager *Maschalethraupis (Tachyphonus) s. surinama* **RRs**: 5 Zintete, 5 Brownsberg
403. Fulvous Shrike-tanager *Lanio f. fulvus*: 1f Zintete, 2 Brownsberg
404. **Red-shouldered Tanager** *Tachyphonus phoenicius*: 11 in white sand forest/scrub next to airport, near Zanderij (two dates)
405. White-lined Tanager *Tachyphonus rufus*: ones and twos, 18 seen
406. Silver-beaked Tanager *Ramphocelus c. carbo*: small flocks throughout (except Brownsberg); 68 recorded
407. **Lesson's Seedeater** *Sporophila bouvronides* **RR**: 12 Peperpot W
408. Wing-barred Seedeater *Sporophila a. americana* **RR(s)**: Peperpot W, Bakkie, Republiek, Torarica Hotel
409. Ruddy-breasted Seedeater *Sporophila m. minuta*: 2m airport, Zanderij
410. **Bicolored Conebill** *Conirostrum b. bicolor* **RR**: 3 Suriname River, Eco Resort Inn
411. Black-faced Tanager *Schistochlamys m. melanopis* **RRs**: 1 Powakka, 2 Zanderij
412. Spotted Tanager *Tangara p. punctata* **RRs**: 3 Zintete, 2 Brownsberg
413. **Speckled Tanager** *Tangara g. guttata* **RRs**: 9 Zintete
414. White-edged (Blue-grey) Tanager *Tangara e. episcopus* **RRs**: common in half-open countryside such as Peperpot, Republiek, S of Brownsweg. HBW Alive hints to this ssp possibly being split off as White-edged Tanager.
415. Palm Tanager *Tangara (Thraupis) palmarum melanoptera*: Peperpot, Powakka, Zanderij, Warappa Kreek, Brownsweg, Zintete, Brownsberg
416. Burnished-buff Tanager *Tangara c. cayana* **RRs**: single males Powakka and SE of Zanderij
417. Bay-headed Tanager *Tangara g. gyrola* **RRs**: 1 Zintete, 14 Brownsberg
418. **Turquoise Tanager** *Tangara m. mexicana* **RRs**: 5 Peperpot, 10 Republiek, 7 Zintete
419. Paradise Tanager *Tangara chilensis paradisea* **RRs**: 30 Zintete
420. Opal-rumped Tanager *Tangara v. velia* **RRs**: 17 Zintete, 2 Brownsberg



Male and female Guianan Cock-of-the-rock *Rupicola rupicola*, Fredberg, 6 Dec 2017 (Garry Bakker)





Guianan Brown Capuchins *Cebus a. apella*, Peperpot E, 30 Nov 2017 (top right: Gerjon Gelling; Garry Bakker)

#### Recorded mammals

1. Pale-throated Three-toed Sloth *Bradypus tridactylus*: 1 btw Chocopot & Weg naar Zee
2. Tayra *Eira barbara*: 1 next to the road W of Zanderij gave great views
3. Common Opossum *Didelphis marsupialis*: 1 Brownsberg (GB, GG)
4. Common Red Brocket *Mazama americana*: 2 Brownsberg
5. [HO] Collared Peccari *Pecari tajacu*: 1 Zintete (GB, GG, CQ)
6. Red-rumped Agouti *Dasyprocta leporina*: 1 Peperpot E, 2 Zintete, 3 Brownsberg
7. Neotropical Pygmy Squirrel *Sciurillus pusillus*: 2 Zintete, 1 Brownsberg
8. [INTRO] Common Rat *Rattus norvegicus*: 1 Zintete
9. Spiny Tree Rat *Mesomys hispidus*: 3 Zintete (GB)
10. Guianan Brown Capuchin *Cebus a. apella*: 1 Warappa Kreek, 12 Peperpot E, 16 Zintete
11. [HO] Guianan Weeper Capuchin *Cebus o. olivaceus*: 2 Zintete
12. Common Squirrel Monkey *Saimiri sciureus*: common Peperpot E
13. Bearded Saki *Chiropotes chiropotes*: 2 Brownsberg



Common Squirrel Monkey *Saimiri sciureus*, Peperpot E, 30 Nov 2017 (Gerjon Gelling, Garry Bakker)





Guianan Red Howler Monkey *Alouatta macconnelli*, Brownsberg, 10 Dec 2017; Guiana Spider Monkeys *Ateles paniscus* bombarding us with flees from their arms, Zintete, 4 Dec 2017 (Garry Bakker)

14. Guianan Red Howler Monkey *Alouatta macconnelli*: common (mostly by voice) at both Zintete & Brownsberg, but also seen at both sites
15. Guiana Spider Monkey *Ateles paniscus* **VU**: 8 seen and 1 HO Zintete, 3 HO Brownsberg. Two at Zintete tried to impress us by rubbing all their flees off their arms, bombarding us with them. It made for great video!
16. Golden-handed Tamarin *Saguinus midas*: 1 Republiek, 1 HO Zintete, 2 Brownsberg
17. Small Bat unknown *Chiroptera* sp: sev Zintete Lodge, many hunting above Suriname River shore, Eco Resort Inn, Paramaribo



Golden-handed Tamarin *Saguinus midas*, Republiek, 1 Dec 2017; Pale-throated Three-toed Sloth *Bradypus tridactylus* near Weg naar Zee, 27 Nov 2017 (Garry Bakker)



Neotropical Pygmy Squirrel *Sciurillus pusillus*, Brownsberg, 9 Dec 2017; Common Squirrel Monkey *Saimiri sciureus*, Peperpot E, 30 Nov 2017 (Garry Bakker)

*Traces & tracks were recorded of*

Jaguar *Panthera onca*: urine smell, Zintete

Lowland Tapir *Tapirus terrestris*: urine smell and fresh dung along the trail at the base of Fredberg

Brazilian Porcupine *Coendou prehensilis*: needles found twice at Brownsberg





Tayra *Eira barbara*, Zanderij, 1 Dec 2017 (Garry Bakker)



Turnip-tailed Gecko *Thecadactylus rapicauda* munching on a Katydid *Tettigoniidae*, Brownsberg, 11 Dec 2017; Yellow-footed Tortoise *Chelonoidis denticulata*, Warappa Kreek, 29 Nov 2017 (Garry Bakker)

### Observed reptiles ..

Yellow-footed Tortoise *Chelonoidis denticulata*: 1 Warappa Kreek

Common Green Iguana *Iguana iguana*: 1 Eco Resort Inn, Paramaribo

Goldenscale Anole *Anolis chrysolepis*: 1 Fredberg trail

Tree Runner *Plica plica*: 2 Fredberg trail

Peter's Lava Lizard *Tropidurus hispidus*: common on lower and top rocks on Fredberg

Trinidad Gecko *Gonatodes humeralis*: singles Zintete & Brownsberg

Tropical House Gecko *Hemidactylus mabouia*: 7 Brownsberg

[INTRO] Mourning Gecko *Lepidodactylus lugubris*: common Brownsberg

Turnip-tailed Gecko *Thecadactylus rapicauda*: 3 Brownsberg



Tree Runner *Plica plica*, Fredberg trail, 6 Dec 2017; Giant Ameiva *Ameiva ameiva*, Brownsberg, 10 Dec 2017 (Gerjon Gelling)





Ad and imm Rainbow Whiptail *Cnemidophorus lemniscatus*, Peperpot W, 27 Nov 2017 (Gerjon Gelling)

Giant Ameiva *Ameiva ameiva*: 4+ Zintete-Fredberg Lodge, 1 Brownsberg  
 Rainbow Whiptail *Cnemidophorus lemniscatus*: common Peperpot W, 1f Zintete  
 Black Tegu *Tupinambis teguixin*: singles Brownsberg, Eco Resort Inn  
 Boddaert's Tropical Racer *Mastigodryas boddaerti*: 1 Zintete



Guyana Humming Frog *Chiasmocleis shudikarensis*, Zintete, 8 Dec 2017 (Remco Hofland); Napo Tropical Bullfrog *Leptodactylus hylaedactylus*, Zintete, 6 Dec 2017 (Fred Pansa)



Crested Forest Toad *Rhinella margaritifera*, Zintete, 2 Dec 2017 (Fred Pansa); Guianan Shield Leaf Frog *Rhinella lescurei*, Brownsberg, 3 Dec 2017 (Gerjon Gelling)



.. **and amphibians** (recorded during the day, unless stated otherwise)

*Anomaloglossus baeobatrachus*: 1 Brownsberg

Tiger-striped Leaf Frog *Callimedusa tomopterna*: 2 Brownsberg (at night)

Guyana Humming Frog *Chiasmocleis shudikarensis*: 1 Zintete

Three-striped Poison Frog *Ameerega t. trivittata*: 2m, of which 1 carrying eggs, Brownsberg

Emerald-eyed Tree Frog *Hypsiboas crepitans*: 6 on top of Fredberg (at night)



Tiger-striped Leaf Frog *Callimedusa tomopterna*, Brownsberg, 10 Dec 2017; male Three-striped Poison Frog *Ameerega t. trivittata*, Brownsberg, 9 Dec 2017 (Garry Bakker). Also, watch that ant next to the Leaf Frog!



Common Toad-frog *Leptodactylus mystaceus*, Zintete, 7 Dec 2017; Emerald-eyed Tree Frogs *Hypsiboas crepitans*, Fredberg, 5 Dec 2017 (Remco Hofland)

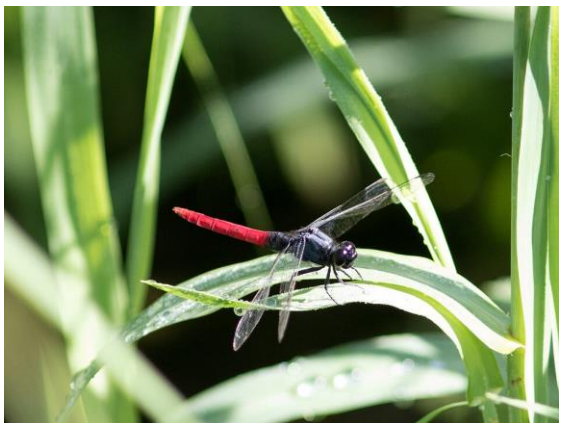


Oophagus Slender-legged Tree Frog *Osteocephalus oophagus*, Brownsberg, 8 Dec 2017; Smoky Jungle Frog *Leptodactylus pentadactylus*, Brownsberg, 11 Dec 2017 (Remco Hofland, Garry Bakker)



*Pristimantis zeuctotylus*, Brownsberg, 10 Dec 2017 (Garry Bakker); Smooth-sided Toad *Rhaebo guttatus*, Zintete, 2 Dec 2017 (Remco Hofland)

Bolivian White-lipped Frog *Leptodactylus bolivianus*: 1 Zintete (at night)  
**[HO]** Rufous Frog *Leptodactylus fuscus*: 10 Zintete  
 Smoky Jungle Frog *Leptodactylus pentadactylus*: 1 Brownsberg  
 Myers' Thin-toed Frog *Leptodactylus myersi*: 1 on top of Fredberg (at night)  
 Napo Tropical Bullfrog *Leptodactylus hylaedactylus*: 1 Zintete (c 5 cm in size)  
 Common Toad-frog *Leptodactylus mystaceus*: 1 Zintete (at night)(RH)  
 Oophagus Slender-legged Tree Frog *Osteocephalus oophagus*: 1 Brownsberg (at night)  
 Orange-legged Leaf Frog *Phyllomedusa hypochondrialis*: 1 Brownsberg (at night)  
*Pristimantis zeuctotylus*: 1 Brownsberg (at night)  
 Smooth-sided Toad *Rhaebo guttatus*: 3 Zintete, 1 Brownsberg (all prior to dawn or at night)  
 Common Lesser Toad *Rhinella granulosa*: singles Zintete & Brownsberg (prior to dawn & at night)  
 Guianan Shield Leaf Frog *Rhinella lescurei*: 4 Brownsberg  
 South American Common (aka Crested Forest) Toad *Rhinella margaritifera*: 1 Zintete (at night)  
 Crested Toad *Rhinella martyi*: 1 Zintete (at night)  
 Cane Toad *Rhinella marina*: 1 (imm) Peperpot W, 1 Zintete, 1 Brownsberg (latter two at night)



*Gynacantha membranalis*, Brownsberg, 9 Dec 2017 (Garry Bakker); Flame-tailed Pondhawk *Erythemis peruviana*, Peperpot W, 27 Nov 2017 (Gerjon Gelling)

**Observed Odonata (dragon- and damselflies)**

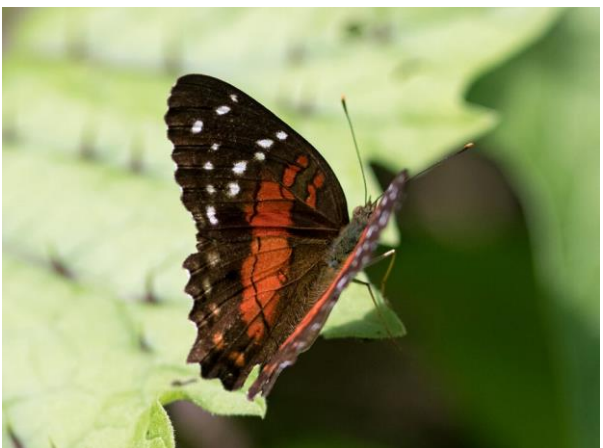
*Hetaerina caja*: 1m river next to Zintete-Fredberg Lodge  
*Heliocharis amazona*: 2m Fredberg trail  
*Argia fumigata*: 1m Zintete  
*Argia oculata*: sev Brownsberg  
 Dusky Dancer *Argia translata*: 1m river next to Zintete-Fredberg Lodge  
*Acanthagrion ascendens*: 1m Zintete  
 Ornate Helicopter *Mecistogaster ornata*: 3m Zintete  
*Telebasis simulata*: 3 copulas Zintete  
*Neoneura mariana*: 1m Zintete  
*Coryphaeshna adnexa*: 1f ovipositing on mud, Brownsberg  
*Micrathyria surinamensis*: possibly, 3m Zintete





*Uracis siemensis*, Zintete, 5 Dec 2017 (Fred Pansa); Carmelita Pondhawk *Erythemis carmelita*, **third for the Guyanas**, Peperpot W, 27 Nov 2017 (Remco Hofland)

Hyacinth Glider *Miathyria marcella*: 1f Zintete  
 Duskhawker sp *Gynacantha membranalis*: 1 copula + 1m Brownsberg  
 Leaf-tail sp *Phyllogomphoides major*: 1m river next to Zintete-Fredberg  
 Blue-eyed Setwing *Dythemis nigra*: 4m Zintete  
 Black Pondhawk *Erythemis attala*: common Peperpot  
 Carmelita Pondhawk *Erythemis carmelita*: 1m Peperpot W. **Third record for the Guyanas** according to Marcel Wasscher!  
*Erythemis credula*: 1m Peperpot  
 Red Pondhawk *Erythemis haematogastra*: sev Zintete  
 Claret Pondhawk *Erythemis mithroides*: 1m Peperpot  
 Flame-tailed Pondhawk *Erythemis peruviana*: sev Peperpot W  
 Pin-tailed Pondhawk *Erythemis plebeja*: common Bakkie  
*Erythrodiplax famula*: 1m airport  
 Red-faced Dragonlet *Erythrodiplax fusca*: sev Zintete  
 One-spotted Dragonlet *Erythrodiplax unimaculata*: 1f Peperpot  
 Hercules Skimmer *Libellula herculea*: 1m Zintete  
*Orthemis cultriformis*: 1m Zintete (Band-tailed Antshrike site)  
 Carmine Skimmer *Orthemis discolor*: fairly common Paramaribo, Zintete  
*Orthemis schmidtii*: sev Zintete (not photographed)  
 Fine-banded Amberwing *Perithemis lais*: sev Zintete  
*Uracis siemensis*: 1m Zintete  
*Uracis fastigiata*: sev Zintete  
*Uracis imbuta*: sev Zintete  
*Triacanthagyna ditzleri*: 1 possible, hunting low over a tiny stream in Zintete forest



Smooth-banded Sister *Adelpha cytherea*, Zanderij, 1 Dec 2017 (Fred Pansa); Red Peacock *Anartia amathea*, Peperpot, 30 Nov 2017 (Gerjon Gelling)



Orange-spotted Tiger Clearwing *Mechanitis p. polymnia*, Zintete, 3 Dec 2017 (Fred Pansa); Capanea Eyemark *Semomesia c. capanea*, Brownsberg, 10 Dec 2017 (Remco Hofland)

**Identified butterflies (photographed)**

- Smooth-banded Sister *Adelpha cytherea*: Zanderij
- Red Peacock *Anartia amathea*: few Peperpot
- White Peacock *Anartia jatrophae*: 1 Peperpot
- Deidamia Morpho *Morpho d. deidamia*: sev Brownsberg
- Menelaus Blue Morpho *Morpho m. menelaus*: sev Zintete Lodge, Brownsberg
- Zygia Metalmark *Lemonias zygia*: 1m Zintete
- Capanea Eyemark *Semomesia c. capanea*: 1m Brownsberg
- Nymphidium baeotia*: few Zintete
- Hairstreak sp *Lycaenidae sp*: few Zintete
- Skipper sp *Pyrgus sp*: sev Zintete
- Green-washed Longtail *Urbanus virescens*: 1 Zintete
- Orange-spotted Tiger Clearwing *Mechanitis p. polymnia*: few Zintete



Relaxing in Zintete-Fredberg river, 7 Dec 2017; Fred, Remco & Chris, Zanderij, 1 Dec 2017 (Garry Bakker)





*Adhemarius gannascus* and *Manduca florestan*, Brownsberg, 11 and 9 Dec 2017 (Fred Pansa, Remco Hofland)

**Identified moths** (the best-looking ones are highlighted)

**Seen at Brownsberg**

*Euglyphis folia*

***Arsenura ponderosa guianensis***

*Automerina auletes*

*Automeris egeus*

*Automeris janus*

***Eacles guianensis***

***Eacles penelope***

*Hylesia teratex*

*Molippa similima*

***Paradaemonia platydesmia***

*Oxydia vesulia*

*Paragonia cruraria*

*Sericoptera penicillata*

***Trotopera olivifera***

***Adhemarius gannascus***

***Manduca florestan***

***Xylophanes media***

*Hapigia ribbei*

*Calonotos longipennis*, 2

*Carales astur*

*Hemeroblemma opigena*

*Hyalurga mysis*

*Letis mycerina*

*Letis occidua*

***Ormetica contraria***

*Podalia orsilochus*

***Trosia nigropunctigera*, 5**

**... moths identified to genus only**

*Haemaphysbiella* nr. *venata*

*Hylesia* spec

*Dirphia* spec

*Rosema* spec

*Nemoria* spec

*Limacodidae* spec

*Lymantria* spec

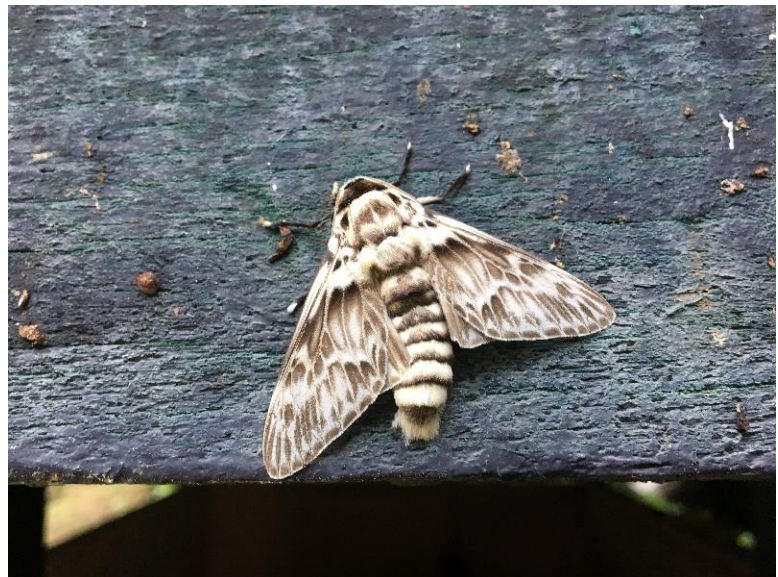
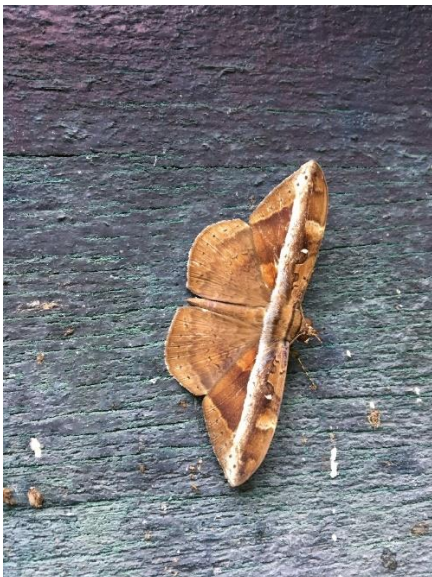
**Seen at Zintete-Fredberg**

Hummingbird Hawkmoth sp *Aellopos titan*: 1 feeding on top of Fredberg

*Telchin licus pauperata*: Zintete (day-active)

*Urania leilus*: few Zintete

*Coenipeta* spec: Zintete



*Hemeroblemma opigena* and *Podalia orsilochus*, Brownsberg, 11 Dec 2017 (Remco Hofland)





Cricket sp *Phalangopsis* sp, Brownsberg, 9 Dec 2017 (Remco Hofland); Hummingbird Hawkmoth sp *Aellopos titan*, Fredberg, 6 Dec 2017 (Fred Pansa)

**Identified beetles**

*Nemotrichus pilicornis*: 1 Zintete

Scarab beetle sp *Canthon triangularis*: 1 Brownsberg

Scarab beetle sp *Canthidium* sp: 1 Zintete



*Nemotrichus pilicornis*, Zintete, 2 Dec 2017; *Enchophora prasina*, Brownsberg, 9 Dec 2017 (Remco Hofland)



Bugs *Paryphes flavocinctus* and *Acanthocephala* nr. *granulosa*, Brownsberg, 10 Dec 2017 (Remco Hofland)



### Identified bugs

*Acanthocephala nr. granulosa*: 1 Brownsberg  
*Paryphes flavocinctus*: 1 Brownsberg  
*Berytidae sp*: 1 Warappa Kreek

### Identified hemiptera

*Enchophora prasina*: 1 Brownsberg

### Identified grasshoppers and crickets

*Phalangopsis sp (Rhaphidophoridae)*: 5 Brownsberg  
*Ornebius sp*: 1 Bakkie  
*Acrididae sp*: few Brownsberg  
*Steirodon dentiferum*: 2 Brownsberg  
Crickets *Gryllidae sp*: at least three different species, at Warappa Kreek, Peperpot, Zintete Lodge, Brownsberg  
Katydids *Tettigoniidae sp*: few Zintete Lodge, Brownsberg



Whip Spider sp *Charinus sp* and unknown Tarantula *Theraphosidae sp*, Zintete, 7 Dec 2017 (Garry Bakker)

### Other interesting animals

Whip Spider sp *Charinus sp*: 2 Zintete-Fredberg Lodge  
Golden Silk Orbweaver *Nephila clavipes*: 1f in kitchen on top of Fredberg  
Tarantula sp *Theraphosidae sp*: Zintete-Fredberg Lodge  
Spider sp: sev Fredberg

Praying Mantis *Angela guianensis*: 1 with prey, at night, Brownsberg  
Praying Mantis sp: 1 white sand forest next to airport (Zanderij)

Scorpion sp *Brotheas granulatus*: 1 Zintete

Centipede sp *Chilopoda sp*: 1 Brownsberg  
Centipede sp *Diplopoda sp*: 1 Peperpot



Female Golden Silk Orbweaver *Nephila clavipes* and unknown Spider, Fredberg, 5 Dec 2017 (Fred Pansa)



Scorpion sp *Brotheas granulatus*, Zintete, 8 Dec 2017 (Remco Hofland); Large-scale Four-eyed Fish *Anableps anableps*, Warappa Kreek, 29 Nov 2017 (Gerjon Gelling)

Mangrove Crab sp: Warappa Kreek (2 species), 2 Eco Resort Inn, Paramaribo  
Fiddler Crab sp *Uca maracoani*: 100's Weg naar Zee

Large-scale Four-eyed Fish *Anableps anableps* (in Dutch: Slijkspringer): dozens Warappa Kreek, very spectacular fish with eyes that have the ability to look above and below water simultaneously!



*Phallus indusiatus*, Peperpot W, 27 Nov 2017; *Favolus brasiliensis*, Brownsberg, 9 Dec 2017 (Remco Hofland)

**Identified mushrooms** (the best-looking ones are highlighted)

***Amparoia cf. spinosissima***

*Arcyria cinerea*

*Auricularia delicate*, *A. mesenterica*

*Calocera cornea*

**Pod Parachute *Caripia montagnei*:**

Brownsberg

***Ceratiomyxa fruticulosa*:** Zintete,

Brownsberg

*Coprinellus disseminatus*

***Dacryopinax spathularia*:** Zintete &

Brownsberg

*Daedalea flavida*

***Favolus brasiliensis*:** Brownsberg

*Ganoderma chalconeum*

***Laetiporus persicinus***

*Lentinus bertieri*, *L. crinitus*, *L. tigrinus*

*Lenzites warnieri*

*Leotia lubrica*

***Leucocoprinus fragilissimus*:** Zintete & Brownsberg (yellow)

*Leucocoprinus aff. fragilissimus*: Brownsberg

*Leucocoprinus ianthinus*

*Marasmiellus candidus*

***Marasmius haematocephalus***

*Marasmius trichotus*

*Oudemansiella canarii*

***Phallus indusiatus*:** 3 Peperpot W

***Podoscypha aff. parvula*:** Zintete

*Xyloxoremium flabelliforme*

***Cyathus olla***

*Earliella scabrosa*





*Lentinus bertieri*, Peperpot W, 27 Nov 2017; *Dacryopinax spathularia*, Zintete-Fredberg Lodge, 8 Dec 2017 (Remco Hofland)

.... and unidentified ones of the following genera

**Hygrocybe**, *Psathyrella*, *Agrocybe*, *Megacollybia*, *Pleurotus*, *Tremellaceae*, *Trametes*, *Pithya*, *Cotylidia*, *Delicatula*, *Xylaria*, *Hypomyces*, *Lycoperdon*, **Gymnopus**, **Chrysomphalina**, *Gymnopilus*, *Armillaria*, **Polyporus**, **Hydropus**, *Daldinia*, *Pholiota*, *Amanita*, *Laccaria*, *Schizophyllum* & *Trametopsis*.



*Ceratiomyxa fruticulosa* and Pod Parachute *Caripia montagnei*, Zintete, 3 and 7 Dec 2017 (Remco Hofland). Both c 8mm in diameter/long. The former is also commonly found in Europe, while the genus *Caripia* contains a single species that is unique to the Neotropics. Both pix taken with cheap iPhone macro lense.



*Marasmius* sp, Brownsberg, and *M. haematocephalus*, Zintete, 9 and 8 Dec 2017 (Remco Hofland). Literally 1,000's of these tiny *Marasmius* were seen most days at Zintete & Brownsberg.

**Identified plants:** *Voyria rosea*, *Voyria corymbosa* and Orchid sp.





*Leucocoprinus fragilissimus*, Brownsberg, 11 Dec 2017; *Amparoina cf. spinosissima*, Zintete-Fredberg Lodge, 8 Dec 2017 (Remco Hofland). The *Leucocoprinus* is even feebler than it looks: one raindrop and it was gone!



*Podoscypa parvula*, Zintete, 8 Dec 2017; *Hygrocybe sp.*, airport (Zanderij), 11 Dec 2017 (Remco Hofland)

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Nice wooden house and largest wooden church in the world, Paramaribo, 12 Dec 2017 (Gerjon Gelling)



*Calonotos longipennis* and unknown moth, Brownsberg, 11 and 10 Dec 2017 (Remco Hofland)



Bird-of-the-trip: Capuchinbird *Perissocephalus tricolor*! Zintete-Fredberg Lodge, 7 Dec 2017 (Garry Bakker)