



# Wildlife of the World Newsletter

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*Golden Lion Tamarin (Leontopithecus rosalia)*

Hi,

Welcome to another newsletter from warm and sunny Wales (despite what you might have heard about our weather, we haven't had a drop of rain in weeks, and I'm about to go and water the garden!) Before that though, I'm busy sorting through photos from my trip to Brazil last May. I take around 1,000 photos a day on expedition and then about a year to get them all fully processed and indexed ... so I've just filed the shot above of an inquisitive golden lion tamarin.

I spent three, rather nerve-racking weeks driving up Brazil's east coast, searching for rare animals in the remaining fragments of Atlantic Forest... and the tamarins were definitely my favourite. They're tiny little monkeys that almost became extinct at the end of last century, but have been

rescued by some excellent local conservation work. [You can see a video of some at the Mico-Leão-Dourado Ecological Park here](#) and if you're interested, there's a [full report of my trip to eastern Brazil here](#).

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## **Wildlife-watching Sites**

### **Baia das Pedras**

### **Pantanal, Brazil**

This month I've chosen to stay with Brazil and highlight the Baia das Pedras private reserve in the Pantanal wetlands. It's a traditional working cattle ranch that's deliberately managed to protect the local wildlife... and with good reason, there's an amazing range! From birds like storks, toucans and the rare hyacinth macaw opposite, to mammals like tapirs, giant anteaters, armadillos, pumas, jaguars and many, many more.



*Hyacinth Macaw displaying  
(*Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus*)*

I spent an excellent few days exploring the reserve and taking photos, my favourite of which is probably the strange shot below. It shows a yellow-headed caracara riding on the back of a capybara! Caracaras are birds-of-prey that mainly scavenge for insects and small animals but are also known to pick flesh from open wounds on larger mammals. It seem this particular one is waiting for an opportunity to pick at the cut on the capybara's chin... though strangely the capybara doesn't seem at all concerned about its blood-thirsty passenger!



*Yellow-headed Caracara (Milvago chimachima) riding on the back of a Capybara (Hydrochoerus hydrochaeris)*

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I hope you liked my brief dip into the amazing wildlife of Brazil. Please let me know what you thought, and if there are any particular animals or locations you'd like me to feature in future newsletters.

### **The Books**

The eBook version of *Wildlife of the World - China* is now available on Kindle, Google Play Books and various other on-line stores, [you can see details here](#). If you have any trouble running it on your device just reply to this email and I'll make sure you get a working copy. The paperback and hardback versions of the new improved second edition should be out in the next couple of weeks, with lots of new photos and videos.

Best Wishes,

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