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Crotophaga ani
Anu-preto

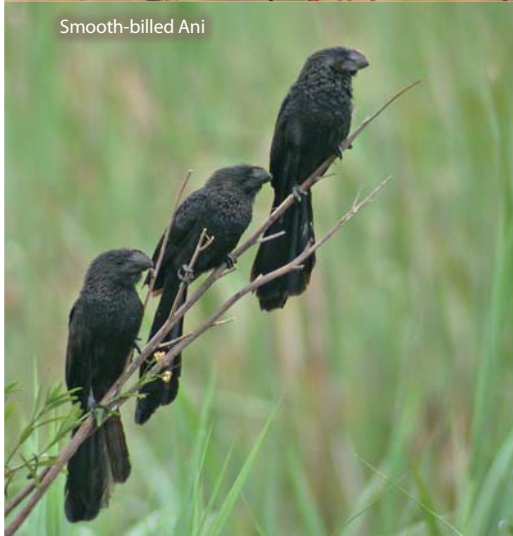
36 cm. Unmistakable black bird of cultivated areas. Uniform glossy black with long tail, short wings and heavy bill. Gregarious, always in small flocks. Often close to cattle.

SSP. Monotypic

VOICE: Vocal; usual call is soft and repeated, slurred whistle *tew-lee...*

HABITAT: Open areas with scattered trees or bushes.
IN AN AREA: Common throughout the region in suitable habitat.

IN SE BRAZIL: Common.



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Guira Cuckoo

Guira guira
Anu-branco

38 cm. Common and conspicuous cuckoo of open areas. Mostly streaked, yellowish-brown above, with large white area on rump; yellowish crest. Below whitish, streaked dark. Adult has orange bill, juvenile grey. Usually seen in small flocks.

SSP. Monotypic

VOICE: Very vocal, frequently heard call is a series of harsh whistles *pjiaa, pjiaa, pjiaa, pjiaa, pjaa, pjaa, pja...*, descending at the end.

HABITAT: Open areas with scattered trees or bushes.
IN AN AREA: Common throughout the region in all kind of open habitats.

IN SE BRAZIL: Common.



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Striped Cuckoo



Tapera naevia
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29 cm. Secretive cuckoo of open areas. Dark brown above with black-streaked, rufous crest; white supercilium; black alulas distinctive; below whitish.

Much more often heard than seen.

SSP. *T. n. naevia* S and C America

VOICE: Song is a very characteristic two-note plaintive whistle *fe-se...*, last note being a bit lower, repeated every three seconds for minutes.

HABITAT: Pastures, marshes.

IN AN AREA: Uncommon in the region, records from the Resende Wetland, Capelinha, Serrinha and the fields near Penedo entrance, but probably also in other open areas with bushes and bogs.

IN SE BRAZIL: Common.



Striped Cuckoo

Pheasant Cuckoo



Dromococcyx phasianellus
Peixe-frito-verdadeiro

36 cm. Secretive, brownish cuckoo with spotted breast. Above dusky brown; white-tipped wing coverts giving scaly effect. Brown, white-tipped uppertail coverts very long, covering most of the long tail.

Rufous brown, flat crest; pale buffy eyebrow extends from lores to the sides of neck, cheeks and ear-coverts dark brown. Breast buffy with dark streaks and spots, belly whiter.

SSP. Monotypic

VOICE: Song is a repeated, usually three-note whistle *feeh-feh-feheh*, last note slurred, sometimes containing an additional note. Sings mostly at night and early morning, even for hours at a time.

HABITAT: Rainforest, forest edge, secondary woodland.

IN AN AREA: Rare, recorded in Itatiaia NP.

IN SE BRAZIL: Scarce.



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