

## BIRD SPECIES LIST of the SIPALIWINI SAVANNA

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*Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl, Sipaliwini Savanna, June 2007*

Photo John Mittermeier

This Bird List for the Sipaliwini Savanna Area is based on the ‘Annotated Checklist of the Birds of Suriname’ by Otte H. Ottema, Jan Hein J.M. Ribot and Arie L. Spaans (2009). All species mentioned for the Southern Savanna Area (column F) and labelled SV or sv (Savanna Habitat) are included in our list.

Recent contributions to the ornithology of the area are provided by John C. Mittermeier, Kristof Zyskowski, Edward S. Stowe and Jonas E. Lai. From their paper ‘Avifauna of the Sipaliwini Savanna (Suriname) with Insights into Its Biogeographic Affinities (2010)’ we have incorporated the complete ‘Mamia Pakoro (=Vier Gebroeders) Species List’. The habitats C (cerrado and campo grassland), M (Maurisic palms), R (rocky outcrops) and S (swamps and flooded grassland) all belong - in our view - to the savanna proper. Initially we were less sure about the birds they found in the forest islands, dotted all over the savanna. These patches of evergreen forest are vegetation wise quite distinct from the savanna. The reason we have nevertheless included all birds labelled F (forest islands and gallery forest) is that ‘...those birds often specialize in forest fragments within savannas; they may be counted as savanna dependent species’ (pers. comm. John Mittermeier).



*Narrow-billed Woodcreeper, Sipaliwini Savanna, June 2007*  
 Photo John Mittermeier

## SPECIES LIST

SPECIES	Scientific Name	SPECIES	English Name	Abundance
				C=common LC=locally common U=uncommon R=rare
<b>TINAMIDAE</b>				
	<i>Crypturellis soui</i>		Little Tinamou	U
<b>CRACIDAE</b>				
	<i>Ortalis motmot</i>		Variable Chachalaca	C
<b>ODONTOPHORIDAE</b>				
	<i>Colinus cristatus</i>		Crested Bobwhite	U
<b>ARDEIDAE</b>				
	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>		Cattle Egret	LC

## CICONIIDAE

<i>Jabiru mycteria</i>	Jabiru	U
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## CATHARTIDAE

<i>Cathartes aura</i>	Turkey Vulture	C
<i>Cathartes burrovianus</i>	Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture	U
<i>Cathartes melambrotus</i>	Greater Yellow-headed Vulture	U
<i>Coragyps atratus</i>	Black Vulture	C
<i>Sarcoramphus papa</i>	King Vulture	U

## ACCIPITRIDAE

<i>Elanoides forficatus</i>	Swallow-tailed Kite	U
<i>Ictinia plumbea</i>	Plumbeous Kite	U
<i>Leucopternis albicollis</i>	White Hawk	R
<i>Buteogallus urubitinga</i>	Great Black-Hawk	U
<i>Buteogallus meridionalis</i>	Savanna Hawk	C
<i>Buteo magnirostris</i>	Roadside Hawk	U
<i>Buteo brachyurus</i>	Short-tailed Hawk	R
<i>Buteo albicaudatus</i>	White-tailed Hawk	C

## FALCONIDAE

<i>Caracara cheriway</i>	Crested Caracara	C
<i>Libicter americanus</i>	Red-throated Caracara	U
<i>Falco sparverius</i>	American Kestrel	LC
<i>Falco ruficularis</i>	Bat Falcon	U
<i>Falco femoralis</i>	Aplomado Falcon	U
<i>Herpetotheres cachinnans</i>	Laughing Falcon	U

## RALLIDAE

<i>Micropygia schomburgkii</i>	Ocellated Crake	U
<i>Aramides cajanea</i>	Gray-necked Wood-Rail	U
<i>Anurolimnas viridis</i>	Russet-crowned Crake	U
<i>Porzana albicollis</i>	Ash-throated Crake	C

## CHARADRIIDAE

<i>Pluvialis dominica</i>	American Golden-Plover	U
<i>Charadrius collaris</i>	Collared Plover	U

## SCOLOPACIDAE

<i>Gallinago paraguaiae</i>	South American Snipe	U
<i>Gallinago undulata</i>	Giant Snipe	U
<i>Bartramia longicauda</i>	Upland Sandpiper	U

## COLUMBIDAE

<i>Columbina passerina</i>	Common Ground-Dove	C
<i>Columbina minuta</i>	Plain-breasted Ground-Dove	C
<i>Columbina talpacoti</i>	Ruddy Ground-Dove	U
<i>Patagioenas speciosa</i>	Scaled Pigeon	U
<i>Patagioenas cayennensis</i>	Pale-vented Pigeon	R
<i>Zenaida auriculata</i>	Eared Dove	U
<i>Leptotila verreauxi</i>	White-tipped Dove	U

<i>Leptotila rufaxila</i>	Gray-fronted Dove	C
<i>Geotrygon montana</i>	Ruddy Quail-Dove	R

#### PSITTACIDAE

<i>Ara araurana</i>	Blue-and-yellow Macaw	C
<i>Orthopsittaca manilata</i>	Red-bellied Macaw	C
<i>Aratinga pintoii</i>	Sulphur-breasted Parakeet	U
<i>Aratinga aurea</i>	Peach-fronted Parakeet	C
<i>Pionus menstruus</i>	Blue-headed Parrot	R
<i>Pionus fuscus</i>	Dusky Parrot	U
<i>Amazona amazonica</i>	Orange-winged Parrot	U
<i>Amazona farinosa</i>	Mealy Parrot	R

#### CUCULIDAE

<i>Piaya cayana</i>	Squirrel Cuckoo	U
<i>Coccyzus melacoryphus</i>	Dark-billed Cuckoo	R
<i>Crotophaga ani</i>	Smooth-billed Ani	C
<i>Tapera naevia</i>	Striped Cuckoo	U

#### STRIGIDAE

<i>Megascops choliba</i>	Tropical Screech-Owl	U
<i>Bubo virginianus</i>	Great Horned Owl	U
<i>Glaucidium brasilianum</i>	Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl	C
<i>Athene cunicularia</i>	Burrowing Owl	R

#### CAPRIMULGIDAE

<i>Chordelles pusillus</i>	Least Nighthawk	C
<i>Podager nacunda</i>	Nacunda Nighthawk	R
<i>Nyctidromus albicollis</i>	Common Pauraque	R
<i>Caprimulgus cayennensis</i>	White-tailed Nightjar	U
<i>Caprimulgus nigrescens</i>	Blackish Nightjar	U
<i>Hydropsalis torquata</i>	Scissor-tailed Nightjar	U

#### APODIDAE

<i>Chaetura spinicaudus</i>	Band-rumped Swift	U
<i>Chaetura meridionalis</i>	Sick's Swift	R
<i>Chaetura brachyura</i>	Short-tailed Swift	C
<i>Tachornis squamata</i>	Fork-tailed Palm-Swift	C

#### TROCHILIDAE

<i>Phaetornis ruber</i>	Reddish Hermit	R
<i>Phaetornis augusti</i>	Sooty-capped Hermit	U
<i>Heliactin bilophus</i>	Horned Sungem	C
<i>Polytmus guainumbi</i>	White-tailed Goldenthrout	U
<i>Chrysolampis mosquitus</i>	Ruby-topaz Hummingbird	U
<i>Heliomaster longirostris</i>	Long-billed Starthroat	R
<i>Eupetomena macroura</i>	Swallow-tailed Hummingbird	C
<i>Amazilia viridigaster</i>	Green-bellied Hummingbird	U

#### ALCEDINIDAE

<i>Megaceryle torquata</i>	Ringed Kingfisher	U
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*Chloroceryle inda* Green-and-rufous Kingfisher R

MOMOTIDAE

*Momotus momota* Blue-crowned Motmot U

GALBULIDAE

*Brachygalba lugubris* Brown Jacamar U

*Galbula galbula* Green-tailed Jacamar C

BUCCONIDAE

*Bucco tamatia* Spotted Puffbird R

*Chelidoptera tenebrosa* Swallow-winged Puffbird C

RAMPHASTIDAE

*Ramphastos tucanus* White-throated Toucan U

PICIDAE

*Colaptes campestris* Campo Flicker C

*Dryocopus lineatus* Lineated Woodpecker C

*Campephilus rubricollis* Red-necked Woodpecker U

*Campephilus melanoleucos* Crimson-crested Woodpecker U

FURNARIIDAE

*Synallaxis albescens* Pale-breasted Spinetail C

*Berlepschia rikeri* Point-tailed Palmcreeper C

*Dendroplex picus* Straight-billed Woodpecker U

*Xiphorhynchus pardolatus* Chestnut-rumped Woodcreeper R

*Lepidocolaptes angustirostris* Narrow-billed Woodcreeper C

THAMNOPHILIDAE

*Taraba major* Great Antshrike U

*Thamnophilus doliatus* Barred Antshrike R

*Thamnophilus punctatus* Northern Slaty-Antshrike U

*Formicivora grisea* White-fringed Antwren U

*Formicivora rufa* Rusty-backed Antwren C

*Myrmeciza longipes* Witebellied Antbird U

*Myrmecisa atrothorax* Black-throated Antbird R

TYRANNIDAE

*Tyrannulus elatus* Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet U

*Myiopagis gaimardii* Forest Elaenia R

*Myiopagis viridicata* Greenish Elaenia R

*Elaenia flavogaster* Yellow-bellied Elaenia C

*Elaenia cristata* Plain-crested Elaenia R

*Elaenia chiriquensis* Lesser Elaenia R

*Campostoma obsoletum* Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet C

*Suiriri suiriri* Suiriri Flycatcher C

*Polystictus pectoralis* Bearded Tachuri U

*Euscarthmus rufomarginatus* Rufous-sided Pygmy-Tyrant C

*Sublegatus modestus* Southern Scrub-Flycatcher U



<i>Poecilotriccus fumifrons</i>	Smoky-fronted Tody-Flycatcher	R
<i>Todirostrum cinereum</i>	Common Tody-Flycatcher	C
<i>Tolmomyias flaviventris</i>	Yellow-breasted Flycatcher	C
<i>Myiophobus fasciatus</i>	Bran-colored Flycatcher	U
<i>Lathrotriccus euleri</i>	Euler's Flycatcher	R
<i>Xolmis cinereus</i>	Gray Monjita	C
<i>Arundinicola leucocephala</i>	White-headed Marsh-Tyrant	U
<i>Legatus leucophaeus</i>	Piratic Flycatcher	C
<i>Myiozetetes cayennensis</i>	Rusty-margined Flycatcher	C
<i>Pitangus sulphuratus</i>	Great Kiskadee	C
<i>Megarynchus pitangua</i>	Boat-billed Flycatcher	C
<i>Tyrannopsis sulphurea</i>	Sulphury Flycatcher	U
<i>Tyrannus albogularis</i>	White-throated Kingbird	C
<i>Tyrannus melancholicus</i>	Tropical Kingbird	C
<i>Tyrannus savana monarchus</i>	Fork-tailed Flycatcher	C
<i>Myiarchus swainsoni pelzelni</i>	Pelzeln's Flycatcher	C
<i>Myiarchus ferox</i>	Short-crested Flycatcher	C
<i>Myiarchus tyrannulus</i>	Brown-crested Flycatcher	U

#### PIPRIDAE

<i>Neopelma pallescens</i>	Pale-bellied Tyrant-Manakin	U
<i>Manacus manacus</i>	White-bearded Manakin	U
<i>Chiroxiphia pareola</i>	Blue-backed Manakin	U
<i>Xenopipo atronitens</i>	Black Manakin	U
<i>Pipra erythrocephala</i>	Golden-headed Manakin	U

#### TITYRIDAE

<i>Tityra cayana</i>	Blacktailed Tityra	R
<i>Pachyrampus polychopterus</i>	White-winged Becard	R

#### VIREONIDAE

<i>Cyclarhis gujanensis</i>	Rufous-browed Peppershrike	C
<i>Vireo olivaceus</i>	Red-eyed Vireo	C

#### CORVIDAE

<i>Cyanocorax cayanus</i>	Cayenne Jay	U
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#### HIRUNDINIDAE

<i>Stelgidopteryx ruficollis</i>	Southern Rough-winged Swallow	C
<i>Progne tapera tapera</i>	Brown-chested Martin	U
<i>Progne chalybea chalybea</i>	Gray-breasted Martin	C
<i>Tachycineta albiventer</i>	White-winged Swallow	R
<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Barn Swallow	R

#### TROGLODYTIDAE

<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>	House Wren	C
<i>Thryothorus leucotis</i>	Buff-breasted Wren	U

#### POLIOPTILIDAE

<i>Polioptila plumbea</i>	Tropical Gnatcatcher	C
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**DONACOBIIDAE**

*Donacobius atricapilla* Black-capped Donacobius U

**TURDIDAE**

*Turdus leucomelas* Pale-breasted Thrush C

*Turdus nudigenus* Spectacled Thrush R

*Turdus albicollis* White-necked Thrush R

**MIMIDAE**

*Mimus saturninus* Chalk-browed Mockingbird C

**MOTACILLIDAE**

*Anthus lutescens* Yellowish Pipit C

**THRAUPIDAE**

*Schistochlamys melanopis* Black-faced Tanager U

*Neothraupis fasciata* White-banded Tanager LC

*Nemosia pileata* Hooded Tanager U

*Cypsnagra hirundinacea* White-rumped Tanager C

*Tachyphonus phoenicius* Red-Shouldered Tanager U

*Ramphocelus carbo* Silver-beaked Tanager C

*Thraupis episcopus* Blue-gray Tanager C

*Thraupis palmarum* Palm Tanager C

*Tangara cayana* Burnished-buff Tanager C

*Tangara mexicana* Turquoise Tanager U

*Cyanerpes cyaneus* Red-legged Honeycreeper R

*Conirostrum speciosum* Chestnut-vented Conebill u

**EMBERIZIDAE**

*Zonotrichia capensis* Rufous-collared Sparrow C

*Ammodramus humeralis* Grassland Sparrow C

*Sicalis citrina* Strpe-tailed Yellow-Finch C

*Emberizoides herbicola* Wedge-tailed Grass-Finch C

*Volatinia jacarina* Blue-black Grassquit C

*Sporophila plumbea* Plumbeous Seedeater C

*Sporophila bouvronides* Lesson's Seedeater U

*Sporophila lineola* Lined Seedeater C

*Sporophila nigricollis* Yellow-bellied Seedeater U

*Sporophila leucoptera* White-bellied Seedeater U

*Sporophila bouvreuil* Capped Seedeater C

*Sporophila minuta* Ruddy-breasted Seedeater R

*Oryzoborus angolensis* Chestnut-bellied Seed-Finch U

**CARDINALIDAE**

*Piranga flava flava* Lowland Hepatic-Tanager C

**ICTERIDAE**

*Psarocolius decumanus* Crested Oropendola U

*Cacicus cela* Yellow-rumped Cacique C

<i>Cacicus haemorrhous</i>	Red-rumped Cacique	U
<i>Icterus cayanensis cayanensis</i>	Epaulet Oriole	C
<i>Icterus cayanensis chrysocephalus</i>	Moriche Oriole	R
<i>Molothrus oryzivorus</i>	Giant Cowbird	U
<i>Sturnella militaris</i>	Red-breasted Blackbird	R
<i>Sturnella magna</i>	Eastern Meadowlark	LC

#### FRINGILLIDAE

<i>Euphonia chlorotica</i>	Purple-throated Euphonia	R
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*Hepatic Tanager, Sipaliwini Savanna, June 2007*

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