

## Pantanal

2007. "Five YLS graduates, most, like me, with spouses, spent 10 days in August in the Pantanal. The Pantanal, a World Heritage Site in western Brazil, is the largest freshwater environment in the world, home to hundreds of bird, fish and mammal species.

Our Yale-sponsored trip was led by Gus Speth (1969), Dean of the Forestry and Environmental Studies School, and included, besides Gus, Peter Cooper (1964), Ed Strobehn (1969), Marty Senzer (1969) and yours truly.

Hiking, water excursions, even horseback trips kept Betty, me and the rest of the group going from pre-dawn bird watching to stargazing in the hemisphere many of us had never visited. It was an experience that won't recede in our minds. Truly an extraordinary place.

I think most of us came home changed by what we saw, and by some informal talks we got Gus to give about climate change, the Yale school he heads, etc. I'm slowly becoming knowledgeable about carbon offsets, a concept that Gus mentioned and which fits with law firms that earn income flying large numbers of miles."

*-- Recycled from Steve's Class Notes*