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Diversity of birds and their ecological interactions in the Mura Indigenous Territory, Brazilian Amazon Rainforest

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ABSTRACT

The objective of this study was accomplishes a knowledge survey of the Mura indigenous on the birds of natural occurrence in their territory, who is located in the Amazonas State, Brazilian Amazon Rainforest. As method for collect the data were used open and semi-structured interviews. Twenty four indigenous were interviewed, with both genres and different ages. The interviewees mentioned 118 different species of birds, counting about 60% of the records, which in addition to the interviews was completed by surveying the bird by direct field observations with sighting and vocalization in different natural environments of the indigenous territory. The indigenous showed wide ecological knowledge regarding these birds. The oral transmission of knowledge occurs across generations.

Keywords: birds, ecological interactions, indigenous, Amazon Rainforest

1. INTRODUCTION

The Amazon Rainforest is one of the main Brazilian biome and is formed by dense tropical forests and associated ecosystems, and represents over half of the planet's remaining rainforests, and comprises the largest and most biodiverse tract of tropical rainforest in the world [1]. The region is home to about 2.5 million insect species, at least 40,000 plant

species, around 1,300 bird's species, hundreds of species of mammals, reptiles and amphibians and around 3,000 fish's species [2].

There are more than 200 indigenous groups in the Amazon Rainforest, speaking 180 different languages and each with its own cultural heritage. This shows that, just like the flora and fauna, the cultural diversity in the region is also very high, making it an even more interesting and rich place [3].

Traditional ecological knowledge is a system of knowledge that reflects the adaptation of human populations to their environment. Ethnobiology is the scientific study of dynamic relationships among peoples, biota, and environments. As a multidisciplinary field, ethnobiology integrates archaeology, geography, systematics, population biology, ecology, cultural anthropology, ethnography, pharmacology, nutrition, conservation, and sustainable development [4]. The diversity of perspectives in ethnobiology allows us to examine complex, dynamic interactions between human and natural systems [5].

The main purpose of this study was to carry out a survey of the knowledge that Mura natives have about the mammals of natural occurrence in territory, located in the Brazilian Amazon Rainforest. A broader conception of non-formal ornithological knowledge of different societies may help formal observers to value local or popular knowledge and relativize the utilitarian and nominal view [6].

2. MATERIALS AND METHODS

The studies were carried out in the Mura Indigenous Territory, in January and February 2016 and March 2018. The studied territory is located in the Amazonas State, Brazilian Amazon Rainforest, at the left margin of Amazon River, in the Itacoatiara municipality, Amazonas, Brazil. It lies between 02°59'S to 03°12'S latitude and 58°04'W to 59°48'W longitude, covering an area of 275 km². The region climate is tropical humid of the Aw type according to Köppen's classification. The annual medium temperature ranges is 27 °C, with average maximum annual temperature of 33.8 °C and annual minimum of 22.8 °C. The annual average rainfall is over 2,500 mm.

This Mura Indigenous Territory, known as "Terra Indígena Rio Urubu", comprises upland *terra firme forests* (dry land forests) and *várzeas* (seasonally flooded lands) along the margins of the Urubu River and its tributaries, rivers and *igarapés* (small creeks). In accord with recent data 378 peoples living in this indigenous land.

As method for collect the data were used open and semi-structured interviews [7]. Twenty four indigenous were interviewed, with both genres and different ages. The interviewees were chosen through the own indigenous' indications, based on the knowledge of these people on birds. However, not only those who apparently possess such knowledge were interviewed, such as hunters and extractivists who spend much of their time in foray into the forest. The basis of this approach, with the qualitative methodology, encompasses a socio-affective construction of knowledge, since such knowledge is an integral part of the history and reality of the subjects.

For the identification of the species was showed to the interviewees photographs and drawings of birds taken from illustrated guides of Amazonian birds. The interviewees indicated the species of their knowledge, as well as their ecological, mythological and behavioral characteristics. The study was completed by surveying the bird by surveying the

bird by direct field observations. The birds' identification was visual and mainly through the bird vocalization in different natural environments of the indigenous territory such as edge and deep the *terra firme forests*, *igapó forests*, swaps, marshes and flooded areas.

The *terra firme forests* are not subject to periodic floods [8]. These forests are well preserved in the Mura Indigenous Territory, usually in advanced stage of secondary regeneration, with three vertical strata of the vegetation: herbaceous stratum, understorey and canopy stratum. The canopy stratum is composed of the crowns of large sized trees, with trees varying in average height between 20 and 30 meters, and high plant species richness. There are also emergent trees, frequently reaching a height up to 60 meters. The understorey is characterized by the dominance of shrubs between 0.80 and 5 meters tall and the outstanding species in this stratum are of the families Melastomataceae, Rubiaceae, Fabaceae, Euphorbiaceae and Myrtaceae being these the most important families to the fruits production to the fauna. The herbaceous stratum (generally until 0.80 meters tall) is predominated by ferns, terrestrial bromeliads and herbs as heliconias.

The *igapó forests* are permanently flooded on lowlands [9], and on areas near the Urubu and Amazonas rivers and *igarapés*. The trees reach up to 20 meters in height, and they are profusely covered by epiphytes, like orchids, bromeliads, mosses and vines.

To the scientific nomenclature and taxonomic order was used the new systematic list of CBRO [10]. The classification of the species in agreement with the respective ecological groups was based on that proposed for Amazon Rainforest bird communities by Willis [11].

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Throughout the study, through interviews and direct field observations were recorded 198 bird species from 14 different guilds (Table 1). The indigenous interviewees mentioned 118 birds' species of natural occurrence in their territory, about 60% of the total of birds registered (Table 2), and they showed wide ecological knowledge regarding these birds. Insectivorous species represented 36% of the total; frugivorous species 19%, just as carnivorous species; omnivorous species represented 17%; nectarivorous 4%, just as granivorous birds and detritivores only 1%.

Hunting is a key component of subsistence strategies of many Amazonians [12]. The subsistence hunting for Mura is directed to some mammal species and some of the birds registered in this study, as the ducks *Cairina moschata* and *Amazonetta brasiliensis*, the pigeons *Patagioenas spp*, the tinamous *Tinamus major* and *Tinamus guttatus*, the cracids *Ortalis motmot* and mainly the Black Curassow *Crax alector*, specie considered vulnerable to extinction [13].

The tinamous have gallinaceous features and their species are small, medium and large size. Many tinamous species live in the countryside or semi-open areas, but the majority of them have forest habits [14]. The cracids comprise essentially forest birds, from medium to large sizes [15, 16]. The populations of these birds' species seem not to be affected for the activities of subsistence hunting that it is realized by Mura in a sustainable way.

The Mura have lot of knowledge about the ecological importance of the birds, mainly in the dispersion of seeds of plants. Fruit-eating birds, often related to seed dispersion, are fundamental for the maintenance of the high diversity of tropical plant species [17], and many of these fruits are important in the Mura diet. Of the plant species of the Amazon Forest, the

majority of plant species very important as fruit producers, and are eaten by diversity of birds species. The Annonaceae family is one of the most important in the Amazon Forest, and the main genera of it that produce fruit for birds are *Annona, Rollinia,* and *Xylopia*. The *Annona* genus contains various species that produce eatable fruit, like berries, with a large number of seeds, slightly sweet pulp, and a pleasant smell [18].

The Myrtaceae is one of the main botanic families of the Amazon Forest, both in number of species and density of trees and shrubs. Among the main seed dispersers of native species of Myrtaceae in the Amazon (especially the genera *Campomanesia, Eugenia, Gomidesia, Myrcia, Myrcianthes, Myrciaria,* and *Psidium*), are dozens of species of birds of the Cracidae, Pipridae and Thraupidae families [19].

A great diversity of bird species eats fruit from Melastomataceae species besides manakins (Pipridae family), and in general these plants are recognized as one of the most important food sources of small frugivorous birds. In tropical forests, where manakins are one of the most numerous birds, they seem to be the most important dispersers of Melastomataceae species. However, the tanagers (Thraupidae family) are also important dispersers and, in medium high forests, substitute manakins as the most important dispersers of Melastomataceae species [20].

Other very important plant families for frugivores abundant in the Amazon Forest and in the Mura indigenous territory are Arecaceae, Burseraceae, Euphorbiaceae, Fabaceae, Flacourtiaceae, Lauraceae, Lecythidaceae, Moraceae, Myristicaceae, Myrsinaceae, Sapindaceae and Sapotaceae, with species that produce large quantities of seeds dispersed by birds [21, 22].

Birds from the Tinamidae, Cracidae, Psittacidae and Ramphastidae families like tinamous, guans, curassows, macaws, parrots, parakeets and toucans were recorded with high frequency and diversity of species in forests with dense vegetation. Some families of birds are highly dependent on fruit, e.g. Cotingidae and Cracidae [23], essentially forest-dwelling families. Among the cotingids recorded in this study, there was an emphasis on Screaming Piha (*Lipaugus vociferans*). This bird is possibly the one which draws more the indigenous' attention by vocalizing constantly in the dense forests in the indigenous territory.

The knowledge of the abundance of the avifauna among the Mura is surprising not only for the great number of birds species identified for the indigenous, but also in the high degree of these people's observation, to the point of they indicate taxonomics details that individualize species taxonomically similar, besides they contain certain species in system of trophic guilds.

In the first case, we can mention the different species of tinamous, guans and curassows, of macaws, parrots and parakeets, toucans, hummingbirds, tyrant flycatchers (species of the genera *Tolmomyias, Elaenia, Myiarchus, Pitangus, Megarynchus*, and *Tyrannus*), doves (*Patagioenas spp, Columbina talpacoti* and *Leptotila verreauxi*) and thrushes (*Turdus* spp) that were identified in the interviews, a lot of times through small taxonomic details. In the second case, the grouping of species of woodpeckers (Picidae family) and woodcreepers (Dendrocolaptidae family) in the guild eaters of insects and larvae of insects in poor trunks of the trees.

Also are important the birds' species that are used in the indigenous feather art, as the macaws, parrots, toucans, curassows and hawks. The feathers are used for the Mura to the confection of bracelets and diadems.

Some species of birds were mentioned in 100% of the interviews, such as the Wood Stork (*Mycteria americana*) and the Musician Wren (*Cyphorhinus arada*). The *Mycteria americana* is typically found at the borders of rivers with vegetation around, in gallery forests and islanded capons um swamps, generally gathered in social groups, they can walk among floating plants in deep waters, turning them upside down to search for aquatic prey especially fishes [24]. The Musician Wren (*Cyphorhinus arada*) is one of the birds that has the most impressive and melodic song in the Amazon Rainforest. It inhabits in the dark understory in *terra firme forest* and meadow forests and its diet consists mostly of invertebrates such as insects and spiders [25].

Early man likened birds to the gods, believing them messengers. Thanks to this divine comparison, as well as their ability to soar, the birds have gained a near-mythical reputation, with some species starring role in superstitions related to death, life and luck. The Mura believe that the hawk *Busarellus nigricollis* is a lazy bird. According to some interviewees, when the hunter sees this bird before entering in the forest, it means bad luck in the hunt. On the other hand, the Musician Wren (*Cyphorhinus arada*) is associated the success in the hunt. The *Tyrannus melancholicus* has two types of singing, one that indicates when the hunt will be good and other when it will be poor. Owls, generally, are surrounded by legends and superstitions. The American Barn Owl (*Tyto furcata*) is seen as an animal that symbolizes bad luck. The Mura believe that when it lands on someone's roof and vocalizes, a resident of that house will die.

Guilds	Number of species
Aerial insectivores	05
Canopy frugivores	16
Canopy omnivores	04
Carnivores	22
Detritivores	02
Edge insectivores	25
Edge omnivores	22
Edge seed-eater	08
Nectar and insect eaters	07
Riparian carnivores	16
Swamp omnivores	07

Table 1. Number of bird species in different guilds.

Trunk and twig insectivores	14
Understory frugivores	22
Understory insectivores	28
Total	198

Table 2. List of the bird species grouped into trophic guilds. (I = interviews; DFO = direct field observations).

GUILDS/Family/Taxon names	English name	Type of register
AERIAL INSECTIVORES		
Apodidae		
Tachornis squamata	Fork-tailed Palm-Swift	DFO
Hirundinidae		
Stelgidopteryx ruficollis	Southern Rough-winged Swallow	I, DFO
Progne tapera	Brown-chested Martin	DFO
Progne chalybea	Gray-breasted Martin	I, DFO
Tachycineta albiventer	White-winged Swallow	I, DFO
CANOPY FRUGIVORES		
Cracidae		
Penelope jacquacu	Spix's Guan	DFO
Ortalis motmot	Variable Chachalaca	I, DFO
Crax alector	Black Curassow	I, DFO
Psittacidae		
Ara ararauna	Blue-and-yellow Macaw	I, DFO
Ara chloropterus	Red-and-green Macaw	I, DFO
Psittacara leucophthalmus	White-eyed Parakeet	DFO
Eupsittula aurea	Peach-fronted Parakeet	DFO
Brotogeris versicolurus	White-winged Parakeet	I

Brotogeris sanctithomae	Tui Parakeet	I, DFO
Graydidascalus brachyurus	Short-tailed Parrot	I, DFO
Pionus menstruus	Blue-headed Parrot	I, DFO
Pionus fuscus	Dusky Parrot	Ι
Amazona festiva	Festive Parrot	I, DFO
Amazona farinosa	Mealy Parrot	I, DFO
Icteridae		
Psarocolius decumanus	Crested Oropendola	DFO
Psarocolius viridis	Green Oropendola	I, DFO
CANOPY OMNIVORES		
Ramphastidae		
Ramphastos tucanus	White-throated Toucan	Ι
Ramphastos vitellinus	Channel-billed Toucan	I, DFO
Pteroglossus aracari	Black-necked Aracari	Ι
Corvidae		
Cyanocorax cayanus	Cayenne Jay	Ι
CARNIVORES		
Pandionidae		
Pandion haliaetus	Osprey	I, DFO
Accipitridae		
Leptodon cayanensis	Gray-headed Kite	I, DFO
Elanoides forficatus	Swallow-tailed Kite	Ι
Gampsonyx swainsonii	Pearl Kite	DFO
Ictinia plumbea	Plumbeous Kite	DFO
Heterospizias meridionalis	Savanna Hawk	I, DFO
Busarellus nigricollis	Black-collared Hawk	I, DFO
Urubitinga urubitinga	Great Black Hawk	Ι

Rupornis magnirostris	Roadside Hawk	I, DFO
Pseudastur albicollis	White Hawk	Ι
Buteo nitidus	Gray-lined Hawk	Ι
Buteo brachyurus	Short-tailed Hawk	DFO
Spizaetus tyrannus	Black Hawk-Eagle	I, DFO
Tytonidae		
Tyto furcata	American Barn Owl	Ι
Strigidae		
Megascops choliba	Tropical Screech-Owl	DFO
Megascops watsonii	Tawny-bellied Screech-Owl	Ι
Athene cunicularia	Burrowing Owl	DFO
Falconidae		
Daptrius ater	Black Caracara	DFO
Caracara cheriway	Crested Caracara	I, DFO
Milvago chimachima	Yellow-headed Caracara	DFO
Herpetotheres cachinnans	Laughing Falcon	DFO
Falco rufigularis	Bat Falcon	DFO
DETRITIVORES		
Cathartidae		
Cathartes aura	Turkey Vulture	I, DFO
Coragyps atratus	Black Vulture	I, DFO
EDGE INSECTIVORES		
Ardeidae		
Bubulcus ibis	Cattle Egret	I, DFO
Cuculidae		
Crotophaga major	Greater Ani	Ι
Crotophaga ani	Smooth-billed Ani	I, DFO

Nyctibiidae		
Nyctibius griseus	Common Potoo	Ι
Caprimulgidae		
Nyctidromus albicollis	Common Pauraque	DFO
Momotidae		
Momotus momota	Amazonian Motmot	I, DFO
Galbulidae		
Galbula galbula	Green-tailed Jacamar	DFO
Bucconidae		
Monasa atra	Black Nunbird	DFO
Monasa nigrifrons	Black-fronted Nunbird	DFO
Furnariidae		
Furnarius figulus	Wing-banded Hornero	I, DFO
Furnarius minor	Lesser Hornero	DFO
Tyrannidae		
Legatus leucophaius	Piratic Flycatcher	DFO
Myiarchus tuberculifer	Dusky-capped Flycatcher	I, DFO
Myiarchus ferox	Short-crested Flycatcher	DFO
Myiarchus tyrannulus	Brown-crested Flycatcher	DFO
Pitangus sulphuratus	Great Kiskadee	I, DFO
Philohydor lictor	Lesser Kiskadee	DFO
Myiodynastes maculatus	Streaked Flycatcher	I, DFO
Megarynchus pitangua	Boat-billed Flycatcher	I, DFO
Myiozetetes cayanensis	Rusty-margined Flycatcher	DFO
Tyrannus albogularis	White-throated Kingbird	DFO
Tyrannus melancholicus	Tropical Kingbird	I, DFO
Tyrannus savana	Fork-tailed Flycatcher	I, DFO

Empidonomus varius	Variegated Flycatcher	I, DFO
Icteridae		
Sturnella militaris	Red-breasted Meadowlark	DFO
EDGE OMNIVORES		
Tityridae		
Pachyramphus rufus	Cinereous Becard	DFO
Pachyramphus castaneus	Chestnut-crowned Becard	Ι
Rhynchocyclidae		
Tolmomyias sulphurescens	Yellow-olive Flycatcher	DFO
Tyrannidae		
Camptostoma obsoletum	Southern Beardless- Tyrannulet	I, DFO
Elaenia flavogaster	Yellow-bellied Elaenia	I, DFO
Vireonidae		
Cyclarhis gujanensis	Rufous-browed Peppershrike	I, DFO
Hylophilus semicinereus	Gray-chested Greenlet	Ι
Vireo olivaceus	Red-eyed Vireo	Ι
Vireo chivi	Chivi Vireo	DFO
Turdidae		
Turdus albicollis	White-necked Thrush	I, DFO
Icteridae		
Cacicus cela	Yellow-rumped Cacique	I, DFO
Icterus cayanensis	Epaulet Oriole	DFO
Icterus croconotus	Orange-backed Troupial	I, DFO
Molothrus bonariensis	Shiny Cowbird	I, DFO
Thraupidae		
Paroaria gularis	Red-capped Cardinal	I, DFO
Tangara episcopus	Blue-gray Tanager	I, DFO

Tangara palmarum	Palm Tanager	DFO
Ramphocelus carbo	Silver-beaked Tanager	I, DFO
Dacnis cayana	Blue Dacnis	Ι
Saltator maximus	Buff-throated Saltator	I, DFO
Saltator grossus	Slate-colored Grosbeak	DFO
Fringillidae		
Euphonia chlorotica	Purple-throated Euphonia	DFO
EDGE SEED-EATER		
Columbidae		
Columbina talpacoti	Ruddy Ground-Dove	DFO
Passerellidae		
Ammodramus aurifrons	Yellow-browed Sparrow	I, DFO
Thraupidae		
Sicalis columbiana	Orange-fronted Yellow- Finch	I, DFO
Volatinia jacarina	Blue-black Grassquit	DFO
Sporophila lineola	Lined Seedeater	DFO
Sporophila americana	Wing-barred Seedeater	DFO
Sporophila castaneiventris	Chestnut-bellied Seedeater	I, DFO
Sporophila angolensis	Chestnut-bellied Seed-Finch	I, DFO
NECTAR AND INSECT EATERS		
Trochilidae		
Phaethornis ruber	Reddish Hermit	DFO
Anthracothorax nigricollis	Black-throated Mango	DFO
Chlorestes notata	Blue-chinned Sapphire	Ι
Thalurania furcata	Fork-tailed Woodnymph	DFO
Amazilia versicolor	Versicolored Emerald	I, DFO
Amazilia fimbriata	Glittering-throated Emerald	DFO

Thraupidae		
Coereba flaveola	Bananaquit	DFO
RIPARIAN CARNIVORES		
Ciconiidae		
Mycteria americana	Wood Stork	I, DFO
Threskiornithidae		
Theristicus caudatus	Buff-necked Ibis	Ι
Anhingidae		
Anhinga anhinga	Anhinga	DFO
Ardeidae		
Tigrisoma lineatum	Rufescent Tiger-Heron	I, DFO
Nycticorax nycticorax	Black-crowned Night-Heron	DFO
Butorides striata	Striated Heron	I, DFO
Ardea cocoi	Cocoi Heron	I, DFO
Ardea alba	Great Egret	I, DFO
Pilherodius pileatus	Capped Heron	I, DFO
Egretta thula	Snowy Egret	I, DFO
Phalacrocoracidae		
Nannopterum brasilianus	Neotropic Cormorant	I, DFO
Sternidae		
Phaetusa simplex	Large-billed Tern	I, DFO
Rynchopidae		
Rynchops niger	Black Skimmer	DFO
Alcedinidae		
Megaceryle torquata	Ringed Kingfisher	I, DFO
Chloroceryle amazona	Amazon Kingfisher	Ι
Chloroceryle americana	Green Kingfisher	I, DFO

SWAMP OMNIVORES		
Anatidae		
Dendrocygna autumnalis	Black-bellied Whistling- Duck	I, DFO
Cairina moschata	Muscovy Duck	I, DFO
Amazonetta brasiliensis	Brazilian Teal	I, DFO
Rallidae		
Aramides cajaneus	Gray-necked Wood-Rail	DFO
Charadriidae		
Vanellus chilensis	Southern Lapwing	I, DFO
Charadrius collaris	Collared Plover	I, DFO
Jacanidae		
Jacana jacana	Wattled Jacana	I, DFO
TRUNK AND TWIG INSECTIVORES		
Picidae		
Picumnus cirratus	White-barred Piculet	DFO
Melanerpes cruentatus	Yellow-tufted Woodpecker	DFO
Celeus flavescens	Blond-crested Woodpecker	DFO
Dryocopus lineatus	Lineated Woodpecker	I, DFO
Campephilus rubricollis	Red-necked Woodpecker	Ι
Dendrocolaptidae		
Dendrocincla fuliginosa	Plain-brown Woodcreeper	I, DFO
Dendrocincla merula	White-chinned Woodcreeper	DFO
Sittasomus griseicapillus	Olivaceous Woodcreeper	I, DFO
Xiphorhynchus pardalotus	Chestnut-rumped Woodcreeper	I, DFO
Xiphorhynchus guttatus	Buff-throated Woodcreeper	DFO
Dendroplex picus	Straight-billed Woodcreeper	Ι
Lepidocolaptes albolineatus	Guianan Woodcreeper	Ι

Dendrocolaptes certhia	Amazonian Barred Woodcreeper	Ι
Xenopidae		
Xenops minutus	Plain Xenops	Ι
UNDERSTORY FRUGIVORES		
Tinamidae		
Tinamus major	Great Tinamou	Ι
Tinamus guttatus	White-throated Tinamou	I, DFO
Crypturellus soui	Little Tinamou	DFO
Cracidae		
Crax alector	Black Curassow	Ι
Columbidae		
Patagioenas cayennensis	Pale-vented Pigeon	I, DFO
Patagioenas plumbea	Plumbeous Pigeon	DFO
Leptotila verreauxi	White-tipped Dove	I, DFO
Trogonidae		
Trogon viridis	Green-backed Trogon	Ι
Trogon violaceus	Guianan Trogon	DFO
Pipridae		
Tyranneutes virescens	Tiny Tyrant-Manakin	Ι
Pipra aureola	Crimson-hooded Manakin	Ι
Ceratopipra rubrocapilla	Red-headed Manakin	Ι
Manacus manacus	White-bearded Manakin	I, DFO
Tityridae		
Schiffornis turdina	Thrush-like Schiffornis	Ι
Tityra cayana	Black-tailed Tityra	DFO
Tityra semifasciata	Masked Tityra	I, DFO

Cotingidae		
Querula purpurata	Purple-throated Fruitcrow	DFO
Lipaugus vociferans	Screaming Piha	I, DFO
Tyrannidae		
Lathrotriccus euleri	Euler's Flycatcher	DFO
Turdidae		
Turdus fumigatus	Cocoa Thrush	DFO
Thraupidae		
Lanio cristatus	Flame-crested Tanager	DFO
Cardinalidae		
Cyanoloxia rothschildii	Rothschild's Blue Grosbeak	DFO
UNDERSTORY INSECTIVORES		
Cuculidae		
Coccyzus euleri	Pearly-breasted Cuckoo	DFO
Piaya cayana	Squirrel Cuckoo	I, DFO
Nyctibiidae		
Nyctibius aethereus	Long-tailed Potoo	DFO
Bucconidae		
Malacoptila rufa	Rufous-necked Puffbird	DFO
Thamnophilidae		
Myrmotherula brachyura	Pygmy Antwren	DFO
Formicivora grisea	White-fringed Antwren	DFO
Thamnomanes ardesiacus	Dusky-throated Antshrike	Ι
Thamnophilus punctatus	Northern Slaty-Antshrike	I, DFO
Taraba major	Great Antshrike	DFO
Sclateria naevia	Silvered Antbird	DFO
Cercomacra cinerascens	Gray Ant	Ι

Conopophagidae		
Conopophaga aurita	Chestnut-belted Gnateater	DFO
Furnariidae		
Automolus rufipileatus	Chestnut-crowned Foliagegleaner	DFO
Synallaxis albescens	Pale-breasted Spinetail	DFO
Synallaxis gujanensis	Plain-crowned Spinetail	DFO
Onychorhynchidae		
Onychorhynchus coronatus	Royal Flycatcher	Ι
Terenotriccus erythrurus	Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher	DFO
Platyrinchidae		
Platyrinchus saturatus	Cinnamon-crested Spadebill	DFO
Rhynchocyclidae		
Leptopogon amaurocephalus	Sepia-capped Flycatcher	DFO
Rhynchocyclus olivaceus	Olivaceous Flatbill	DFO
Todirostrum maculatum	Spotted Tody-Flycatcher	I, DFO
Todirostrum cinereum	Common Tody-Flycatcher	DFO
Lophotriccus galeatus	Helmeted Pygmy-Tyrant	DFO
Troglodytidae		
Troglodytes musculus	Southern House Wren	I, DFO
Cantorchilus leucotis	Buff-breasted Wren	DFO
Cyphorhinus arada	Musician Wren	Ι
Donacobiidae		
Donacobius atricapilla	Black-capped Donacobius	I, DFO
Parulidae		
Setophaga pitiayumi	Tropical Parula	DFO

4. CONCLUSIONS

The diversity of birds presented by Mura of natural occurrence in the indigenous territory was considered large. Mura have lot of knowledge about the ecological importance of the fauna. The indigenous knowledge about the ecological interactions between animals and plants travels through generations from older to younger ones in oral transmission.

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