

Trip Report

Córdoba Endemics Pre-tour Extension

21st to 24th September 2015 (4 days)

Northern Argentina

25th September to 15th October 2015 (21 days)



Burrowing Parrot by David Shackelford

Trip report compiled by tour leader: Luis Segura



Day 1: September 21st, 2015 – Our Northern Argentina 2015 tour started with Córdoba Endemics extension. We left the hotel with Peter and Alison Beer, who arrived the previous night from Eastern Patagonia, where they spent a few days birding the Valdés Peninsula area. On arrival to the airport, Adrian –our local Trogon Tours' leader, took Peter and Alison for some "parking birding" at Córdoba airport, while Luis waited for Terry Rosenmeier and Karen Kluge to arrive from Buenos Aires. The short birding break produced some nice birds for Peter and Alison, who got Guira Cuckoo, Monk Parakeet, Brown Cacholote, Lark-like Brushrunner, Southern Martin, Shiny and Screaming Cowbirds and Greyish Baywing among others. With Karen and Terri already



Olrog's Cinclodes by Luis Segura

on board, we drove down to the small village of Icho Cruz, which sits at the foot of the Córdoba Hills. We arrived at our lodge and checked in for the next two nights. We set off birding the surroundings, while waited for lunch to be served. Our first pleasant surprise was an active nest of Brown Cacholote on a tree right in front of our lodge's main entrance. The gardens of our lodge were very productive, and we saw some wonderful birds including Grey-hooded Parakeet, Scimitar-billed Woodcreeper, Blue-and-Yellow Tanager and Golden-billed Saltator.

We had our first opportunity to go birding in good Sierran Chaco Woodland habitat right after lunch. Some of the Chaco specialities found here included Brushland Tinamou, Short-billed Canastero, Chaco Earthcreeper, Tufted Tit-Spinetail, Stripe-crowned Spinetail, White-crested Tyrannulet, Masked Gnatcatcher, Many-colored Chaco-Finch and Red Pileated Finch.

After birding the surroundings of Icho Cruz, we drove north and up to the hills where we went looking for our fist Córdoba endemic: Olrog's Cinlodes. We didn't have to wait long before finding the bird, and everyone had very good looks at it. We heard Olive-backed Crescentchest singing, and tried calling it, but the bird wasn't interested and it didn't show up: Regardless, we spotted a male Red-tailed Comet — one of the most spectacular hummingbirds in Argentina, perched on a nearby bush, and were able to set the scope on it for everyone to enjoy fantastic looks. Pampas Finch was



Red-tailed Comet by David Shackelford

our last bird there, before turning around and going back to our lodge.

Day 2: September 22nd, 2015 – We had breakfast before sunrise and then left for Pampa de Achala, in the Córdoba Central Hills, to look for other two endemics: Córdoba Cinclodes and the local subspecies of Puna Canstero known as Córdoba Canastero. The weather was not on our side, and we had fog, some rain, and it was certainly quite cold for the standards, something very unusual in a place like Córdoba, where clear blue skies are the general rule at this time of the year, BUT... this is an "El Niño" year, and in this part of the world it only means rain, rain and more rain, even in areas where it normally shouldn't rain much.

But we were not to be intimidated by any Niño whatsoever, and our tour continued at a good pace. We made our first morning stop at Quebrada del Condorito



National Park, to find that the gate was closed, and they only opened at 9am. Determined to see some of our key birds, we decided to break some rules, and managed to cross the fence and start exploring the first bit of the park's entrance road, where it didn't take us long to find Puna (Córdoba) Canastero and our first Córdoba Cinclodes of the day, singing from the top of a fence post, less than 10 metres away from us! Following these two specialties, we found Spectacled Tyrant, and a Sedge Wren displaying nicely from top of a tussock grass.

Further down the road we found a pair of Rufous-banded Miner. We checked several of the small lagoons along the way after El Cóndor and were able to pick up Yellow-billed Teal and Yellow-billed Pintail as well as Plumbeous Rail and more Olrog's Cinclodes.

We then headed for a dirt road next to Refugio Qenti, where we had wonderful looks at Córdoba Cinclodes. While checking the Cinclodes a pair of Lesser Grisons showed up and everybody was able to see them at relatively close range. Further down this road, we found Scale-throated Earthcreeper, Rufous-naped Ground-Tyrant and more Long-tailed Meadowlark. On our way back



Lark-like Brushrunner by Jonathan Rossouw

to the hotel, we stopped at Parador 2 to look for White-winged Cinclodes. Just as we were parking the van, we spotted the bird and a shortly after, we also had a pair of Olrog's Cinclodes at very close range. These were taking nest material to a crevice in the roof of the Parador.

Our next stop was at the huge rock where we were looking for Olive-backed Crescentchest yesterday. Luck was on our side this time, and we spotted the bird perched at close range, offering great views for everyone to enjoy. We made a final stop before Icho Cruz in a very productive spot on the roadside, where we enjoyed very nice views of some handsome Chaco species such as Many-colored Chaco-Finch and Black-capped Warbling-Finch. We also glimpsed a Band-tailed Seedeater.

Day 3: September 23rd, 2015 – We left Icho Cruz early this morning, to continue our journey north, towards Dean Funes, where we spent the last night of the Córdoba Extension. On our way there, we made a stop at Capilla del Monte, where we went birding the area of Dique Cajón, looking for more Chaco specialties. This area is interesting in terms of habitat since, despite being surrounded by dry Chaco woodland, there's also a dam and a river, so the resulting habitat is quite productive for



Salinas Monjita by Clayton Burne

birding. Walking along the riverside and the lakeshore, we managed to find some wonderful birds including Straneck's Tyrannulet, White-tipped Pluntcutter, Blue-crowned Parakeet, Tawny-headed Swallow, White-winged Mockingbird, Checkered Woodpecker and great views of Crested Gallito. A small marshy patch was home to Wattled Jacana and a Plumbeous Rail pair with two chicks. Finally, Black-necked Swan, Great Grebe and White-tufted Grebe were also present on the lake.

We continued our journey to Dean Funes, where we checked into our hotel at noon, in time to have lunch and take a short mid-day break before heading to San José de las Salinas, the place to look for one of the main Córdoba endemics: Salinas Monjita.

Salinas Grandes are some of the largest salt flats in



central Argentina, and the habitat here is very extreme, so there are not too many bird species possibly found on the salt flat itself, regardless, our key specialty for the afternoon makes it home here, and it luckily didn't take us long to find a very tame pair of Salinas Monjita, perched on top of some short bushes at the edge of the salt plains. They allowed wonderful close-up views to all the group members, and we also had excellent photo opportunities.

On our way back to Dean Funes, we searched the dry Chaco woodland along the road and got some great birds, including Black-crested Finch, Spot-winged Falconet, Vermilion Flycatcher, Greater Rhea and Burrowing Owl to name but a few.

Day 4: September 24th, 2015 – We left Dean Funes this morning, and drove north, crossing, once again, the salt flats on our way to Tucumán, where the extension ended. Our first stop was in the surroundings of San José de las Salinas, where we explored a patch of dense, thorny lowland Chaco forest. Some species found here included Crested Hornero, White-fronted Woodpecker, Suiriri Flycatcher, Southern Scrub Flycatcher, Red-crested Cardinal and Black-crested Finch.

After leaving the Province of Córdoba behind and entering Tucumán, we made a stop at a petrol station to have lunch, before birding a new habitat: the wet lowland grasslands and farming areas of southern Tucumán. We focused on the Río Chico area, in the outskirts of Monteagudo, where we spotted some true wetland species, including our first Svanna Hawk of the trip. Other wonderful birds spotted in the surrounding reed beds and woodland included Black-and-white Warbling Finch and Glittering-bellied Emerald. We arrived to Tucumán City in the late evening, and met



Yellow-striped Brush Finch by Clayton Burne

Van Harris and Dick Preston –who were joining the group for the main tour, at the hotel and we all had dinner together and got ready to start the main Northern Argentina tour the next day.

Day 5: September 25th, 2015 – We left San Miguel de Tucumán this morning and headed towards the north west of the province, gaining altitude as we approached our next destination at Tafí del Valle. The road to Tafí is really interesting, since it crosses three completely different habitats: wet grasslands, Yungas cloud forest, and the final bit, just before arriving to town, is a dry pre-Puna steppe. We made some stops along the Yungas road, looking for our first local bird specialties. Our



Torrent Duck by Adam Riley

first stop was on the bridge over Río Los Sosa, to look for one of Argentina's endemics: Yellow-striped Brush Finch, which responded to playback right away, offering great views for everyone to enjoy and even take some pictures. We then continued further along the river, and stopped at a lookout where we found our first Torrent Duck. We were hoping for Rufousthroated Dipper, but no luck this morning. Regardless, a walk through the Alder forest and along the river shore produced some interesting sightings, including White-throated Tyrannulet, Cream-winged Cinclodes, Black Mountain Wren and Brown-capped Whitestart. We also took some time to go birding La



Angostura Dam, where we found Coscoroba Swan, Andean Goose, White-tailed Kite and Andean Gull among others.

We finally arrived to Tafí at noon and checked into our hotel for the following two nights. We had lunch at a local restaurant and took a short break before setting off for a birding afternoon in the surroundings of Tafí. We didn't want to give up so easily with the Dipper, so the first thing we did was to return to the Yungas area and searched the Los Sosa River, which is normally a very good spot for this bird. Shortly after stopping at our second stakeout, the bird showed up nicely, feeding and searching the rock crevasses in the middle of the river. With our mission accomplished, we decided to spend the balance of our birding day in the area of Dique La Angostura, more precisely along the road to Los Menhires, where we enjoyed our first decent views of Grey-hooded Parakeet. We also got very nice views of Cinnamon Teal, and Plumbeous Rail responding to playback, and showing at the edge of a marshy patch.

Day 6: September 26th, 2015 – This day saw us hoping for some endemics which are normally found on the way to El Infiernillo, on the Andean side of Tafí, so we left very early to look for the first of them: White-browed Tapaculo. This bird is common around town, but it's not so easy to see since it's normally quite secretive, so our



Grey-hooded Parakeet by Clayton Burne

best chances were right after sunrise. A short drive from the hotel took us to a spot where we normally find it, and it didn't take long before one responded to playback and came very close. It was really surprising, because these tapaculos normally stay down on the ground, but this particular one went all the way to the top of a bush and showed very nicely in the morning light. What a treat!

With our first one in the bag, we continued north and uphill to look for the other endemics. On our way to the highest part of the road, we were lucky to find some wonderful birds, like Andean Lapwing, Andean Flicker, Black-winged Ground Dove, Andean Swift, Band-tailed Sierra Finch, Aplomado Falcon, Cinereous Harrier, Brown-capped Tit-Spinetail, Black Siskin, Cordilleran Canastero and Ornate Tinamou among others.

Right before El Infiernillo, there's a bend on the road, where Moreno's Ground Dove is normally found, so we made a stop there to try for this other endemic. As soon as we stepped off the van, we got Buff-breasted Earthcreeper and Puna Canastero, both singing and displaying! A short walk, following a small canyon running alongside the road, finally produced our Moreno's Ground



Rufous-throated Dipper by Jonathan Rossouw

Dove and everyone enjoyed nice, close views of them perched almost eye-level.

Our last target bird of the day was Tucuman Mountain Finch, another endemic, and we got it a few hundred meters after our Moreno's Ground Dove stakeout. A lucky morning, with all possible endemics for the area seen before lunchtime!

We turned around and went back to Tafí, birding en-route. We searched the tussock grasslands, looking for other Andean specialties, but unfortunately it was quite windy, so birds were not very responsive to tapes. Regardless, we spent time watching



and photographing a very tame Hellmayr's Pipit before continuing our drive back to town. Our birding morning was very rewarding, and trip list additions included Puna, Cinereous and Cinnamonbellied Ground Tyrants and White-tailed and Grey-bellied Shrike Tyrants. We returned to the Yungas area in the afternoon for more forest birding, and got the Dipper again. Regardless, the forest was very quiet, and we didn't add any other new species to our list.

Day 7: September 27th, 2015 – We left Tafí early this morning, and took the road to El Infiernillo once again. The day before, we heard Slender-billed Miner calling at the Moreno's Ground Dove spot, but we couldn't see it, so we wanted to try for this bird again. We found it very soon and had great looks at, it sitting on a rock and also in flight display.

We finally reached El Infiernillo pass at 3,042 metres above sea level and found a flock of Greenish Yellow Finch and also enjoyed very nice views of Ash-breasted Sierra Finch. After crossing the pass, the road starts going down towards Amaicha del Valle and into another



Tucuman Mountain Finch by Jonathan Rossouw

habitat: the Highland Monte, where we looked for different bird species, including a couple of endemics.

We saw many bird specialities here, including Rufous-sided Warbling Finch, Streak-fronted Thornbird, Gray-hooded Sierra Finch, Rusty-vend Canastero, Giant Hummingbird, Mourning Sierra Finch and Scale-throated Earthcreeper among others. It was also in this area where we spotted our first Andean Condor of the trip.

We looked for White-throated Cacholote, one of our endemic targets for this area, in the Monte vegetation around Amaicha del Valle. It didn't take us long to find a pair, which responded to playback and displayed nicely from top of a thorny bush, where they seemed to have an active nest.

> We also found in this same area Yellow-billed Tit-Tyrant, Patagonian Mockingbird, Ringed Warbling Finch and Burrowing Parrot.

> We had a picnic lunch on our way to the Ruins of Quilmes, where we expected to find yet another endemic: Sandy Gallito. Soon after parking our van at a stakeout where the Gallito is often seen, we heard one calling, so we played our tape and the bird came really close, offering great views for everyone to enjoy.

> We finally arrived at our lodge in the late afternoon, and set off for a walk in the surroundings. We heard Black-legged Seriema but unfortunately the bird wouldn't show up. Walking through Monte Vegetation and down to the Santa María River, we had very close views of flocking Burrowing Parrots. Once at the river shore, we racked up Barn Swallow, several male Spectacled Tyrants and one female (our first for the trip), as well as Black-crowned Monjita and small groups of Collared Plovers. We also saw Sedge Wren in a grassy patch on our way back to the lodge.



White-throated Cacholote by Clayton Burne

Day 8: September 28th, 2015 – After an early breakfast we set off to look for more Monte specialties near Amaicha. We had great views of Sandy Gallito, calling for 5 minutes from the top of a short

tree. Besides many of the birds seen the day before, we also added Plain-mantled Tit-Spinetail and Common Diuca Finch, both new for the trip.

We left the area of Amaicha mid-morning, and started our way towards Cabra Corral, crossing some of Argentina's most spectacular landscapes at Quebrada de las Conchas. We stopped very often for birding and to take pictures of the multi-coloured rock formations along the river canyon. Both Sandy Gallito and White-throated Cacholote offered great close views in this area, so we spent some time watching these two Argentine endemics.

We stopped at Posta de las Cabras for lunch and were greeted by a flock of very tame Plush-crested Jays. Black-legged Seriema were calling at a distance, but despite our efforts to attract them playing tapes, they didn't show up. Birding the gardens around the restaurant we added Ultramarine Grosbeak to our list, with several males and females well seen.



Sandy Gallito by Clayton Burne

We arrived at our Hotel on the shores of Cabra

Corral Lake in the late afternoon and checked-in for the next two nights. After a short break, we set off for some evening birding in Montane Chaco vegetation, where we found Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant in the woodlands, flocks of Andean Swift and Andean Condor soaring high above the canyon walls.

Day 9: September 29th, 2015 – We started our long birding day along the winding Cachi Road after having an early breakfast at the hotel. Our drive would take us from Cabra Corral to Payogasta and back, crossing different habitats, from Yungas to Puna. Our first stop at the Yungas area early this morning produced some nice birds, like Golden-olive Woodpecker, Scaly-headed Parrot, Tucuman Amazon, Whistling Heron and Chaco Chachalaca. Entering the Cardon Cacti Fields, in the drier areas above the Yungas, we made a stop to look for new birds, and found some very interesting ones, like White-bellied Tyrannulet, Rock Earthcreeper and White-winged Black Tyrant, among others. Further down the road there's an area with a deep canyon and some scattered Alder trees, which is normally good for Rufous-bellied Saltator, a bird that is very scarce in Argentina. We heard it calling from the trees, so we set off for a walk, and we got some of them, along with other nice



Plush-crested Jay by Dubi Shapiro

species, including Fulvous-headed Brush Finch, White-browed Chat-Tyrant and Black-backed Grosbeak. A final stop at the lower part of the Cachi Road allowed us to see a nice flock of Mitred Parakeet, Plain-colored Seedeater and more Andean Condors.

We reached the small village of Payogasta, not far from the city of Cachi, in time to have lunch at a local restaurant. After lunch, we started our way back to Cabra Corral, stopping to walk along some short trails within Los Cardones National Park, where we had the chance to snap some photos of the "Cardonal" (giant-cacti forest). The Puna grasslands at Los Cardones National park are home to Tawny-

throated Dotterel, and we saw many of these waders along the way.

Day 10: September 30th, 2015 – We left Cabra Corral right after breakfast, for our next destination, Libertador General San Martín, in the Province of Jujuy. Shortly after leaving Cabra Corral behind we took a dirt back road through good Montane Chaco habitat with some transitional forest and agricultural land which, after a few kilometres, connects to the main highway. Our first sightings included Andean Condor and Black-chested Buzzard Eagle flying high above the canyon. Chaco Chachalaca and Dusky-legged Guan were common alongside the road. We saw White-bellied Hummingbird very often, and a male Blue-throated Starthroat (all



Chaco Chachalaca by Clayton Burne

plumage details seen by most of the group). We also spotted a pair of Ringed Kingfishers, with a possible nest nearby and enjoyed close views of a male Cream-backed Woodpecker. There were also Narrow-billed Woodcreeper, White-winged Black-Tyrant, Brown-crested Flycatcher, Many-colored Chaco Finch and a large flock of Red Pileated Finch feeding on the ground with Ultramarine Grosbeak. We heard Black-legged Seriema, but the bird wouldn't show once again. We arrived in Libertador General San Martín at noon, had lunch at a local restaurant and checked into our hotel for the next two nights. In the afternoon we birded the transitional forest and wet lowlands along the entrance road to Calilegua National Park, where we added more ticks including Pale-vented Pigeon, Rothschild's Swift, Toco Toucan, Golden-collared Macaw, Azara's Spinetail, Ochre-faced Tody-Tyrant, Purple-throated Euphonia and Crested Oropendola, among others.

Day 11: October 1st, 2015 – We spent the day birding Calilegua National Park, one of the main Yungas relicts within Argentina. Considering that we spent time birding the lowlands at the entrance of the park, we went straight to the lower Yungas, stopping often along the way, and searching some trails inside the national park for new bird species. Bird activity in the early morning was high and we managed to get some wonderful species like Green-cheeked Parakeet, Olivaceous Woodcreeper, Slaty Elaenia, Highland Elaenia, Ochre-faced Tody-Flycatcher, Plumbeous Tyrant, Dusky-capped Flycatcher and Green-backed Becard. But perhaps the main sighting this morning was



Golden-collared Macaw by Markus Lilje

Amazonian Motmot, surely not a common bird in Argentina, and highly restricted to this corner of the country. Half way up the road, across Calilegua, we stopped for a picnic lunch at Mesada de las Colmenas, where we enjoyed watching some raptors soaring overhead, including Rufousthighed Hawk, Plumbeous Kite Swallow-tailed Kite. Shortly after leaving our picnic site, we made a stop to look for White-throated Antpitta. These birds are quite secretive. We heard many calling along the way, but it was only here that we managed to attract one, which was quite

responsive to our tape and stood in a visible spot for a while. At this same spot, while working on the Antpitta, we spotted Variable Antshrike, Rusty Flowerpiercer, Cinnamon Flycatcher, Mountain Wren, Two-banded Warbler, White-bellied Hummingbird and Andean Slaty Thrush. Calilegua is always a great place for soaring raptors and besides the ones mentioned above, we also managed to see White-rumped Hawk and King Vulture. We put a special effort on our way back to try and find, a bird that everyone wanted to see which we finally found near the access gate to the park. It was a nice male singing and showing well, on a tall tree right next to us.

Day 12: October 2nd, 2015 – We left Libertador General San Martín this morning, and departed for Humahuaca and the high Andes. Our first stop was at the small village of Yala, where we had our first good views of female Torrent Duck. New birds for the trip were added here, including the near endemic Red-faced Guan. Other highlights worth mentioning were Dotfronted Woodpecker, Spot-breasted Thornbird, Fawn-breasted



Blue-headed Trogon by Markus Lilje

Tanager and Rusty-browed Warbling Finch. We then continued northwards, had lunch at Purmamarca, where we also made a stop at a lookout to photograph the famous Cerro del los Siete Colores (seven-colour hill), and added some more new birds including Brown-backed Mockingbird and Black-hooded Sierra Finch.

Before arriving at our hotel for the night, in Humahuaca, we paid a visit to the ruins of Pucará de Tilcara. Some of the birds that we saw here included Blue-and-yellow Tanager, Giant Hummingbird, Rusty-vented Canastero, White-winged Black Tyrant and Black-billed Shrike Tyrant.

Day 13: October 3rd, 2015 – Today we set off for the high Andes, specifically for La Quiaca, in the north westernmost corner of Argentina, right at the Bolivian border, for two nights. On our way to La Quiaca we explored several birding spots, looking for Andean specialties. Before Abra Pampa we enjoyed very good views of a Mountain Caracara feeding at the roadside. Once in Abra Pampa we made a short stop to have hot tea and some of us tried a traditional fried wheat-tortilla, with a local beverage made of corn called "api." On the outskirts of Abra Pampa we found our first Crested



Vicuna herd by Clayton Burne



Duck. There was also a Short-billed Pipit displaying, as well as a small flock of Grey-breasted Seedsnipe. Vicuña became a common sighting as we reached higher altitudes, and we saw many of these South American camels throughout the day.



Chilean Flamingo by Jonathan Rossouw

The dirt road between Abra Pampa and Laguna de Pozuelos was in poor condition so our drive was relatively slow, but this gave us the opportunity to make some stops along the way and look for more birds. Some highlights included Puna Yellow Finch, Golden-spotted Ground Dove and Bare-faced Ground Dove. The latter is quite rare in Argentina, with a very restricted range, so this was an unexpected but of course very welcomed sighting. A stop at the roadside, for watching Rock Earthcreeper, further down the way, produced another pleasant surprise: a group of Southern Mountain Vizcacha jumping among big rocks on a canyon wall, giving all of us chances to get great views of this odd-looking and certainly quite rare

mammal.

We finally arrived at the gate to Laguna de Pozuelos National Natural Monument at noon. From the gate, we continued driving on a rough dirt road for 7km, to finally reach the parking area, not far from the lakeshore. After having our picnic lunch, we walked some 1,000 metres to the edge of the water, where we set up our scopes and started scanning for specialties. We enjoyed several new species for our trip list, including Puna Teal, Andean Duck, Silvery Grebe, Chilean and James's Flamingo, Puna Ibis, nesting Andean and Giant Coots, Puna Plover, Baird's Sandpiper, Wilson's Phalarope, Puna Miner and Andean Negrito. We also saw Andean Gull with chicks. We missed two high Andean specialties here: Andean Flamingo and Horned Coot, so we decided to continue our journey to La Quiaca along an alternative road to try for these two birds at some remote lagoons in the area of Lagunillas, but we missed them there as well. We finally arrived to La Quiaca late in the evening and checked into our hotel for the following two nights.

Day 14: October 4th, 2015 – After having breakfast at the hotel in La Quiaca, we headed for Yavi, a small village west of La Quiaca, and gateway to the highest mountains in this part of the

country. We were hoping for some fine specialities, and ticked our first at the bridge over the Yavi River: Citron-headed Yellow Finch. We also found Bare-faced Ground Dove, but this is one of the places in Argentina where the bird is usually seen. From Yavi we took the road to Santa Victoria, climbing high into the Andes. On one of our stops along the way, we found Spot-billed Ground Tyrant, making its characteristic pipit-like flight display. At 4,400 metres above sea level we found one of the main targets of the day: Redbacked Sierra Finch. On the way back we enjoyed two close sightings of, with one flock totalling roughly 20 individuals soaring very low, and offering great photo opportunities.



Andean Condor by Murray Cooper

After lunch in Yavi we headed to Laguna Colorada, a nearby birding site where we hoped to find additional water birds at the local lagoons, but they were all dry. Regardless, we had excellent sightings of Tawny-throated Dotterel at close range, and a sought after species that we almost gave up on, Lesser Rhea.



James's Flamingoes by Clayton Burne

Day 15: October 5th, 2015 – We left La Quiaca this morning after breakfast and hit the road for a long drive to Joaquín V. González, a town sitting in the heart of the dry Chaco, in the Province of Salta, where we spent the next two nights. As we approached the Abra Pampa area, we decided to make a stop at Laguna Runtuyoc and try for our last high Andean specialties of the trip. A short walk took us to the edge of the lagoon, and after scanning with our telescopes for a while, we saw Andean Flamingo –the last of the three species possibly found in this area. We also

found a nice flock of Andean Avocet, another new bird for the trip. Other birds included Chilean and James's Flamingos, Puna Ibis, Cinnamon Teal, Puna Miner and Andean Negrito. A short stop in Abra Pampa produced yet another specialty, Bright-rumped Yellow Finch.

As we approached Joaquín V. González in the late afternoon, we made a final birding stop on a bridge across a river, where we picked Roseate Spoonbill, Southern Rough-winged Swallow, Amazon Kingfisher and Turquoise-fronted Amazon.

Day 16: October 6th, 2015 – We spent the morning birding the farmland and Chaco woodland around Joaquín V. González. We had plenty of time to walk around and look for birds, so we explored the thorny Chaco forest and found some interesting species, like Great Antshrike, Vermilion Flycatcher, Great Rufous and Scimitar-billed Woodcreepers, Straneck's Tyrannulet, Solitary Cacique, Greyish Saltator, Cinereus Tyrant, Crowned Slaty Flycatcher and three Woodpeckers: White-fronted, Checkered and Green-barred. In the farmlands we added two falcons: Aplomado and Peregrine. We also had great views of White-browed Blackbird, and other birds like Southern Yellowthroat, Tropical Kingbird and Smooth-billed Ani.

We had lunch in town and had a midday break to avoid the heat before setting off for an afternoon drive north, to the area of La Estrella, where dense stocks of Dry Chaco Forest still stand. The drive was relatively long, but we decided to go anyway, since this was our last chance for Black-legged Seriema, and perhaps other Chaco Specialties. We tried hard with the Seriema, but unfortunately the bird never showed up.



Great Rufous Woodcreeper by Clayton Burne

Regardless, we had excellent views of Stripe-backed Antbird, a Chaco specialist, responding to playback from a tree not far from us, at eye-level. Short-billed Canastero was really common here,

and on our way back we spotted several groups of Greater Rhea.



Scarlet-headed Blackbird by Clayton Burne

Day 17: October 7th, 2015 - We left the hotel this morning and headed east, towards the Province of Corrientes, where we planned to spend the next two days at Iberá Marshes. This drive is by far the longest of the tour, and it takes us through most of the northern part of Argentina, crossing the provinces of Salta, Santiago del Estero and Chaco, before entering Corrientes. The crossing is interesting, since habitats, range from dry to wet Chaco, with some marshes and grasslands in between, but unfortunately time was too short, and we couldn't stop much for birding on the way. Regardless, we managed to see some interesting birds, including Comb Duck, Maguari Stork, Wood

Stork, Jabiru, White-faced Ibis, Cocoi Heron, Snail Kite, Limpkin and Giant Wood Rail among others. We arrived in Mercedes in time to check into our hotel for one night, have dinner, and get ready for Iberá Marshes next day.

Day 18: October 8th, 2015 – It rained very heavily all night long, and the road to the small village of Colonia Pellegrini, in the heart of Iberá Marshes, is mostly a dirt one, so we left this morning holding our fingers crossed and hoping to make it without problems... El Niño is certainly making this part of the tour much less pleasant than it was supposed to be, but nonetheless, we were determined to get to our lodge and enjoy Iberá. It continued raining all the time, and the rain only got worse and worse, but anyway we were making progress at a decent pace, picking up some interesting birds along the way, including Brazilian Teal, Rufescent Tiger Heron, Striated Heron, Giant Wood Rail, Ruddy Ground-Dove and Lesser Grass Finch. But perhaps the highlight of the day was Strangetailed Tyrant, which we saw in a couple of places, including one close view of a stunning male.

We finally arrived to Colonia Pellegrini, only to find that most of the town was completely flooded, with all back roads closed, thus making it impossible for us to access some key birding areas. On top of that, our van broke down on arrival, luckily only a few hundred meters away from our lodge, so I walked there and asked the manager to pick the rest of the group up and take all of our stuff to the lodge. While waiting for the transfer, people had good views of Western Osprey in flight, carrying fish.

Our driver had to dedicate several hours to repairing the van, so considering that and the fact that all the back roads were closed, we spent the balance of the day birding the surroundings of our lodge, where we enjoyed some interesting birds, including Gilded Sapphire, White-barred Piculet, White Woodpecker, Greater Thornbird, Narrowbilled Woodcreeper, three species of Elaenia:



Vinaceous-breasted Amazon by Clayton Burne

Large, Small-billed and Olivaceous, White-headed Marsh Tyrant, Green-backed and White-winged Becards, Black-capped Donacobius and Scarlet-headed Blackbird. We went to bed hoping that the rain would stop, and that it would at least let us take a boat tour in Iberá Lagoon the next morning.



Black-capped Donacobius by Adam Riley

Day 19: October 9th, 2015 - The rain never stopped, and it got even worse, so after spending a short while trying to bird the surroundings of the hotel, we decided that the main priority was to get out of Colonia Pellegrini before it was too late. The road to the north was already closed due to the heavy rains, so our only chance was to get back to Mercedes, drive around the marshes and get all the way up to the northernmost part of Corrientes, where our only valid alternative was to spend an unscheduled night at the city of Ituzaingó. It took us most of the morning to get back to the paved road, but we made it. We heard on the radio that it rained more than 300 millimetres in less than 30 hours; one fifth of the average rainfall that this part of the country gets per year! Another long, but this time unexpected driving day, which anyway gave us the chance to see some good birds on the way, including Spotted Nothura, White-faced Whistling Duck, Muscovy Duck, Plumbeous Ibis and Longwinged Harrier to name but a few.

Day 20: October 10th, 2015 – Another rainy morning in north-eastern Argentina, but this of course wouldn't stop us from birding, so we left our hotel after breakfast and went birding the grasslands around Ituzaingó, a habitat which is normally very good for seedeaters. Despite being quite early in the season for migrant species, we knew that there should be at least some, and surely other interesting birds. We enjoyed Double-collared and Rusty-collard Seedeaters, two resident species, and also other grassland birds, like Pampa Finch, Wedge-tailed Grass Finch and Long-tailed Reed Finch. But perhaps the star of the morning was a newly described species: Iberá Seedeater, a bird that does not even have a scientific name yet, since it's still to be accepted as a full species.

From Ituzaingó, we continued our journey east, towards the Province of Misiones, where we made our first stop at Profundidad, in the surroundings of the City of Posadas. Our first bird here was Streamer-tailed Tyrant. We saw a couple which responded to our tape very well, and started displaying from the top of the electricity wires at the side of the road. We also ticked other good birds, like Chopi Blackbird, Scarlet-headed Blackbird, Yellow-rumped Marshbird, Yellowish Pipit, Forktailed Flycatcher, Yellow-chinned Spinetail and Pale-vented Pigeon. The last part of the drive took us through the Central Hills of Misiones all the way to the small village of San Pedro, where we were going to spend the night. This part of the province



Streamer-tailed Tyrant by Adam Riley

is very interesting, it is here where the subtropical Paraná Rainforest still has good stocks of Brazilian Monkey Puzzle or Paraná Pine (*Araucaria angustifolia*), and it is home to a number of forest bird species not commonly seen in other parts of Argentina. After checking into our hotel, we set off for

La Araucaria Provincial Park, where we searched the trails for specialties. It was quite late already, so we didn't have much time before the sun went down. Anyway, we enjoyed some interesting birds, including Araucaria Tit-Spinetail, Dark-billed Cuckoo, Red-rumped Cacique and Plain-breasted Thrush.



Black-fronted Piping Guan by Clayton Burne

Day 21: October 11th, 2015 – We made an early start this morning, since we wanted to get to La Araucaria Park right at sunrise to try and pick up as many specialties as possible. The park was still closed when we arrived, so we started birding the perimeter where we got some interesting birds, including Piratic Flycatcher, a gorgeous male Chestnutbacked Tanager and one of the targets for the day, . Once inside the park, we went back to the trails, and looked for more specialties. Some new birds included Green-winged Saltator, Rusty-capped Spinetail, Greenish Schiffornis, Plain Antvireo, and another important target: Canebrake Groundcreeper.

We left San Pedro after a late breakfast for our next destination at Wanda, where we would stay for the following two nights, mainly for exploring Urugua-í Provincial Park. On our way to Wanda, we got our first Yellow-headed Caracara, and also very nice views of a pair White-eared Puffbirds.

After checking into our hotel in Wanda, and having lunch at a local restaurant, we set off for a first visit to Urugua-í. The weather was still quite rainy, but we managed to explore one of the trails, where we found great birds, like Magpie Tanager, Rufous Gnateater, Riverbank Warbler, White-rimmed Warbler, a nesting colony of Red-rumped Cacique, , Ruby-crowned Tanager and the stunning Black-fronted Piping Guan.

Day 22: October 12th, 2015 – We left the hotel this morning to spend the whole day birding Urugua-í. In the morning we thoroughly explored the northern trail. The walk is relatively easy, but the trail was very muddy, so we took our time and made frequent birding stops. After having a picnic lunch at the campsite of the park, we also explored the southern trail, where vegetation is not as dense as in the other one, and there's a dense bamboo understorey.

The combination of both trails gave us the chance to enjoy watching some remarkable birds among which it is worth mentioning Surucua Trogon, Squirrel Cuckoo, White-eyed and



Black-goggled Tanager by Adam Riley

Maroon-bellied Parakeets, Greater Ani, Green-billed Toucan, Ochre-collared Piculet, Grey-bellied Spinetail Black-capped and Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaners, Plain Antvireo, Bertoni's Antbird, White-shouldered Fire-eye, Southern Antpipit, Southern Bristle Tyrant, Drab-breasted Bamboo Tyrant, Sibilant Syristes, Blue Manakin, Black-tailed Tityra, Eastern Slaty and White-necked Thrushes, Chestnut-headed Tanager, Swallow Tanager, Guira Tanager, Chesnut-vented Conebill, Red-crowned Ant Tanager and Blackish-blue Seedeater.



Surucua Trogon by Clayton Burne

Day 23: October 13th, 2015 – We left Wanda this morning and drove a short distance to Puerto Iguazú, the last destination of the trip, where we spent the last two nights of the tour. Our hotel in Puerto Iguazú was located in a forest area, and it has been built taking in consideration the natural habitat, so every room is surrounded by good Paraná Forest habitat, thus offering great birding opportunities. We were welcomed to the hotel by Rufous-winged Antwren, right at the garden in front of reception.

After taking a few minutes to take our stuff to the rooms, we set off for a first visit to Iguazú National Park, where we had lunch and then spent time birding the upper trails. Some of the birds that we found here included Muscovy Duck, Black-fronted Piping Guan, Anhinga, Snail Kite, Great Dusky Swift, White-winged Swallow, Purple-throated Euphonia and Giant Cowbird. This was also a great opportunity to see some mammals, and we notched up plenty of South American Coati, Azara's Capuchin and Azara's Agouti. Among reptiles, it is worth mentioning Tegu Lizzard, which is very common along the trails and around the cafeterias inside the park. We returned to Puerto Iguazú in the late afternoon, and went visiting the Hummingbird Garden, a private house in town that puts up feeders for these fantastic birds, started many years ago. We spotted nine species of hummingbirds at the feeders: Planalto Hermit; Swallowtailed Hummingbird; Black Jacobin; Black-throated Mango;

Glittering-bellied Emerald; Violet-capped Woodnymph; Gilded Sapphire; White-bellied Hummingbird; and Versicolored Emerald. Besides the hummingbirds, we also ticked other great birds, like Violaceous and Chestnut-bellied Euphonias, Bananaquit, Green-headed Tanager and Blue Dacnis.

Day 24: October 14th, 2015 – We spent the day birding Iguazú National Park, starting in the early morning at Route 101 to then explore an area generally closed to the general visitors at Seccional Bernabé Méndez. This is quite dense forest, with the sole exception of a marshy patch on Road 101 itself. Besides the regular forest dwellers, we enjoyed other interesting species, including Rusty-margined Guan, Slaty-breasted Wood Rail, Blue-winged Parrotlet, Yellow Tyrannulet, Eared Pygmy Tyrant and Swainson's Flycatcher. We arrived at the Devil's Throat area walking from Road 101, and then took the narrow gauge train all the way to the park entrance, where we had lunch at a restaurant, to then continue birding the lower trails and Macuco Trail. Some



Chestnut-bellied Euphonia by Luis Segura

highlights for the afternoon included very good scope views of a pair Gray-fronted Dove foraging on Macuco Trail, Short-tailed Antthrush and Short-crested Flycatcher.

Day 25: October 15th, 2015 – Our last morning in Puerto Iguazú was spent birding a couple of trails in the surroundings of town, where we managed to add some new birds for the trip,

including Black-tailed Tityra and Spot-backed Antshrike. We also tried for Variegated Antpitta, but despite one of the birds being singing very close to the trail, we were unable to attract it with our tape. We finally drove to Iguazú's local airport, where the tour ended in the early afternoon.

Total Species recorded: 442 (9 Endemics)

Annotated List of species recorded

Nomenclature and taxonomy follows IOC (Version: 5.1): Gill, F. and Wright, M. Birds of the World: Recommended English Names. Princeton NJ: Princeton University Press.

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Status codes: E = Endemic, NE = Near-endemic, I = Introduced

 $\label{eq:codes: CR = Critically Endangered, EN = Endangered, VU = Vulnerable, EW = Extinct in the Wild, NT = Near Threatened, DD = Data Deficient$

TINAMOUS - Tinamidae

Red-winged Tinamou

Ornate Tinamou

Brushland Tinamou

Spotted Nothura

Rhynchotus rufescens

Nothoprocta ornata

Nothoprocta cinerascens

Nothura maculosa

RHEAS - Rheidae

Greater Rhea (NT) Rhea americana Lesser Rhea (NT) Rhea pennata

<u> SCREAMERS - Anhimidae</u>

Southern Screamer Chauna torquata

DUCKS, GEESE & SWANS - Anatidae

White-faced Whistling Duck

Coscoroba Swan

Black-necked Swan

Torrent Duck

Comb Duck

Andean Goose

Muscovy Duck

Dendrocygna viduata

Coscoroba coscoroba

Cygnus melanocorypha

Merganetta armata

Sarkidiornis sylvicola

Chloephaga melanoptera

Cairina moschata

Brazilian Teal Amazonetta brasiliensis
Crested Duck Lophonetta specularioides

Cinnamon TealAnas cyanopteraYellow-billed TealAnas flavirostrisYellow-billed PintailAnas georgicaPuna TealAnas puna

Andean Duck Oxyura ferruginea

CHACHALACAS, CURASSOWS & GUANS - Cracidae

Chaco Chachalaca

Rusty-margined Guan

Red-faced Guan

Penelope superciliaris

Penelope dabbenei

Dusky-legged Guan

Penelope obscura

Black-fronted Piping Guan (EN)

Pipile jacutinga

GREBES - Podicipedidae

Pied-billed Grebe

White-tufted Grebe

Rollandia rolland

Great Grebe

Silvery Grebe

Podiceps major

Podiceps occipitalis

FLAMINGOS - Phoenicopteridae

Chilean Flamingo (NT)

Andean Flamingo (VU)

Phoenicoparrus andinus

James's Flamingo (NT)

Phoenicoparrus jamesi

STORKS - Ciconiidae

Wood Stork Mycteria americana Maguari Stork Ciconia maguari Jabiru Jabiru mycteria

IBISES, SPOONBILLS - Threskiornithidae

Plumbeous Ibis

Buff-necked Ibis

Bare-faced Ibis

Bare-faced Ibis

White-faced Ibis

Plegadis chihi

Puna Ibis

Plegad is ridgwayi

Roseate Spoonbill

Platalea ajaja

HERONS, BITTERNS - Ardeidae

Rufescent Tiger Heron Tigrisomo lineatum



Black-crowned Night Heron
Striated Heron
Butorides striata
Western Cattle Egret
Bubulcus ibis
Cocoi Heron
Ardea cocoi
Great Egret
Ardea alba
Whistling Heron
Syrigma sibilatrix

Snowy Egret Syrigma sibilation Egretta thula

<u>CORMORANTS</u>, <u>SHAGS</u> - <u>Phalacrocoracidae</u>

Neotropic Cormorant Phalacrocorax brasilianus

ANHINGAS, DARTERS - Anhingidae

Anhinga Anhinga anhinga

NEW WORLD VULTURES - Cathartidae

Turkey Vulture Cathartes aura

Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture

Black Vulture

King Vulture

Andean Condor (NT)

Cathartes burrovianus

Coragyps atratus

Sarcoramphus papa

Vultur gryphus

OSPREYS - Pandionidae

Western Osprey Pandion haliaetus

KITES, HAWKS & EAGLES - Accipitridae

White-tailed Kite Elanus leucurus
Swallow-tailed Kite Elanoides forficatus
Rufous-thighed Hawk Accipiter erythronemius

Long-winged HarrierCircus buffoniCinereous HarrierCircus cinereusPlumbeous KiteIctinio plumbea

Snail Kite Rostrhamus sociobilis Savanna Hawk Buteogallus meridionolis Great Black Hawk Buteogallus urubitinga Roadside Hawk Rupornis magnirostris Harris's Hawk Parabuteo unicinctus White-rumped Hawk Parabuteo leucorrhous White-tailed Hawk Geranoaetus albicaudatus Variable Hawk Geranoaetus polyosoma Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle Geranoaetus melanoleucus

<u>SERIEMAS - Cariamidae</u>

Red-legged Seriema Cariama cristata

RAILS, CRAKES & COOTS - Rallidae

Grey-necked Wood Rail

Giant Wood Rail

Slaty-breasted Wood Rail

Aramides cajaneus

Aramides ypecaha

Aramides saracura

Plumbeous Rail Pardirallus sanguinolentus

Common Gallinule

White-winged Coot

Andean Coot

Red-gartered Coot

Giant Coot

Fulica armillota

Fulica gigantea

LIMPKIN - Aramidae

Limpkin Aramus guarauna

STILTS, AVOCETS - Recurvirostridae

White-backed Stilt Flimantopus melanurus
Andean Avocet Recurvirostra andina

PLOVERS - Charadriidae

Southern Lapwing

Andean Lapwing

Collared Plover

Puna Plover

Tawny-throated Dotterel

Vanellus resplendens

Charadrius collaris

Charadrius alticola

Oreopholus ruficollis

JACANAS - Jacanidae

Wattled Jacana Jacanajacana

<u>SEEDSNIPES - Thinocoridae</u>

Grey-breasted Seedsnipe Thinocorus orbignyianus

SANDPIPERS, SNIPES - Scolopacidae

South American Snipe Gallinago paraguaiae



Upland Sandpiper Bartramia longicauda
Greater Yellowlegs Tringa melanoleuca
Lesser Yellowlegs Tringa flavipes
Baird's Sandpiper Calidris bairdii
Wilson's Phalarope Phalaropus tricolor

GULLS, TERNS & SKIMMERS - Laridae

Andean Gull Chroicocephalus serranus

PIGEONS, DOVES - Columbidae

Rock Dove (I) Columba livia

Picazuro Pigeon Patagioenas picazuro Spot-winged Pigeon Patagioenas maculosa Patagioenas cayennensis Pale-vented Pigeon Eared Dove Zenaida auriculata Ruddy Ground Dove Columbina talpacoti Picui Ground Dove Columbina picui Bare-faced Ground Dove Metriopelia ceciliae Moreno's Ground Dove (E) Metriopelia morenoi Black-winged Ground Dove Metriopelia melanoptera Golden-spotted Ground Dove Metriopelia aymara White-tipped Dove Leptotila verreauxi Grey-fronted Dove Leptotila rufaxilla

CUCKOOS - Cuculidae

Guira Cuckoo Guira guira

Greater Ani Crotophaga major
Smooth-billed Ani Crotophaga ani
Ash-colored Cuckoo Coccycua cinerea
Squirrel Cuckoo Piaya cayana

Dark-billed Cuckoo Coccyzus melacoryphus

<u>OWLS - Strigidae</u>

Tropical Screech Owl

Burrowing Owl

Megascops choliba

Athene cunicularia

POTOOS - Nyctibiidae

Common Potoo Nyctibius griseus

NIGHTJARS - Caprimulgidae



Nacunda Nighthawk

SWIFTS - Apodidae

Chordeiles nacunda

Rothschild's Swift (NT)

Great Dusky Swift

Sick's Swift

Andean Swift

Cypseloides rothschildi

Cypseloides senex

Chaetura meridionalis

Aeronoutes andecolus

<u>HUMMINGBIRDS - Trochilidae</u>

Planalto Hermit Phoethornis pretrei
Swallow-tailed Hummingbird Eupetomena macroura

Black Jacobin Florisuga fusco

Black-throated Mango Anthracothorax nigricollis Glittering-bellied Emerald Chlorostilbon lucidus Violet-capped Woodnymph Thalurania glaucopis Gilded Sapphire Hylocharis chrysura White-bellied Hummingbird Amazilia chionogaster Versicolored Emerald Amazilia versicolor Giant Hummingbird Patagona gigas Red-tailed Comet Sappho sparganurus Blue-tufted Starthroat Heliomaster furcifer

TROGONS - Trogonidae

Blue-crowned Trogon Trogon curucui
Surucua Trogon Trogon surrucura

KINGFISHERS - Alcedinidae

Green Kingfisher Chloroceryle americana
Amazon Kingfisher Chloroceryle amazona
Ringed Kingfisher Megaceryle torquata

<u>MOTMOTS - Momotidae</u>

Amazonian Motmot Momotus momota

Rufous-capped Motmot Baryphthengus ruficapillus

<u>PUFFBIRDS - Bucconidae</u>

White-eared Puffbird Nystalus chacuru
Chaco Puffbird Nystalus striatipectus



TOUCANS - Ramphastidae

Chestnut-eared AracariPteroglossus castanotisGreen-billed ToucanRamphastos dicolorusToco ToucanRamphastos toco

WOODPECKERS - Picidae

White-barred Piculet Picumnus cirratus Ochre-collared Piculet Picumnus temminckii White Woodpecker Melanerpes candidus Yellow-fronted Woodpecker Melanerpes flavifrons White-fronted Woodpecker Melanerpes cactorum **Dot-fronted Woodpecker** Veniliornis frontalis Checkered Woodpecker Veniliornis mixtus Golden-olive Woodpecker Colaptes rubiginosus Green-barred Woodpecker Colaptes melanochloros Andean Flicker Colaptes rupicola Campo Flicker Colaptes campestris Cream-backed Woodpecker Campephilus leucopogon

<u>CARACARAS, FALCONS - Falconidae</u>

Mountain Caracara

Southern Crested Caracara

Yellow-headed Caracara

Chimango Caracara

Chimango Caracara

Milvago chimango

Spot-winged Falconet

American Kestrel

Aplomado Falcon

Phalcoboenus megalopterus

Caracara plancus

Milvago chimachima

Milvago chimango

Spiziapteryx circumcincta

Falco sparverius

Falco femoralis

Peregrine Falcon

PARROTS - Psittacidae

Falco peregrinus

Golden-collared Macaw Primolius auricollis Blue-crowned Parakeet Thectocercus acuticaudatus Mitred Parakeet Psittacara mitratus White-eyed Parakeet Psittacara leucophthalmus **Burrowing Parrot** Cyanoliseus patagonus Maroon-bellied Parakeet Pyrrhura frontalis Green-cheeked Parakeet Pyrrhura molinae Monk Parakeet Myiopsitta monachus Grey-hooded Parakeet Psilopsiagon aymara Mountain Parakeet Psilopsiagon aurifrons

Blue-winged Parrotlet Forpus xanthopterygius
Scaly-headed Parrot Pionus maximiliani
Tucuman Amazon (VU) Amozona tucumana
Turquoise-fronted Amazon Amozona aestiva
Vinaceous-breasted Amazon (EN) Amozona vinacea

OVENBIRDS-Furnariidae

Puna MinerGeositto punensisSlender-billed MinerGeositto tenuirostrisRufous-banded MinerGeositto rufipennis

Rock EarthcreeperOchetorhynchus andaecolaBuff-breasted EarthcreeperUpucerthia validirostrisScale-throated EarthcreeperUpucerthia dumetariaChaco EarthcreeperTarphonomus certhioides

Buff-winged Cinclodes Cinclodes fuscus

Cordoba Cinclodes (E)Cinclodes comechingonusCream-winged CinclodesCinclodes albiventrisOlrog's Cinclodes (E)Cinclodes olrogiWhite-winged CinclodesCinclodes atacamensis

Rufous Hornero Furnarius rufus
Crested Hornero Furnarius cristatus

Brown-capped Tit-Spinetail

Leptasthenura fuliginiceps

Tufted Tit-Spinetail

Leptasthenura platensis

Leptasthenura gasithaloides

Plain-mantled Tit-Spinetail Leptasthenura aegithaloides
Araucaria Tit-Spinetail (NT) Leptasthenura setaria

Short-billed Canastero

Cordilleran Canastero

Rusty-vented Canastero

Asthenes modesto

Asthenes dorbignyi

Puna CanasteroAsthenes sclateriRufous-capped SpinetailSynallaxis ruficapillaGrey-bellied SpinetailSynallaxis cinerascens

Azara's Spinetail Synallaxis azarae

Stripe-crowned Spinetail

Yellow-chinned Spinetail

Streak-fronted Thornbird

Spot-breasted Thornbird

Cronioleuca pyrrhophia

Certhiaxis cinnamomeus

Phacellodomus striaticeps

Phacellodomus maculipectus

Greater Thornbird Phacellodomus ruber

Canebrake Groundcreeper (NT) Clibanornis dendrocolaptoides

Lark-like Brushrunner

Brown Cacholote

White-throated Cacholote (E)

Coryphistera alaudina
Pseudoseisura lophotes
Pseudoseisura gutturalis

White-throated Cacholote (E) Pseudoseisura gutturalis
Buff-browed Foliage-gleaner Syndactyla rufosuperciliata
Black-capped Foliage-gleaner Philydor atricapillus

Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner Philydor rufum

White-eyed Foliage-gleaner

Olivaceous Woodcreeper

Scimitar-billed Woodcreeper

Great Rufous Woodcreeper

Automolus leucophthalmus

Sittasomus griseicapillus

Drymornis bridgesii

Xiphocolaptes major

Narrow-billed Woodcreeper Lepidocolaptes angustirostris

ANTBIRDS - Thamnophilidae

Spot-backed Antshrike Hypoedaleus guttatus

Great Antshrike Taraba major

Variable Antshrike

Plain Antvireo

Stripe-backed Antbird

Rufous-winged Antwren

Thamnophilus caerulescens

Dysithamnus mentalis

Myrmorchilus strigilatus

Herpsilochmus rufimarginatus

Bertoni's Antbird Drymophila rubricollis
White-shouldered Fire-eye Pyriglena leucoptera

<u>ANTTHRUSHES - Formicariidae</u>

Short-tailed Antthrush Chamaeza campanisona

ANTPITTAS - Graltariidae

White-throated Antpitta Grallaria albigula

GNATEATERS - Conopophagidae

Rufous Gnateater Conopophaga lineata

TAPACULOS - Rhinocryptidae

Crested Gallito

Sandy Gallito (E)

White-browed Tapaculo (E)

Rhinocrypta lanceolata

Teledromas fuscus

Scytalopus superciliaris

CRESCENTCHESTS - Melanopareiidae

Olive-crowned Crescentchest Melanopareia maximiliani

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS - Tyrannidae

Wing-barred Piprites Piprites chloris
Large Elaenia Elaenia spectabilis
Small-billed Elaenia Elaenia parvirostris
Olivaceous Elaenia Elaenia mesoleuca



Slaty Elaenia Elaenia strepera Highland Elaenia Elaenia obscura

Southern Beardless Tyrannulet Camptostoma obsoletum

Suiriri Flycatcher Suiriri suiriri

White-throated Tyrannulet Mecocerculus leucophrys Yellow-billed Tit-Tyrant Anairetes flavirostris **Tufted Tit-Tyrant** Anairetes parulus

White-crested Tyrannulet Serpophaga subcristata White-bellied Tyrannulet Serpophaga munda Straneck's Tyrannulet Serpophaga griseicapilla Yellow Tyrannulet Capsiempis flaveola Southern Antpipit Corythopis delalandi Greater Wagtail-Tyrant Stigmatura budytoides Southern Bristle Tyrant Pogonotriccus eximius Mottle-cheeked Tyrannulet Phylloscartes ventralis Southern Scrub Flycatcher Sublegatus modestus Bran-colored Flycatcher Myiophobus fasciatus **Drab-breasted Bamboo Tyrant** Hemitriccus diops

Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant

Eared Pygmy Tyrant Myiornis auricularis

Ochre-faced Tody-Flycatcher Poecilotriccus plumbeiceps Yellow-olive Flatbill Tolmomyias sulphurescens Cinnamon Flycatcher Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus Cliff Flycatcher Hirundinea ferruginea Euler's Flycatcher Lathrotriccus euleri **Black Phoebe** Sayornis nigricans **Tropical Pewee** Contopus cinereus

Pyrocephalus rubinus

Vermilion Flycatcher Andean Negrito Lessonia oreas

Cinereous Tyrant Knipolegus striaticeps Plumbeous Tyrant Knipolegus cabanisi White-winged Black Tyrant Knipolegus aterrimus Spectacled Tyrant Hymenops perspicillatus

Yellow-browed Tyrant Satrapa icterophrys

Spot-billed Ground Tyrant Muscisaxicola maculirostris Puna Ground Tyrant Muscisaxicola juninensis **Cinereous Ground Tyrant** Muscisaxicola cinereus

Rufous-naped Ground Tyrant Muscisaxicola rufivertex Cinnamon-bellied Ground Tyrant Muscisaxicola capistratus

Black-billed Shrike-Tyrant Agriornis montanus White-tailed Shrike-Tyrant (VU) Agriornis albicauda Grey-bellied Shrike-Tyrant Agriornis micropterus Lesser Shrike-Tyrant Agriornis murinus

Black-crowned Monjita Xolmis coronatus White Monjita Xolmis irupero

Salinas Monjita (E) (NT)Xolmis salinarumStreamer-tailed TyrantGubernetes yetapa

White-headed Marsh Tyrant Arundinicola leucocephala

Strange-tailed Tyrant (VU) Alectrurus risora White-browed Chat-Tyrant Ochthoeca leucophrys Cattle Tyrant Machetornis rixosa Piratic Flycatcher Legatus leucophoius Social Flycatcher Myiozetetes similis Great Kiskadee Pitangus sulphuratus Streaked Flycatcher Myiodynastes maculatus Boat-billed Flycatcher Megarynchus pitangua Variegated Flycatcher Empidonomus varius

Crowned Slaty Flycatcher Griseotyrannus aurantioatrocristatus

Tropical Kingbird Tyrannus melancholicus

Fork-tailed Flycatcher Tyrannus savana Sibilant Sirystes Sirystes sibilator

Dusky-capped Flycatcher
Swainson's Flycatcher
Short-crested Flycatcher
Brown-crested Flycatcher
Myiarchus tuberculifer
Myiarchus swainsoni
Myiarchus ferox
Myiarchus tyrannulus

COTINGAS - Cotingidae

White-tipped Plantcutter Phytotoma rutila

MANAKINS - Pipridae

Blue Manakin Chiroxiphia caudata

TITYRAS, BECARDS - Tityridae

Black-crowned Tityra Tityra inquisitor

Masked Tityra Tityra semifasciata

Greenish Schiffornis Schiffornis virescens

Green-backed Becard Pachyramphus viridis

White-winged Becard Pachyramphus polychopterus

VIREOS, GREENLETS - Vireonidae

Rufous-browed Peppershrike Cyclarhis gujanensis
Red-eyed Vireo Vireo olivaceus

CROWS, JAYS - Corvidae

Plush-crested Jay Cyanocorax chrysops



SWALLOWS, MARTINS - Hirundinidae

White-winged Swallow
White-rumped Swallow
Tachycineta albiventer
Tachycineta leucorrhoa
Tachycineta leucorrhoa
Tachycineta leucorrhoa
Progne chalybea
Southern Martin
Progne elegans
Brown-chested Martin
Progne tapera

Blue-and-white Swallow
Southern Rough-winged Swallow
Tawny-headed Swallow
Barn Swallow
Alopochelidon fucata
Hirundo rustica

BLACK-CAPPED DONACOBIUS - Donacobidae

Black-capped Donacobius Donacobius atricapilla

WRENS - Troglodytidae

Sedge WrenCistothorus platensisHouse WrenTroglodytes aedonMountain WrenTroglodytes solstitialis

GNATCATCHERS - Polioptilidae

Masked Gnatcatcher Polioptila dumicola

MOCKINGBIRDS, THRASHERS - Mimidae

Chalk-browed Mockingbird

Patagonian Mockingbird

White-banded Mockingbird

Brown-backed Mockingbird

Mimus triurus

Mimus dorsalis

THRUSHES -Turdidae

Chiguanco ThrushTurdus chiguancoAndean Slaty ThrushTurdus nigricepsEastern Slaty ThrushTurdus subalarisRufous-bellied ThrushTurdus rufiventrisPale-breasted ThrushTurdus leucomelasCreamy-bellied ThrushTurdus amaurochalinusWhite-necked ThrushTurdus albicollis

DIPPERS - Cinclidae



Rufous-throated Dipper

Cinclus schulzii

OLD WORLD SPARROWS, SNOWFINCHES - Passeridae

House Sparrow (I) Passer domesticus

WAGTAILS, PIPITS - Motacillidae

Yellowish Pipit

Short-billed Pipit

Hellmayr's Pipit

Anthus lutescens

Anthus furcatus

Anthus hellmayri

FINCHES, EUPHONIAS - Fringillidae

Hooded Siskin

Black Siskin

Purple-throated Euphonia

Violaceous Euphonia

Chestnut-bellied Euphonia

Spinus magellanicus

Spinus atratus

Euphonia chlorotica

Euphonia violacea

Euphonia pectoralis

<u>NEW WORLD WARBLERS - Parulidae</u>

Southern Yellowthroat

Tropical Parula

Setophaga pitiayumi

White-rimmed Warbler

Riverbank Warbler

Two-banded Warbler

Golden-crowned Warbler

Brown-capped Whitestart

Geothlypis velata

Myiothlypis leucoblephara

Myiothlypis rivularis

Myiothlypis bivittata

Bosileuterus culicivorus

Myioborus brunniceps

OROPENDOLAS, ORIOLES & BLACKBIRDS - Icteridae

White-browed Blackbird Sturnella supercilioris

Long-tailed Meadowlark Sturnella loyca

Crested Oropendola Psarocolius decumanus Solitary Cacique Cacicus solitarius Golden-winged Cacique Cacicus chrysopterus Red-rumped Cacique Cacicus haemorrhous Variable Oriole Icterus pyrrhopterus Screaming Cowbird Molothrus rufoaxillaris Giant Cowbird Molothrus oryzivorus Shiny Cowbird Molothrus bonariensis Scarlet-headed Blackbird Amblyramphus holosericeus

Chopi Blackbird Gnorimopsar chopi

Greyish Baywing

Unicolored Blackbird

Brown-and-yellow Marshbird

Yellow-rumped Marshbird

Agelaioides badius

Agelasticus cyanopus

Pseudoleistes virescens

Pseudoleistes guirahuro

BANANAQUIT - Coerebidae

Bananaquit Coereba flaveola

BUNTINGS, NEW WORLD SPARROWS & ALLIES - Emberizidae

Rufous-collared Sparrow

Grassland Sparrow

Fulvous-headed Brush Finch

Yellow-striped Brush Finch (E)

Zonotrichia capensis

Ammodramus humeralis

Atlapetes fulviceps

Atlapetes citrinellus

Common Bush Tanager Chlorospingus flavopectus

TANAGERS AND ALLIES - Thraupidae

Red-crested CardinalParoaria coronataYellow-billed CardinalParoaria capitataMagpie TanagerCissopis leverianusChestnut-headed TanagerPyrrhocoma ruficepsBlack-goggled TanagerTrichothraupis melanops

Ruby-crowned Tanager Tachyphonus coronotus
Sayaca Tanager Thraupis sayaca
Blue-and-yellow Tanager Thraupis bonariensis

Fawn-breasted Tanager

Green-headed Tanager

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Fangara seledon

Chestnut-backed Tanager

Swallow Tanager

Blue Dacnis

Guira Tanager

Chestnut-vented Conebill

Rusty Flowerpiercer

Tangara setedon

Tangara setedon

Tangara preciosa

Tersina viridis

Dacnis cayana

Hemithraupis guira

Conirostrum speciosum

Diglossa sittoides

Many-colored Chaco Finch

Red Pileated Finch

Saltatricula multicolor

Coryphospingus cucullatus

Black-hooded Sierra Finch Phrygilus atriceps Grey-hooded Sierra Finch Phrygilus gayi Mourning Sierra Finch Phrygilus fruticeti Plumbeous Sierra Finch Phrygilus unicolor Red-backed Sierra Finch Phrygilus dorsalis Ash-breasted Sierra Finch Phrygilus plebejus Band-tailed Sierra Finch Phrygilus alaudinus Black-crested Finch Lophospingus pusillus Long-tailed Reed Finch Donacospiza albifrons

Common Diuca Finch Diuca diuca

Rufous-sided Warbling Finch Poospiza hypocondria Rusty-browed Warbling Finch Poospiza erythrophrys

Black-and-chestnut Warbling Finch

Ringed Warbling Finch

Poospizo whitii

Poospizo torquata

Black-capped Warbling Finch

Poospizo melanoleuca

Tucuman Mountain Finch (E) (VU) Compsospiza baeri

Puna Yellow Finch Sicalis lutea

Bright-rumped Yellow Finch

Citron-headed Yellow Finch

Greenish Yellow Finch

Sicalis luteocephala

Sicalis olivascens

Saffron Finch

Sicalis flaveola

Wedge-tailed Grass Finch

Lesser Grass Finch

Pampa Finch

Emberizoides herbicola

Emberizoides ypiranganus

Embernagra platensis

Rusty-collared Seedeater

Double-collared Seedeater

Sporophila caerulescens

Sporophila sp nova

Band-tailed Seedeater Catamenia analis
Plain-colored Seedeater Catamenia inornata

GROSBEAKS, SALTATORS & ALLIES - Cardinalidae

Red Tanager Piranga flava
Red-crowned Ant Tanager Habia rubica

Black-backed Grosbeak Pheucticus aureoventris
Blackish-blue Seedeater (NT) Amaurospiza moesta
Green-winged Saltator Saltator similis

Green-winged Saltator

Greyish Saltator

Golden-billed Saltator

Rufous-bellied Saltator (NT)

Saltator simils

Saltator coerulescens

Saltator aurantiirostris

Saltator rufiventris

Ultramarine Grosbeak Cyanocompsa brissonii

Mammals

WOLVES, COYOTE, FOXES, JACKALS - Canidae

South American Grey Fox - N

Pseudalopex griseus

Pampas Fox

Pseudalopex gymnocercus

WEASELS, SKUNKS, OTTERS - Mustelidae

Lesser Grison Galictis cuja



RACCOONS AND RELATIVES - Procyonidae

South American Coati

Nasua nasua

CAMELS, LLAMAS, VICUNA - Camelidae

Guanaco Lama guanicoe Vicuna Vicugna vicugna

DEER - Cervidae

Gray Brocket Mazama gouazoubira

RABBITS, HARES - Leporidae

European Hare (I)

Lepus europaeus

NEW WORLD MONKEYS - Cebidae

Azaras's Capuchin Cebuscay

<u>CAVIES, INCLUDING GUINEA PIGS - Caviidae</u>

Brazilian Guinea Pig Cavia aperea

Capybara *Hydrochoerus hydrochaeris*

Southern Mountain Cavy Microcavia australis

CHINCHILLAS AND VISCACHAS - Chinchillidae

Southern Mountain Viscacha Lagidium viscacia

AGOUTIS - Dasyproctidae

Azara's Agouti Dasyprocta azarae

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