

Top Wildlife of the Rio Negro

The following wildlife species are those you're likely to encounter during your itinerary along the Rio Negro and in the Anavilhanas region aboard the Manakin Boat:

Birds commonly seen along river margins and islands:

Amazona farinosa – Mealy Parrot
Amazona festiva – Festive Parrot
Ara chloropterus – Red-and-green Macaw
Ara severus – Chestnut-fronted Macaw
Brotogeris chrysoptera – Golden-winged Parakeet
Busarellus nigricollis – Black-collared Hawk
Cantorchilus leucotis – Buff-breasted Wren
Cacicus cela – Yellow-rumped Cacique
Cathartes aura – Turkey Vulture
Cathartes melambrotus – Greater Yellow-headed Vulture
Chelidoptera tenebrosa – Swallow-winged Puffbird
Chloroceryle amazona – Amazon Kingfisher
Chloroceryle americana – Green Kingfisher
Chloroceryle inda – Green-and-rufous Kingfisher
Crotophaga ani – Smooth-billed Ani
Crotophaga major – Greater Ani
Empidonomus varius – Variegated Flycatcher
Leptotila rufaxilla – Gray-fronted Dove
Megaceryle torquata – Ringed Kingfisher
Megarynchus pitangua – Boat-billed Flycatcher
Myiozetetes cayanensis – Rusty-margined Flycatcher
Myiozetetes similis – Social Flycatcher
Ortalis motmot – Variable Chachalaca
Paroaria gularis – Red-capped Cardinal
Patagioenas cayennensis – Pale-vented Pigeon
Piaya cayana – Squirrel Cuckoo
Piaya melanogaster – Black-bellied Cuckoo
Pitangus sulphuratus – Great Kiskadee
Psittacara leucophthalmus – White-eyed Parakeet
Pionus menstruus – Blue-headed Parrot
Ramphastos tucanus – White-throated Toucan
Ramphastos vitellinus – Channel-billed Toucan
Rupornis magnirostris – Roadside Hawk
Tigrisoma lineatum – Rufescent Tiger-Heron
Tyrannus albogularis – White-throated Kingbird
Tyrannus melancholicus – Tropical Kingbird
Tyrannus savana – Fork-tailed Flycatcher
Volatinia jacarina – Blue-black Grassquit

Occasionally observed along river edges and islands:

Agamia agami – Agami Heron
Cathartes burrovianus – Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture
Cercomacra cinerascens – Gray Antbird
Conopias parvus – Yellow-throated Flycatcher
Conopias trivirgatus – Three-striped Flycatcher
Corapipo gutturalis – White-throated Manakin
Cyclarhis gujanensis – Rufous-browed Peppershrike
Donacobius atricapilla – Black-capped Donacobius
Daptrius ater – Black Caracara
Euchrepomis podioptila – Ash-winged Antwren
Euphonia cayennensis – Golden-sided Euphonia
Euphonia chrysopasta – Golden-bellied Euphonia
Formicarius analis – Black-faced Antthrush
Glaucidium hardyi – Amazonian Pygmy-Owl
Hypocnemis cantator – Guianan Warbling-Antbird
Hypocnemoides melanopogon – Black-chinned Antbird
Jacamerops aureus – Great Jacamar
Lipaugus vociferans – Screaming Piha
Megascops choliba – Tropical Screech-Owl
Momotus momota – Amazonian Motmot
Neopelma chrysocephalum – Saffron-crested Tyrant-Manakin
Pithys albifrons – White-plumed Antbird
Pipra filicauda – Wire-tailed Manakin
Schiffornis major – Varzea Schiffornis
Stelgidopteryx ruficollis – Southern Rough-winged Swallow
Thamnophilus cryptoleucus – Castelnau's Antshrike
Thamnophilus nigrocinereus – Blackish-gray Antshrike
Tityra cayana – Black-tailed Tityra
Tyranneutes virescens – Tiny Tyrant-Manakin
Xipholena punicea – Pompadour Cotinga

Mammals

Mammals in the Water (River Dolphins / Botos)

Inia geoffrensis – Pink River Dolphin / Boto-cor-de-rosa

Sotalia fluviatilis – Tucuxi Dolphin / Boto-cinza

Likely to See Along River Margins and Islands

Callithrix humeralifera – Manaus Marmoset

Chiropotes sagulatus – Bearded Saki Monkey

Saguinus midas – Golden-handed Tamarin

Cebus albifrons – White-fronted Capuchin

Saimiri sciureus – Common Squirrel Monkey

Dasyprocta leporina – Agouti

Cuniculus paca – Paca

Proechimys spp. – Spiny Rats

Didelphis marsupialis – Common Opossum

Nasua nasua – Coati

You Might See (With a Bit of Luck, Often at Forest Edges Near the River)

Pteronura brasiliensis – Giant Otter

Choloepus didactylus – Two-toed Sloth

Bradypus tridactylus – Pale-throated Three-toed Sloth

Bradypus variegatus – Brown-throated Three-toed Sloth

Alouatta macconnelli – Red Howler Monkey

Sapajus apella – Tufted Capuchin

Pithecia chrysocephala – White-faced Saki

Ateles paniscus – Red-faced Spider Monkey

Potos flavus – Kinkajou

Sciurillus pusillus – Amazon Dwarf Squirrel

Present but Rarely Seen (Tracks, Calls, or Indirect Signs)

Tamandua tetradactyla – Lesser Anteater

Dasybus novemcinctus – Nine-banded Armadillo

Coendou prehensilis – Prehensile-tailed Porcupine

Mazama americana – Red Brocket Deer

Eira barbara – Tayra

Heard or Signs Only

Tapirus terrestris – Lowland Tapir

Panthera onca – Jaguar

Puma concolor – Puma / Cougar