



Sun Parakeet (Chris Collins)



Brown-throated Parakeet (Nick Athanas)



Scarlet Macaw (Gerard op Vet Veld)



Blood-coloured Woodpecker (Chris Collins)



Hoatzin (Foto Natura)



Harpy Eagle (Gerard op Vet Veld)



Black-capped Donacobius (Chris Collins)



Guianan Warbling Antbird (David Fernandes)



Sprangled Cotinga (Chris Collins)

plentiful parrots

Guyana is a fantastic destination for anyone looking to see an impressive range and abundance of parrot species. Parrots flying overhead are a common sight throughout the country, and on a two-week trip, it's entirely realistic to see at least 20 of the 28 species found in Guyana.

At the Iwokrama River Lodge, Blue-and-yellow, Red-and-green and Scarlet Macaws regularly give great views, and there is an excellent chance of seeing the range-restricted Blue-cheeked Amazon a few miles down the road. A little further south, the bizarre-looking Red-fan Parrot, as well as Caica Parrot (a Guiana Shield endemic) can often be found at the Iwokrama Canopy Walkway. Nearby, at Surama Eco-Lodge, Dusky Parrot and Brown-throated Parakeet are regular visitors.

For the more intrepid visitor, a trip to the village of Karasabi provides the chance to see one of the last remaining populations of the highly endangered Sun Parakeet. This species is now totally protected in Guyana and the community is rightly proud of their small, but growing, population of parakeets.

Birding in Guyana

English-speaking, jungle-covered and stuffed with birds, Guyana won't be a South American secret for long. The pristine rainforest that dominates 80 percent of Guyana combines with mangroves, coastal swamps, Atlantic beaches, tepui (flat-topped mountains) and savannahs to form one of the world's largest expanses of unspoiled wilderness.

Seeing an endangered Scarlet Macaw, eccentric Hoatzin or iconic Toco Toucan will inspire any visitor (twitcher or not), but in two weeks keen birders can expect to see nearly half of Guyana's 815 species, including 60 Guiana Shield endemics and several rare Neotropical families.

In the forested interior you'll see loads of Parrots, Cotingas, Toucans and Antbirds, and specialties like Guianan Cock-of-the-Rock, Harpy Eagle, White-winged Potoo, Rufous-winged Ground-cuckoo and Crimson Fruitcrow.

Further south in the vast Rupununi Savannahs – a globally important biodiversity hotspot – there are 500 different bird species, including Capuchinbird, Rio Branco Antbird, Jabiru Stork and the endangered Sun Parakeet and Red Siskin.



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where the birds are

Kaieteur National Park is home to one of the world's most powerful and beautiful waterfalls. Specialties found here include Guianan Cock-of-the-Rock, Orange-breasted Falcon and White-chinned and White-tipped Swifts.

Iwokrama River Lodge is located within a million-acre rainforest preserve, where visitors can look for a range of specialties including Blue-cheeked Amazon, Marail Guan, Guianan Red-Cotinga and Rufous-throated Antbird.

Iwokrama Canopy Walkway is 155m long and reaches 30m above the ground, providing uninterrupted views across the forest canopy of key birds such as Waved Woodpecker, Dusky Purpletuft, Painted Parakeet, Crimson Fruitcrow and White-winged Potoo.

Surama Eco-Lodge is located in an Amerindian community that provides easy access to some great forest and savannah, and the chance to see a nearby Harpy Eagle nest, two Guianan Cock-of-the-Rock leks and the elusive Rufous-winged Ground-Cuckoo.

Rock View Lodge nestles at the base of the Pakaraima Mountains, and offers easy access to deciduous forest and grassland savannahs. Birds to see nearby include Brown-throated Parakeet, Finsch's Euphonia, Cayenne Jay and Double-striped Thick-knee.

Karanambu Lodge hugs the Rupununi River and is an excellent place to see the amazing-looking Capuchinbird and other specialties including Bearded Tachuri, Crestless Curassow and the fantastically colorful Rose-breasted Chat, as well as Giant Otter and Giant Anteater.

Caiman House is in Yupukari village on the Rupununi River, and offers plenty of good savannah, gallery forest and river-edge birds including Pinnated Bittern, Green-tailed Jacamar, Crested Doradito and Black-chinned Antbird.

Rewa Eco-Lodge is located near the confluence of the Rupununi and Rewa rivers where the pristine rainforest is home to Harpy Eagle, Ornate Hawk-Eagle, Guianan Puffbirds and a high density of macaws, including Scarlet, Blue-and-yellow and Red-and-green.

Maipaima Eco-Lodge at Nappi village offers the only accommodations within the pristine Amazonian habitat of the Kanuku Mountains; birding includes Southern Screamer, White Bellbird, Guianan Cock-of-the-Rock and Capuchinbird leks, Harpy Eagle sightings and many parrots and macaws.

Dadanawa Ranch is located in the far south of Guyana. Special bird species include the highly endangered Red Siskin as well as Guianan Cock-of-the-Rock, Harpy Eagle and Jabiru Stork. The area is also home to Jaguar and Giant Anteater.

Arrowpoint Nature Resort is a short overland trip from Georgetown, and offers specialties such as Red-bellied Macaw, Crimson Topaz, Paradise Jacamar and Point-tailed Palmcreeper.

Baganara Island Resort lies close to the junction of the mighty Essequibo and Mazaruni rivers. Birds found nearby include Caica Parrot, Pygmy Antwren, Guianan Warbling Antbird and Spotted Antpitta.

land of the giants

With more than 225 species of mammals, a visit to Guyana provides a chance to see much more than just birds. Guyana has avoided the environmental ravages that have degraded forests and lands in neighboring countries, and still hosts an impressive array of large mammals that have become difficult to find elsewhere in Amazonian South America.

Big Cats With a bit of luck on your side, several locations offer a good chance of seeing the elusive Jaguar. There are regular sightings near the Iwokrama River Lodge, and on the remote upper Rewa River, Jaguars are regarded as "almost guaranteed". Ocelot, Margay, Puma, Jaguarundi and Oncilla are also found in Guyana.

Giant River Otters With Guyana regarded as one of the remaining strongholds for the Giant River Otter, visitors stand an excellent chance of seeing this endangered creature, as well as the Neotropical Otter, along some of the rivers and oxbows in the south of the country.

Giant Anteaters Three of the world's four species of anteater live in Guyana, including the appropriately named Giant Anteater, which can be found close to several lodges in the Rupununi Savannah.

Giant Armadillos Adults of this endangered armadillo species grow as long as 35 in. and can weigh more than 70 lbs.

Monkeys Eight species of monkey live in Guyana, including the vocal Red Howler and range-restricted Golden-handed Tamarin and Red-backed Bearded Saki Monkey.



Crimson-hooded Manakin (David Fernandes)



Kaieteur Falls (Foto Natura)



Purple Honeycreeper (David Fernandes)



Crimson Topaz (Gunnar Engblom)



Scale-backed Antbird (David Fernandes)



Giant Anteater (Judy Karwacki)



Sundittern (Foto Natura)



Jaguar (Foto Natura)



Ferruginous-backed Antbird (Nick Athanas)



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Tufted Coquette (Chris Collins)