

TROPICAL BIRDING **NORTHWEST ARGENTINA
FROM THE CHACO TO THE ALTIPLANO****8-22 November 2014***Tour leader: Nick Athanas**Report and photos by Nick Athanas*

Chaco Owl – the overwhelming favorite for “bird of the trip”

Spring in Northwest Argentina is a wonderful time. The scenery through much of the trip is spectacular any time of the year, but add in the colorful and exuberant vegetation, superb climate, and hundreds of cool birds in the midst of their breeding frenzy, and you get really extraordinary tour. We had a number of memorable sightings, clearly topped by the superb **Chaco Owl** whose photo headlines this report. I had found it on a trip back in September, and was thrilled that it was still around for this tour. While that was the near-unanimous “bird of the trip”, other favorites included **White-throated Antpitta**, **Red-tailed Comet**, **Tawny-throated Dotterel**, and **Black-crested Finch**, along with some unexpected

ones. **Rock Earthcreeper** surprisingly may have come in second, as we all enjoyed watching it scale a near-vertical cliff wallcreeper-style, and both **White-browed** and **Zimmer's Tapaculos** amazed a number of our party by sitting on rocks totally in the open; clearly they had unpleasant experiences with these little mouse-like birds in the past! Argentina produces some of the world's best wines, and almost every night we sampled amazing local vintages, often from tiny vineyards virtually unknown outside of Argentina. I have to admit that we were fortunate with the weather. A few days before our tour started, much of the country was drenched with record rains, even severely flooding some areas of Buenos Aires. Luckily the rain did not return, and we enjoyed beautiful, sunny weather for virtually the entire trip. Once again we had a friendly, pleasant group – always a vital ingredient to a great trip; I hope to bird with all of you again in the future!



8 November: After breakfast, we kicked the tour off with a visit to Buenos Aires's Costanera Sur reserve, one of the best urban parks in South America. The reserve had just reopened the day before, after having been closed due to the previous week's flooding. It was a gorgeous spring day, and seemed like half the city was out enjoying the weather. Despite the crowds, we enjoyed great birds all day. **Whistling Heron** started things off as one flew over just as we were getting out of the taxis. We spent a few minutes at the pond by the entrance, quickly finding **Rosy-billed Pochard (left)**, **Silver Teal**, **Red-fronted Coot**, and **Wattled Jacana**

before heading through the gates. An easy morning walk around the reserve got us some local specialties like **Freckle-breasted Thornbird** and the pretty **Black-and-rufous Warbling-Finch**, the tour's only sightings of **Chalk-browed Mockingbird**, **Gilded Hummingbird**, **Wren-liked Rushbird**, and **White-crested Tyrannulet**, along with first views of many common species like **Picazuro Pigeon**, **Guira Cuckoo**, **Glittering-bellied Emerald**, **Green-barred Woodpecker**, **Southern** and **Chimango Caracaras**, **Monk Parakeet**, **Rufous Hornero**, **Brown-chested Martin**, **Masked Gnatcatcher**, **Rufous-bellied** and **Creamy-bellied Thrushes**, **Small-billed Elaenia**, **Double-collared Seedeater**, **Golden-billed Saltator**, and **Bay-winged Cowbird**. That one loop trail took us almost to mid-day, and lunch was beckoning. As we walked to a nearby restaurant, we stopped to watch a family of **Coscoroba Swans** swimming in the pond. After lunch, we rested a bit in the shade of the trees over the restaurant, then headed out again. Checking the pond one more time, we were thrilled to find a beautiful **Ringed Teal** posing in the sun. The rest of the afternoon was rather quiet; we spent time trying to call in a **Sulphur-bearded Spinetail**, but it only gave some quick glimpses, and we had the tour's only **Golden-crowned Warbler** and some **Harris's Hawks** before we headed back to the hotel for a nice dinner and an early night.

9 November: We were up very early for our flight to Salta, which left more or less on time, and two hours later we landed, collected our bags, and headed out north of the city. Our driver decided to take a short cut that proved not so

short, but did get us our first views of the beautiful **White Monjita**. Our early flight gave us some extra time, and we made the most of it by stopping at some lakes north of the city. The first lake, Dique Campo Alegre, was surrounded by picnickers and fisherman, but we still saw a variety of waterbirds like **White-faced Whistling-Duck**, **Yellow-billed Pintail**, **Brazilian Teal**, **Pied-billed Grebe**, **White-faced Ibis**, **White-winged Coot**, and **Black-necked Stilt**. Walking around the grassy verge of the lake, we tracked down some displaying **Yellowish Pipits** and enjoyed a superb male **Vermilion Flycatcher**, while a **Savanna Hawk** soared over. **White-rumped Swallows** circled around, and after an extended wait a lone **Tawny-headed Swallow** flew by, but unfortunately not everyone managed to get on it. A quick stop at another lake got us **Fulvous Whistling-Duck**, **White-cheeked Pintail**, **Bare-faced Ibis**, **Roseate Spoonbill**, and **Cocoi Heron**, before we drove on past the city of Jujuy to the picturesque Yala River, flanked by verdant *jungas* forest. Well, today was a Sunday, and it wasn't as picturesque as it normally is with what seemed like the entire province out enjoying the weather, swimming, and partying. Farther up, we found a bit of a quiet spot at a bend in the road, and after some pygmy-owl playback, there were suddenly birds everywhere. It was hard to know which way to look as the branches filled up with **Rusty-browed Warbling-Finch**, **Common Bush-Tanager**, **Brown-capped Redstart**, **Rust-and-yellow Tanager**, **Fawn-breasted Tanager**, **Mountain Wren**, **White-bellied Hummingbird**, **Slaty Thrush**, **Stripe-crowned Spinetail**, **White-crested Elaenia**, and **Buff-banded** and **White-throated Tyrannulets**. None of those matched the view of our first male **Red-tailed Comet**, a truly stunning hummer we would see many times over the course of the trip, but never tired of. It was quite a rush! Suddenly a large bird moved in the trees, and we quickly got on it, hoping it was the rare **Red-faced Guan**, a specialty bird of the Yala area. After finally getting a good view of its face, it was clearly the more common **Dusky-legged Guan**. Oh well, there would be several more "false alarms" that afternoon. Walking down the road, we soon added **Slaty Elaenia**, **Crested Becard**, **Sharp-shinned Hawk**, and even saw our first **Andean Condor** of the tour, before the crowds drove us back to our hotel.



Rusty-browed Warbling-Finch and Red-tailed Comet at Yala

10 November: What a difference from yesterday! Early on a Monday morning, there was not a soul around, and we enjoyed some spectacular birding. The often shy **White-browed Brush-Finch** showed really well to start things off, soon followed by **Fulvous-headed Brush-Finch (right)**, **Spot-breasted Thornbird**, **Mottle-cheeked** and **Sclater's Tyrannulets**, **Buff-browed Foliage-gleaner**, and **Plumbeous Black-Tyrant**, all in a very short span of time. Shortly down the road, we found a guan clambering around in a tree right next to us – it was close enough that we could easily make out the face, and it was definitely a **Red-faced Guan!** It was



amazingly unconcerned with us and we enjoyed truly superb views of this rare *yungas* specialty. After seeing **Black-backed Grosbeak**, we drove back up to the same bend in the road where we had such a good pygmy-owl response yesterday, and this time the **Yungas Pygmy-Owl** itself came in along with another specialty, **Dot-fronted Woodpecker**



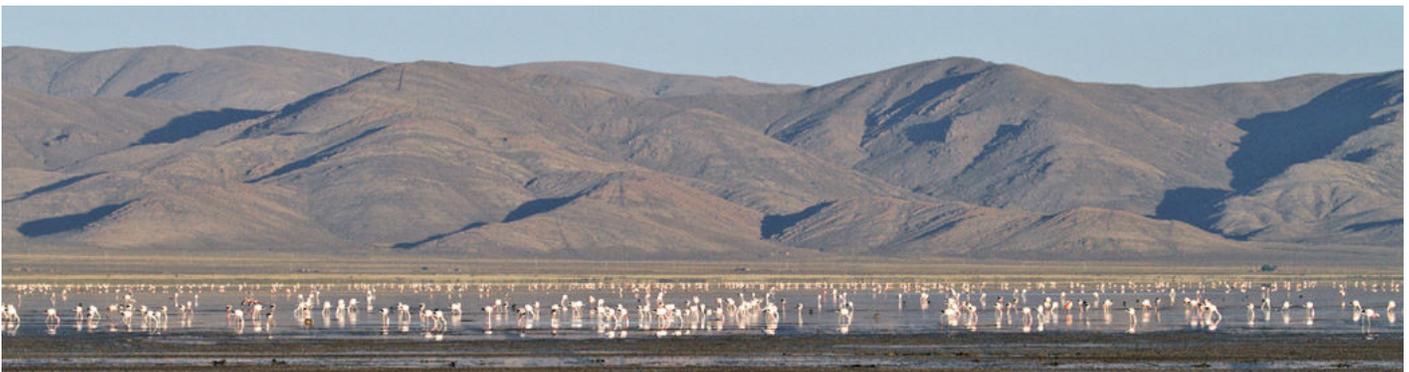
(left). The fierce-looking owl completely ignored the hoard of furious small birds that was mobbing it, including several **Highland Elaenias** that we had not seen the previous day. We didn't have that much left at Yala, but we did find **Rufous-capped Antshrike** and **Large-tailed Dove**, and then stopped to spend a few minutes looking for dippers and **Torrent Ducks**. I don't usually worry too much about **Rufous-throated Dipper** at Yala, since we bird a better spot for it at the end of the trip... or so I had thought. Our lone **Rufous-throated Dipper** this morning turned out to be the only one we would see for the entire tour, and sadly one person missed it by being distracted by a **Black Phoebe**. Still, in the end, we were lucky to have seen it today. After checking out of our hotel, we drove up the scenic and historic Humahuaca Valley, eventually emerging onto the altiplano at 3500 m. (11,500 ft.). We first stopped at Laguna Huancar below an impressive mountain of sand. This small lake is great for getting nice, close looks at high Andean water birds, and today it did not disappoint with **Andean Goose**, **Crested Duck**, **Puna** and **Yellow-billed Teals**, **Ruddy Duck**, **White-tufted** and **Silvery Grebes**, **Puna Ibis**, **Giant** and **Slate-colored Coots**, **Andean Gull**, and

Andean Negrito all seen easily. We then checked another lake, but it was totally dried up, so spent the rest of the afternoon birding puna scrub, fields, and streams, seeing nesting **Andean Lapwings**, flocks of **Golden-spotted Ground-Doves**, **Andean Flicker**, **Aplomado Falcon**, **Puna Miner**, **Gray-bellied Shrike-Tyrant**, **Bright-rumped Yellow-Finch**, and **Mourning**, **Ash-breasted**, and **Band-tailed Sierra-Finches**. We spent the night in a simple but pleasant guesthouse in the small town of Abra Pampa.



Red-faced Guan at Yala

11 November: We left very early, driving in the dark down seemingly endless washboarded dirt roads. Dawn saw us at a bridge over a small stream, where we had a field breakfast in the quiet, chilly morning, eagerly awaiting the sun to break the distance mountains and give us a bit of warmth. Elegant **Andean Avocets** were not bothered by the cold, vigorously probing the small stream, and a **Cinereous Harrier** winged its way over the bridge. After an infusion of coffee and a bit of sunlight, we were ready to take on the day, first finding **Cordilleran Canastero** and **Buff-breasted** (formerly Plain-breasted) **Earthcreeper** right by the bridge. We then started driving along a narrow track, stopping to see handsome **Gray-breasted Seedsnipes**, marauding **Mountain Caracaras**, and displaying **Short-billed Pipits**, before reaching the end of the road near Laguna de los Pozuelos. A pink haze in the distance announced the huge numbers of flamingoes waiting for us. Waters had receded greatly since my first visit in September, and we set off across the wide, dry lakeshore, stopping to watch the herds of cute **Vicognas** and seeing the only **Common Miners** of the tour. We got as close as possible to the edge of the lake before the sticky mud stopped our progress, and spent the next couple of hours taking in the amazing spectacle of many thousands of birds that make this lake their home, either year-round or seasonally.



We first studied the flamingoes, easily picking out the three species, **Andean**, **James's** and **Chilean Flamingos**, then trained the scope on the nesting **Horned Coots**, a rare species I had never seen on this lake before this year. Cute **Puna Plovers** worked the edge of the lake along with large numbers of wintering **Baird's Sandpipers** and **Wilson's Phalaropes**. Sifting through the shorebirds, we also picked out **American Golden Plover**, **Lesser** and **Greater Yellowlegs**, and **Hudsonian Godwit**. Countless numbers of waterfowl lounged around farther out along with more **Silvery Grebes** than I had ever seen in one place before. This lake is truly a special place. Later on, we embarked on a long drive around the lake, stopping occasionally to scan for Lesser Rhea with no luck, though we did find a flock of **Puna Yellow-Finches** and a number of handsome **Variable Hawks**. A couple hours later, after having almost give up hope, there was finally a lone **Lesser Rhea** in the road, which wandered slowly off into the puna grasslands. A lunch stop along a rocky gorge got us **Rufous-banded Miner**, **Straight-billed Earthcreeper**, and **Black-hooded Sierra-Finch**, before we finally reached the border town of La Quiaca, where we would spend the next two nights. After a short siesta, we headed out again, first coming up empty on a search for Tawny-throated Dotterel and Least Seedsnipe, then having better luck near the sleepy village of Yavi. **Spot-winged Pigeon**, **Black-winged Ground-Dove**, **Brown-backed Mockingbird**, **Great Pampa-Finch**, **Common Diuca-Finch**, and **Black-billed Shrike-Tyrant** were right by the side of the highway at our first stop, and a short walk around the center of town got us **d'Orbigny's Chat-Tyrant**, **Blue-and-yellow Tanager**, **Band-tailed Seedeater**, **Greenish Yellow-Finch**, and a big flock of the hoped-for **Citron-headed Yellow-Finch**. After feeding on the ground for a while, several of these birds cuddled up to each other on an adobe wall for an unforgettable "aw, cute" moment. (photo below).





Lesser Rhea

12 November: Dawn saw us having another field breakfast on the slopes of the stark, imposing Santa Victoria mountains. A flock of **Mountain Parakeets** flew by while we were warming up with some hot coffee, but were not able to track them down. After breakfast, we drove up to the 4500 m. (15,000 ft.) pass, stopping to look at an **Ornate**



Tinamou that crossed the road in front of the van. Weather at the pass was surprisingly nice compared to how it often is, with no fog and only a stiff breeze. We quickly found the target **Black-fronted Ground-Tyrant (left)**, and enjoyed a pair of **Slender-billed Miners** doing display flights. We drove a bit down the road to get out of the wind, and walked along for a while finding the pretty **Red-backed Sierra-Finch** along with more common species like **Cream-winged Cinclodes**, **Streak-fronted Thornbird**, **Puna Canastero**, and **Cinereous Ground-Tyrant**. Another flock of **Mountain Parakeets** came in, this time perching in a little bush next to the road for much better views than before, and we found a few **Andean Swallows** before starting back down to lower elevations. A stop in montane scrub got the target **Plain-mantled Tit-Spinetail**, before we headed back to Yavi. As soon as we got to town, we found a flock of **Gray-hooded Parakeets** in a tree along with **Bare-faced Ground-Doves** perched on nearby rooftops. We had a packed lunch at a scenic lookout above town. Yavi is a

verdant oasis compared to the surrounding dry, desert-like puna, and after lunch, even in the middle of the day we had superb activity. **Rufous-naped Ground-Tyrants** were foraging in an open areas near the lookout, and nearby bushes had **Yellow-billed Tit-Tyrant** and **Creamy-breasted Canastero**. I played back for **Wedge-tailed Hillstar** in the same place that we saw it on the 2012 tour, and the response was immediate as a male came in and perched right in front of us for many minutes. Walking along a dry streambed, we continued to pick up new birds including **Andean Swift**, **Cliff Flycatcher**, **White-winged Black-Tyrant**, and **White-winged Cinclodes**. With a bit of time left, we tried again for Tawny-throated Dotterel and Least Seedsnipe, but once again dipped; a dry lake bed did have another **Lesser Rhea**.



Red-backed Sierra-Finch along the Santa Victoria road



Wedge-tailed Hillstar at Yavi

13 November: With almost nothing left to look for in the area, we headed back once again to the Laguna Colorada road to look for **Least Seedsnipe** and **Tawny-throated Dotterel**; finally we managed to see the seedsnipe, but still no luck with the dotterel, which is usually easy to see here. Out of time, it was time to start the long drive south. Or so we thought... Heading out of La Quiaca, we found that the road was blocked by government workers protesting low wages! They weren't going anywhere until noon, so we had yet another chance to see that pesky dotterel. Finally, after a lot of effort, we managed to track one down for a nice scope view for all, and we also located a **Brown-capped Tit-Spinetail** near Yavi. The protests did cost us an afternoon of birding at Calilegua, but we managed to arrive at our very nice hotel in the steamy town of Libertador General San Martín by nightfall.

14 November: Calilegua National Park protects a vast area of *yungas* forest along the eastern slopes of the Andes in NW Argentina. Many species occur here that we would have little or no chance to see elsewhere on the tour. Having already lost an afternoon, we were eager to make most of our only day here. Unlike my visit on the 2012 tour, weather was sunny and spectacular all day. While the lower elevations offer higher species numbers, the upper elevations have some very key specialties, so we had to carefully divide our time. We started off at dawn in the drier, lower parts of the park. Glowing **Toco Toucans** greeted us as we got out of the van, and a **Bat Falcon** was perched on a dead snag nearby. We waited in a clearing for a while until the hoped-for **Green-cheeked Parakeets** came in and perched, and a weird honking drew our attention to an overflying flock of **Buff-necked Ibis**. Walking up the road, there were birds everywhere, and we



quickly spotted **Sick's Swift**, **White-barred Piculet**, **Variable Antshrike**, **Olivaceous** and **Narrow-billed Woodcreepers**, **Ochre-faced Tody-Flycatcher**, **Rufous Casiornis**, **Variegated Flycatcher**, **Plush-crested Jay**, **Two-banded Warbler**, **Orange-headed Tanager**, **Chestnut-vented Conebill**, **Saffron-billed Sparrow**, and **Hepatic Tanager**. A special treat was finding an **Ochre-cheeked Spinetail (left)** that was uncharacteristically posing right in the open; usually it is a struggle to see it! Getting back in the van, we headed up the dirt road to the lush forest at higher elevations, pausing very briefly to see the only **Squirrel Cuckoos** of the tour along with **Plumbeous** and **Hook-billed Kites**. Our target at the next stop was

the very local **White-throated Antpitta**; I love antpittas, and was prepared to put in a lot of time to see this little guy. Luck was with us today, and before too long we had all gotten satisfying views of this neat little bird along with an **Azara's Spinetail**, which came in to one in the background of the antpitta recording I was using. With that one in the bag, we drove up to the pass and immediately scored a major coup with mind-blowing views of the rare **Blue-capped Puffleg**. That was going to be hard to beat, but finding **King Vultures** and **Andean Condors** soaring together at eye-level shortly thereafter really gave it a run for the money; **Swallow-tailed Kites** and a **White-rumped Hawk** also put in appearances. Birding the forest near the obelisk at the pass also got us **Smoky-brown Woodpecker**, **White-winged Becard**, **Rufous-browed Peppershrike**, **Swainson's Thrush**, and **Pale-legged Warbler**. After our picnic lunch, activity seriously slowed down. We worked our way back down the same road we had driven up, stopping occasionally and adding a few more birds including **Golden-winged Cacique**, **Rough-legged Tyrannulet**, **Blue-crowned Trogon**, **Swainson's Flycatcher**, **Black-capped Antwren**, and **Short-tailed Hawk**. With an early start looming tomorrow, we headed back to the hotel, stopping at a bridge near town to get some good views of **Southern Martin**.



The Blue-capped Puffleg we saw in Calilegua National Park

15 November: We left in the dark, and some of the group even saw a **Barn Owl** fly over the hotel just before we departed for the long drive to the chaco. The dry chaco is not the most picturesque habitat on the planet, but it does have some pretty neat birds. We spent our first morning in the foothills along a quiet dirt road that passed through a mixture of forest and farmland. The beautiful **Many-colored Chaco-Finch** was one of the first key birds we saw, soon followed by **Sooty-fronted Spinetail**, **White-bellied Tyrannulet**, **Tawny-crowned Pygmy-Tyrant**, **Greater Wagtail-Tyrant**, **Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant**, **Masked Gnatcatcher**, **Suiriri Flycatcher**, **Black-capped Warbling-Finch**, **Red-crested Finch**, and **Dull-colored Grassquit**. Black-legged Seriema was serenading us early in the morning, but we never did have any luck tracking one down. Working our way along the road, we stopped to see pair of fierce-looking **Spot-backed Puffbirds**, a **Checkered Woodpecker**, several **Chaco Chachalacas**, a very vocal **Striped Cuckoo**, the first of many **Crowned Slaty Flycatchers**, and a pair of **Little Thornbirds** near their impressive stick nest. After spending some time scanning some fields, we spotted a lone **Red-legged Seriema**, while a **Grassland Sparrow** sang nearby from a bare branch. We drove through the middle of the day, leaving the Andes behind and seeing our only **Greater Rheas**, before finally reaching the dusty town of Taco Pozo. The hotel was nothing to write home about, but it made an adequate base to bird the surrounding chaco forest. After checking in, we had some time in the late afternoon to see some nice birds like **Crested Gallito**, **Crested Hornero**, **Lark-like Brushrunner**, **Southern Scrub-Flycatcher**, and **Plain Tyrannulet**. The best was yet to come; after dinner we headed out to the **Chaco Owl** stakeout. I played back, and waited; played back and waited... Just when my confidence started to falter, the pair came in and perched in a tree right in front of us, and we enjoyed unforgettable, walk-away views of this beautiful owl.



Little Thornbird

16 November: We birded a quiet dirt road through some nearly pristine chaco habitat. Things started out well with some nice sightings of **Ringed Warbling-Finch**, the hulking **Brown Cacholote**, **Short-billed Canastero**, **White-tipped Plantcutter**, and **Ultramarine Grosbeak**, but soon after it got rather quiet. Not even a **Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl** perched near the roadside attracted much in the way of mobbing birds. Just when I was thinking the morning was going to be rather forgettable, the distant calls of a **Black-bodied Woodpecker** heralded a wave of birds soon to come. We hurried down the road after the woodpecker, and with a bit of work finally managed to spot this uber-rarity. Having been concentrating on the woodpecker, we hadn't really taken much note of the large puddle in the road ahead of us that

was completely surrounded by birds. At first it looked like there were going to only be lots of common species like **Picui Ground-Dove**, but most of the goodies were actually perched in the branches over the water. **Spot-winged Falconet** was



the huge prize; it had been several years since I last saw this unique little raptor. Once it flew off, we worked on the smaller birds, quickly locating **Cinereous Tyrant (left)**, **Variable Oriole**, **Red-crested Cardinal**, **Green-backed Becard**, **Great Antshrike**, and **Solitary Black Cacique**. **Scimitar-billed Woodcreeper** had been calling nearby, and eventually a pair of this impressive woodcreeper came in close for great views. A screeching flock of **Blue-crowned Parakeets** landed near us, but they were a bit too skittish to come down to drink and eventually moved on. We spent quite a bit of time enjoying the activity around that little puddle, which would probably dry up within the next few days. Eventually we moved on, finding a few other great birds like **Blue-tufted**

Starthroat, **Turquoise-fronted Parrot**, **White-naped Xenopsaris**, **Dark-billed Cuckoo**, and a juvenile **Great Black-Hawk** with what remained of the morning. After lunch and a long break through the hot mid-afternoon, we tried another road near town. Amazingly, another **Black-bodied Woodpecker** flew over as we started our walk! Soon after, we played hide-and-seek with a **Stripe-backed Antbird** for a while, eventually getting decent looks. We spent most of the rest of the afternoon looking for tinamous, having great success with **Brushland Tinamou**, but sadly no luck at all with Quebracho Crested. Just after dusk, the weird song of **Little Nightjar** rang out all around us, and it did not take long for us to track one down and get it in the spotlight.



Spot-winged Falconet near Taco Pozo

17 November: We were out early, hoping to spot tinamous in the pre-dawn gloom, but only managed to find more **Brushland Tinamous**. We didn't really see much in the way of new birds that morning – a **Red-billed Scythebill** showed briefly, but we had to leave it when a Black-legged Seriema started singing nearby, but unfortunately it remained elusive. Later, we embarked on a long drive back up into the Andes, and spent one night in the beautiful Hotel Selva Montana in a quiet suburb of Salta. The afternoon's birding was decidedly relaxed as we stayed mainly on the lodge balcony and killed off a few bottles of Torrontes, but it was well worth it when a pair of **Cream-backed Woodpeckers** came in. We also saw a **Yellow-browed Tyrant** and the tour's only **Golden-olive Woodpecker**. After dinner, we went to a nearby reserve for some late-night owling. The **Montane Forest Screech-Owl** gave us quite the run-around, but finally we tracked it down for a good view. A lone **Scissor-tailed Nightjar** was in a dried up pond, but it took off before everyone could see his long tail.

18 November: We didn't get up terribly early after the previous late night, and enjoyed a leisurely breakfast on the hotel balcony, seeing **Smoke-colored Pewee** and **Scaly-headed Parrot** among other common birds. After breakfast, we drove south of the city and the west up into the mountains again. Several stops in the dry, montane scrub produced the endemic **Bare-eyed Ground-Dove**, scarce **Maquis Canastero** along with **Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle**, **Sparkling Violetear**, **Tufted Tit-Tyrant**, **White-browed Chat-Tyrant**, **Rusty Flowerpiercer**, and **Rufous-sided Warbling-Finch (right)**. After a roadside lunch, we headed up into Los Cardones National Park and took a side road down into a beautiful, verdant valley surrounded by



towering rock outcrops. This road is sometimes closed due to washouts, but we were fortunately able to descend today since we had great birds down there. **Rufous-webbed Bush-Tyrant** was waiting for us as we got out of the vehicle, flying right in front of us and landing on the rocks, and a **Variable Hawk** screamed at us from a lofty perch. Flocks of **Black Siskins** flew by and landed as we walked along the base of the rocks to a stakeout for the very local **Zimmer's Tapaculo**. After some playback and a short wait, one hopped out into the open and sang from the rocks right in front of us – why can't all tapaculos do that? A female hillstar was feeding on some flowers nearby that we didn't see well enough to ID, but we had superb views of a **Rock Earthcreeper** being true to its name as ran up the sheer rock face in front of us. We also had **Puna Ground-Tyrant**, **Plain-colored Seedeater**, and **Plumbeous Sierra-Finch** before driving back up to the main highway and descending into a dramatic valley blanketed in impressive *cardón* cacti. Our first stop was too windy to see anything, so we drove down lower and tried a stakeout for the endemic **Steinbach's Canastero**. It performed brilliantly,

giving scope views to show its rufous outer tail feathers. Another endemic, the **White-throated Cacholote**, came out of its huge stick nest and perched in a bush nearby. We started seeing **Patagonian Mockingbirds**, which would be common over the next few days, and then tracked down a big flock of **Burrowing Parakeets** before checking into our hotel in Cachi.



Zimmer's Tapaculo



Bare-eyed Ground-Dove

19 November: I managed to convince the group it was worth getting up early to look for **Elegant Crested-Tinamous** along the road at dawn. Unfortunately our driver failed to stop in time for anyone but me to see the first one, and then for ages we couldn't find any more! We did have a successful chase through the chilly, highland desert for the endemic **Sandy Gallito**, and finally a sharp-eyed tour participant spotted another tinamou in a roadside ditch, which this time we all got on it. We set off on a rather long drive back east and then south, finally reaching what I had hoped would be a stakeout for **Black-crested Finch (below)**. I was a bit worried to see a bunch of farmers busy clearing away the forest smack in the middle of the spot I had seen them a few weeks ago, but with a bit of searching, we were able to track the flock down a few hundred meters down the road, and even had a nice bonus in the form of **Stripe-capped Sparrow**. A restaurant was conveniently located across the road, so we stopped for lunch before continuing our journey. The last part of our trip was through the beautiful Quebrada de las Conchas, with spectacular rock formations unlike anything



else in South America. We admired them from the van and also stopped to walk through some of them before reaching the famous wine-producing town of Cafayate. Our resort hotel next to a vineyard was a great place to have an easy afternoon and an amazing dinner.

20 November: This tour always becomes a lot more relaxed towards the end, since there are relatively few targets and almost all of the common birds are “in the bag”. We had a nice breakfast in the hotel at a civilized hour and drove south through the vineyards, stopping briefly to see the tour’s only **White-fronted Woodpeckers** and **White-collared Swifts**, eventually arriving at an area of extensive grassland. The tall grass was full of singing **Sedge Wrens (right)**, and numerous **Spectacled Tyrants** were scattered around. Handsome **Long-tailed Meadowlarks** perched up and called from nearby fencelines. We started driving back up into higher mountains, very quickly nailing targets like **Tufted Tit-Spinetail**, **White-sided Hillstar**, **Gray-hooded Sierra-Finch**, **Scale-throated Earthcreeper**, **Buff-breasted Earthcreeper**, and **Hellmayr’s**



Pipit. An **Andean Tinamou** was amazingly in the middle of the highway as we headed down towards the touristy town of Tafí del Valle, arriving in time for a well-deserved lunch. With fog threatening, we wasted no time and headed straight back out into the field. We first stopped at Dique La Angostura, the big reservoir near town. Walking along the muddy verge, we flushed up a **South American Snipe** and tracked down a **Correndera Pipit**. Large numbers of waterbirds lined the edge of the lake; most were old friends by now, but we did find what was rather surprisingly our first **Red-gartered Coots** among the many **White-winged Coots**, and the first **Rosy-billed Pochard** since leaving Buenos Aires. **Roseate Spoonbills** were a bit of a surprise at that elevation. We then headed down to the wet *yungas* forest in the Sosa Valley below the lake. We were hoping to find another Rufous-throated Dipper; no luck with that, but we had some nice views of **Torrent Duck** and found the handsome, endemic **Yellow-striped Brush-Finch** before calling it a day, and returned to Tafí to check into our hotel.



Yellow-striped Brush-Finch

21 November: We were down to our last full day, but still had unfinished business with a couple of key endemics. Dense fog blanketed the mountains, but we found a bit of an opening at a stakeout for **White-browed Tapaculo**. In what may be a record, one perched out on a rock literally within seconds after starting playback, outdoing the Zimmer's we had seen a few days earlier! The **Tucuman Mountain-Finch** took a little while longer, but a pair of these beauties shows well in the second spot we tried. That would prove to be the last of the tour's Argentine endemics. Without much left to look for, we decided to try for hummers in some flower patches on the other side of the pass that we had noticed the day before. We finally had great views of the monstrous **Giant Hummingbird** which had surprisingly been absent before today, and saw a female **Andean Hillstar** well enough to actually ID it. **Sparkling Violetears** and **Red-tailed Comets** also fed from the popular flower patch. Before lunch, we checked the lake again, finding a different subspecies of **Short-billed Pipit** and a **Cliff Swallow**, but otherwise nothing new, and then resumed our dipper search. Once again none appeared, not even at a nest I had found five weeks previously, which was no longer active. We did see perched **Mitred Parakeets** and spent time looking for **Tucuman Parrot**. Just as we were giving up, some distant squawking told us they were coming in, we were lucky to get some decent scope views of this very scarce parrot.



Tucuman Mountain-Finch



Female Andean Hillstar

22 November: Thanks to an airline schedule change, we only had a bit of time to bird on our way to the city of Tucumán. A quick stop at the lake turned up nothing new, and we stopped again at all the best spots I knew for Rufous-throated Dipper. For whatever reason, they simply were not there. One of my only disappointments of the trip is that we didn't see the dipper better, but it made us feel very fortunate to have found that one at Yala near the beginning of the trip. We did see a number of *yungas* species again, including **Slaty Elaenia**, and saw a bunch of **Fork-tailed Flycatchers** in the farmland on the way to the airport. Our flight back to Buenos Aires was uneventful, and after landing we went our separate ways, with some of the group staying on in BA, and others transferring to the international airport or nearby hotels.

BIRD LIST

This list includes all the bird species that were recorded by at least one of the group, including the leader.

Taxonomy of the list follows:

Clements, J. F., T. S. Schulenberg, M. J. Iliff, D. Roberson, T. A. Fredericks, B. L. Sullivan, and C. L. Wood. 2014. **The eBird/Clements checklist of birds of the world: Version 6.9**. Downloaded from

<http://www.birds.cornell.edu/clementschecklist/download/>

Totals:

363 bird species seen

14 heard only

Abbreviations:

I=Introduced species

H=Heard only

GO=Seen by the guide only

RHEAS

Greater Rhea

Lesser (Puna) Rhea

TINAMOUS

H Tataupa Tinamou

Ornate Tinamou

Brushland Tinamou

Andean Tinamou

Elegant Crested-Tinamou

H Quebracho Crested-Tinamou

DUCKS, GEESE, AND WATERFOWL

White-faced Whistling-Duck

Fulvous Whistling-Duck

Coscoroba Swan

Andean Goose

Crested Duck

Ringed Teal

Brazilian Teal

Torrent Duck

Cinnamon Teal

White-cheeked Pintail

RHEIDAE

Rhea americana

Rhea pennata garleppi

TINAMIDAE

Crypturellus tataupa

Nothoprocta ornata

Nothoprocta cinerascens

Nothoprocta pentlandii

Eudromia elegans

Eudromia formosa

ANATIDAE

Dendrocygna viduata

Dendrocygna bicolor

Coscoroba coscoroba

Chloephaga melanoptera

Lophonetta specularioides

Callonetta leucophrys

Amazonetta brasiliensis

Merganetta armata

Anas cyanoptera

Anas bahamensis

Yellow-billed Pintail

Silver Teal

Puna Teal

Yellow-billed (Speckled) Teal

Rosy-billed Pochard

(Andean) Ruddy Duck

GUANS, CHACHALACAS, AND CURASSOWS

Chaco Chachalaca

Red-faced Guan

Dusky-legged Guan

GREBES

White-tufted Grebe

Pied-billed Grebe

Silvery Grebe

FLAMINGOS

Chilean Flamingo

Andean Flamingo

James's (Puna) Flamingo

CORMORANTS AND SHAGS

Neotropic Cormorant

HERONS, EGRETS, AND BITTERNS

Cocoi Heron

Great Egret

Snowy Egret

Cattle Egret

Whistling Heron

IBISES AND SPOONBILLS

White-faced Ibis

Puna Ibis

Bare-faced Ibis

Buff-necked Ibis

Roseate Spoonbill

NEW WORLD VULTURES

Black Vulture

Turkey Vulture

Andean Condor

King Vulture

HAWKS, EAGLES, AND KITES

Hook-billed Kite

Swallow-tailed Kite

Plumbeous Kite

Cinereous Harrier

Sharp-shinned (Rufous-thighed) Hawk

Savanna Hawk

Great Black-Hawk

Roadside Hawk

Harris's Hawk

White-rumped Hawk

Variable Hawk

Short-tailed Hawk

Anas georgica

Anas versicolor

Anas puna

Anas flavirostris

Netta peposaca

Oxyura jamaicensis ferruginea

CRACIDAE

Ortalis canicollis

Penelope dabbenei

Penelope obscura

PODICIPEDIDAE

Rollandia rolland

Podilymbus podiceps

Podiceps occipitalis

PHOENICOPTERIDAE

Phoenicopterus chilensis

Phoenicoparrus andinus

Phoenicoparrus jamesi

PHALACROCORACIDAE

Phalacrocorax brasilianus

ARDEIDAE

Ardea cocoi

Ardea alba

Egretta thula

Bubulcus ibis

Syrigma sibilatrix

THRESKIORNITHIDAE

Plegadis chihi

Plegadis ridgwayi

Phimosus infuscatus

Theristicus caudatus

Platalea ajaja

CATHARTIDAE

Coragyps atratus

Cathartes aura

Vultur gryphus

Sarcoramphus papa

ACCIPITRIDAE

Chondrohierax uncinatus

Elanoides forficatus

Ictinia plumbea

Circus cinereus

Accipiter striatus erythronemius

Buteogallus meridionalis

Buteogallus urubitinga

Rupornis magnirostris

Parabuteo unicinctus

Parabuteo leucorrhous

Geranoaetus polyosoma

Buteo brachyurus

RAILS, GALLINULES, AND COOTS

- H Rufous-sided Crane
- H Gray-necked Wood-Rail
- Common Gallinule
- Red-gartered Coot
- Red-fronted Coot
- Giant Coot
- Horned Coot
- Slate-colored (Andean) Coot
- White-winged Coot

LIMPKIN

- H Limpkin

STILTS AND AVOCETS

- Black-necked (White-backed) Stilt
- Andean Avocet

PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS

- Tawny-throated Dotterel
- Southern Lapwing
- Andean Lapwing
- American Golden Plover
- Puna Plover

SEEDSNIPES

- Gray-breasted Seedsnipe
- Least Seedsnipe

JACANAS

- Wattled Jacana

SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES

- Greater Yellowlegs
- Lesser Yellowlegs
- Hudsonian Godwit
- Baird's Sandpiper
- South American Snipe
- Wilson's Phalarope

GULLS, TERNS, AND SKIMMERS

- Andean Gull

PIGEONS AND DOVES

- Rock Pigeon
- GO Pale-vented Pigeon
- Picazuro Pigeon
- Spot-winged Pigeon
- Band-tailed Pigeon
- Eared Dove
- Picui Ground-Dove
- Bare-faced Ground-Dove
- Bare-eyed (Moreno's) Ground-Dove (E)
- Black-winged Ground-Dove
- Golden-spotted Ground-Dove
- White-tipped Dove
- Large-tailed (White-faced/Yungas) Dove
- H White-throated Quail-Dove

RALLIDAE

- Laterallus melanophaius*
- Aramides cajaneus*
- Gallinula galeata*
- Fulica armillata*
- Fulica rufifrons*
- Fulica gigantea*
- Fulica cornuta*
- Fulica ardesiaca*
- Fulica leucoptera*

ARAMIDAE

- Aramus guarauna*

RECURVIROSTRIDAE

- Himantopus mexicanus melanurus*
- Recurvirostra andina*

CHARADRIIDAE

- Oreopholus ruficollis*
- Vanellus chilensis*
- Vanellus resplendens*
- Pluvialis dominica*
- Charadrius alticola*

THINOCORIDAE

- Thinocorus orbignyianus*
- Thinocorus rumicivorus*

JACANIDAE

- Jacana jacana*

SCOLOPACIDAE

- Tringa melanoleuca*
- Tringa flavipes*
- Limosa haemastica*
- Calidris bairdii*
- Gallinago paraguaiae*
- Phalaropus tricolor*

LARIDAE

- Chroicocephalus serranus*

COLUMBIDAE

- Columba livia*
- Patagioenas cayennensis*
- Patagioenas picazuro*
- Patagioenas maculosa*
- Patagioenas fasciata*
- Zenaida auriculata*
- Columbina picui*
- Metriopelia ceciliae*
- Metriopelia morenoi*
- Metriopelia melanoptera melanoptera*
- Metriopelia aymara*
- Leptotila verreauxi*
- Leptotila megalura*
- Zentrygon frenata*

CUCKOOS

Squirrel Cuckoo
 Dark-billed Cuckoo
 Guira Cuckoo
 Striped Cuckoo
 Smooth-billed Ani

BARN-OWLS

Barn Owl

OWLS

H Tropical Screech-Owl
 Montane Forest (Hoy's/Yungas) Screech-Owl
 Yungas Pygmy-Owl
 Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl
 Burrowing Owl
 Chaco Owl

NIGHTJARS AND ALLIES

Little Nightjar
 Scissor-tailed Nightjar

SWIFTS

White-collared Swift
 Sick's Swift
 Andean Swift

HUMMINGBIRDS

Sparkling Violetear
 Red-tailed Comet
 Andean Hillstar
 White-sided Hillstar
 Wedge-tailed Hillstar
 Blue-capped Puffleg
 Giant Hummingbird
 Blue-tufted Starthroat
 GO Slender-tailed Woodstar
 Glittering-bellied Emerald
 White-bellied Hummingbird
 Gilded Hummingbird (Gilded Sapphire)

TROGONS

Blue-crowned Trogon

KINGFISHERS

Ringed Kingfisher

PUFFBIRDS

Spot-backed (Chaco) Puffbird

TOUCANS

Toco Toucan

WOODPECKERS

White-barred Piculet
 White-fronted Woodpecker
 Smoky-brown Woodpecker
 Checkered Woodpecker
 Dot-fronted Woodpecker
 Golden-olive Woodpecker

CUCULIDAE

Piaya cayana
Coccyzus melacoryphus
Guira guira
Tapera naevia
Crotophaga ani

TYTONIDAE

Tyto alba

STRIGIDAE

Megascops choliba
Megascops hoyi
Glaucidium bolivianum
Glaucidium brasilianum
Athene cunicularia
Strix chacoensis

CAPRIMULGIDAE

Setopagis parvula
Hydropsalis torquata

APODIDAE

Streptoprocne zonaris
Chaetura meridionalis
Aeronautes andecolus

TROCHILIDAE

Colibri coruscans
Sappho sparganurus
Oreotrochilus estella estella
Oreotrochilus leucopleurus
Oreotrochilus adela
Eriocnemis glaucopoides
Patagona gigas
Heliomaster furcifer
Microstilbon burmeisteri
Chlorostilbon lucidus
Amazilia chionogaster
Hylocharis chrysur

TROGONIDAE

Trogon curucui

ALCEDINIDAE

Megaceryle torquata

BUCCONIDAE

Nystalus maculatus striatipectus

RAMPHASTIDAE

Ramphastos toco

PICIDAE

Picumnus cirratus
Melanerpes cactorum
Picoides fumigatus
Veniliornis mixtus
Veniliornis frontalis
Colaptes rubiginosus tucumanus

Green-barred Woodpecker
 Andean Flicker
 Black-bodied Woodpecker
 Cream-backed Woodpecker
SERIEMAS
 Red-legged Seriema
 H Black-legged Seriema
FALCONS AND CARACARAS
 Mountain Caracara
 Southern Caracara
 Chimango Caracara
 Spot-winged Falconet
 American Kestrel
 Aplomado Falcon
 Bat Falcon
PARROTS
 Nanday Parakeet (I)
 Burrowing Parakeet (Parrot)
 Green-cheeked Parakeet
 Monk Parakeet
 Gray-hooded Parakeet
 Mountain Parakeet
 Blue-crowned Parakeet
 Mitred Parakeet
 H White-eyed Parakeet
 H Yellow-collared (Golden-collared) Macaw
 Yellow-chevroned Parakeet (I)
 Scaly-headed Parrot
 Tucuman Parrot
 Turquoise-fronted (Blue-fronted) Parrot
TYPICAL ANTBIRDS
 H Giant Antshrike
 Great Antshrike
 Rufous-capped Antshrike
 Variable Antshrike
 Stripe-backed Antbird
 Black-capped Antwren
ANTPITTAS
 White-throated Antpitta
TAPACULOS
 Crested Gallito
 Sandy Gallito (E)
 Zimmer's Tapaculo
 White-browed Tapaculo (E)
OVENBIRDS AND WOODCREEPERS
 Common Miner
 Slender-billed Miner
 Puna Miner
 Rufous-banded Miner
 Olivaceous Woodcreeper

Colaptes melanochloros leucofrenatus
Colaptes rupicola rupicola
Dryocopus schulzi
Campephilus leucopogon
CARIAMIDAE
Cariama cristata
Chunga burmeisteri
FALCONIDAE
Phalcoboenus megalopterus
Caracara plancus
Milvago chimango
Spizapteryx circumcincta
Falco sparverius
Falco femoralis
Falco ruficularis
PSITTACIDAE
Aratinga nenday
Cyanoliseus patagonus
Pyrrhura molinae
Myiopsitta monachus
Psilopsiagon aymara
Psilopsiagon aurifrons
Thectocercus acuticaudatus
Psittacara mitratus
Psittacara leucophthalmus
Primolius auricollis
Brotogeris chiriri
Pionus maximiliani
Amazona tucumana
Amazona aestiva
THAMNOPHILIDAE
Batara cinerea argentina
Taraba major
Thamnophilus ruficapillus cochabambae
Thamnophilus caerulescens dinellii
Myrmorchilus strigilatus suspicax
Herpsilochmus atricapillus
GRALLARIIDAE
Grallaria albigula
RHINOCRYPTIDAE
Rhinocrypta lanceolata
Teledromas fuscus
Scytalopus zimmeri
Scytalopus superciliaris superciliaris
FURNARIIDAE
Geositta cunicularia titicacae
Geositta tenuirostris
Geositta punensis
Geositta rufipennis
Sittasomus griseicapillus griseicapillus

Red-billed Scythebill	<i>Campylorhamphus trochilirostris hellmayri</i>
Scimitar-billed Woodcreeper	<i>Drymornis bridgesii</i>
Narrow-billed Woodcreeper	<i>Lepidocolaptes angustirostris</i>
Rock Earthcreeper	<i>Ochetorhynchus andaecola</i>
Straight-billed Earthcreeper	<i>Ochetorhynchus ruficaudus</i>
Chaco Earthcreeper	<i>Tarphonomus certhioides</i>
Rufous Hornero	<i>Furnarius rufus</i>
Crested Hornero	<i>Furnarius cristatus</i>
Wren-like Rushbird	<i>Phleocryptes melanops</i>
Scale-throated Earthcreeper	<i>Upucerthia dumetaria</i>
Buff-breasted (Plain-breasted) Earthcreeper	<i>Upucerthia validirostris jelskii</i>
Buff-breasted Earthcreeper	<i>Upucerthia validirostris validirostris</i>
Cream-winged (Bar-winged) Cinclodes	<i>Cinclodes albiventris</i>
White-winged Cinclodes	<i>Cinclodes atacamensis</i>
Buff-browed Foliage-gleaner	<i>Syndactyla rufosuperciliata</i>
Brown-capped Tit-Spinetail	<i>Leptasthenura fuliginiceps</i>
Tufted Tit-Spinetail	<i>Leptasthenura platensis</i>
Plain-mantled Tit-Spinetail	<i>Leptasthenura aegithaloides berlepschi</i>
Little Thornbird	<i>Phacellodomus sibilatrix</i>
Streak-fronted Thornbird	<i>Phacellodomus striaticeps</i>
Spot-breasted Thornbird	<i>Phacellodomus maculipectus</i>
Freckle-breasted Thornbird	<i>Phacellodomus striaticollis</i>
Lark-like Brushrunner	<i>Coryphistera alaudina</i>
Creamy-breasted Canastero	<i>Asthenes dorbignyi dorbignyi</i>
Short-billed Canastero	<i>Asthenes baeri</i>
Puna Canastero	<i>Asthenes sclateri lilloi</i>
Cordilleran Canastero	<i>Asthenes modesta</i>
Maquis (Iquico) Canastero	<i>Asthenes heterura</i>
GO Sulphur-throated Spinetail	<i>Cranioleuca sulphurifera</i>
Stripe-crowned Spinetail	<i>Cranioleuca pyrrhophia</i>
Steinbach's Canastero (E)	<i>Pseudasthenes steinbachi</i>
Brown Cacholote	<i>Pseudoseisura lophotes</i>
White-throated Cacholote (E)	<i>Pseudoseisura gutturalis</i>
Sooty-fronted Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis frontalis</i>
Azara's Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis azarae superciliosa</i>
GO Pale-breasted Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis albescens australis</i>
Ochre-cheeked Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis scutata</i>
TYRANT FLYCATCHERS	TYRANNIDAE
Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet	<i>Camptostoma obsoletum obsoletum</i>
Suiriri Flycatcher	<i>Suiriri suiriri suiriri</i>
Buff-banded Tyrannulet	<i>Mecocerculus hellmayri</i>
White-throated Tyrannulet	<i>Mecocerculus leucophrys leucophrys</i>
Yellow-billed Tit-Tyrant	<i>Anairetes flavirostris</i>
Tufted Tit-Tyrant	<i>Anairetes parulus</i>
GO Large Elaenia	<i>Elaenia spectabilis</i>
White-crested (Chilean) Elaenia	<i>Elaenia albiceps chilensis</i>
Small-billed Elaenia	<i>Elaenia parvirostris</i>
Slaty Elaenia	<i>Elaenia strepera</i>
Highland Elaenia	<i>Elaenia obscura</i>
White-crested Tyrannulet	<i>Serpophaga subcristata</i>

	White-bellied Tyrannulet	<i>Serpophaga munda</i>
	Mottle-cheeked Tyrannulet	<i>Phylloscartes ventralis tucumanus</i>
	Rough-legged Tyrannulet	<i>Phyllomyias burmeisteri burmeisteri</i>
	Sclater's Tyrannulet	<i>Phyllomyias sclateri</i>
	Southern Scrub-Flycatcher	<i>Sublegatus modestus</i>
	Plain Tyrannulet	<i>Inezia inornata</i>
	Tawny-crowned Pygmy-Tyrant	<i>Euscarthmus meloryphus meloryphus</i>
	Greater Wagtail-Tyrant	<i>Stigmatura budytoides inzonata</i>
	Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant	<i>Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer</i>
	Ochre-faced Tody-Flycatcher	<i>Poecilatriccus plumbeiceps</i>
	Cliff Flycatcher	<i>Hirundinea ferruginea pallidior</i>
H	Bran-colored Flycatcher	<i>Myiophobus fasciatus</i>
H	Euler's Flycatcher	<i>Lathrotriccus euleri</i>
	Smoke-colored Pewee	<i>Contopus fumigatus</i>
	Black Phoebe	<i>Sayornis nigricans</i>
	Vermilion Flycatcher	<i>Pyrocephalus rubinus</i>
	Andean Negrito	<i>Lessonia oreas</i>
	Cinereous Tyrant	<i>Knipolegus striaticeps</i>
	Plumbeous Black-Tyrant (Andean Tyrant)	<i>Knipolegus cabanisi</i>
	White-winged Black-Tyrant	<i>Knipolegus aterrimus</i>
	Spectacled Tyrant	<i>Hymenops perspicillatus</i>
	Yellow-browed Tyrant	<i>Satrapa icterophrys</i>
	Puna Ground-Tyrant	<i>Muscisaxicola juninensis</i>
	Cinereous Ground-Tyrant	<i>Muscisaxicola cinereus</i>
	Rufous-naped Ground-Tyrant	<i>Muscisaxicola rufivertex</i>
	Black-fronted Ground-Tyrant	<i>Muscisaxicola frontalis</i>
	Black-billed Shrike-Tyrant	<i>Agriornis montanus</i>
	Gray-bellied Shrike-Tyrant	<i>Agriornis micropterus</i>
	White Monjita	<i>Xolmis irupero irupero</i>
	Rufous-webbed Bush-Tyrant	<i>Polioxolmis rufipennis</i>
	d'Orbigny's Chat-Tyrant	<i>Ochthoeca oenanthoides</i>
	White-browed Chat-Tyrant	<i>Ochthoeca leucophrys tucumana</i>
	Cattle Tyrant	<i>Machetornis rixosa</i>
	Rufous Casiornis	<i>Casiornis rufus</i>
	Dusky-capped Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus tuberculifer</i>
	Swainson's Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus swainsoni ferocior</i>
	Brown-crested Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus tyrannulus</i>
	Great Kiskadee	<i>Pitangus sulphuratus</i>
	Streaked Flycatcher	<i>Myiodynastes maculatus solitarius</i>
	Piratic Flycatcher	<i>Legatus leucophaeus</i>
	Variiegated Flycatcher	<i>Empidonomus varius</i>
	Crowned Slaty Flycatcher	<i>Empidonomus aurantioatrocristatus</i>
	Tropical Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus melancholicus</i>
	Fork-tailed Flycatcher	<i>Tyrannus savana</i>
	COTINGAS	COTINGIDAE
	White-tipped Plantcutter	<i>Phytotoma rutila</i>
	TITYRAS AND ALLIES	TITYRIDAE
	White-naped Xenopsaris	<i>Xenopsaris albinucha</i>
	Green-backed Becard	<i>Pachyramphus viridis viridis</i>
	White-winged Becard	<i>Pachyramphus polychopterus spixii</i>

Crested Becard

VIREOS

Red-eyed Vireo

Rufous-browed Peppershrike

CROWS, JAYS, AND MAGPIES

Plush-crested Jay

SWALLOWS

Blue-and-white Swallow

Tawny-headed Swallow

Andean Swallow

GO Southern Rough-winged Swallow

Southern Martin

Brown-chested Martin

White-rumped Swallow

Barn Swallow

Cliff Swallow

WRENS

House Wren

Mountain Wren

Sedge Wren

GNATCATCHERS

Masked Gnatcatcher

DIPPERS

Rufous-throated Dipper

THRUSHES AND ALLIES

Swainson's Thrush

Rufous-bellied Thrush

Creamy-bellied Thrush

(Andean) Slaty Thrush

Chiguanco Thrush

MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS

Patagonian Mockingbird

Chalk-browed Mockingbird

Brown-backed Mockingbird

STARLINGS

European Starling (I)

WAGTAILS AND PIPITS

Yellowish Pipit

Short-billed Pipit

Correndera Pipit

Hellmayr's Pipit

NEW WORLD WARBLERS

Masked Yellowthroat

Tropical Parula

Golden-crowned Warbler

Pale-legged Warbler

Two-banded Warbler

Brown-capped Redstart

TANAGERS AND ALLIES

Red-crested Cardinal

Pachyramphus validus

VIREONIDAE

Vireo olivaceus chivi

Cyclarhis gujanensis

CORVIDAE

Cyanocorax chrysops

HIRUNDINIDAE

Pygochelidon cyanoleuca

Alopochelidon fucata

Orochelidon andecola

Stelgidopteryx ruficollis

Progne elegans

Progne tapera

Tachycineta leucorrhoa

Hirundo rustica

Petrochelidon pyrrhonota

TROGLODYTIDAE

Troglodytes aedon

Troglodytes solstitialis auricularis

Cistothorus platensis tucumanus

POLIOPTILIDAE

Polioptila dumicola

CINCLIDAE

Cinclus schulzi

TURDIDAE

Catharus ustulatus

Turdus rufiventris

Turdus amaurochalinus

Turdus nigriceps nigriceps

Turdus chiguanco

MIMIDAE

Mimus patagonicus

Mimus saturninus

Mimus dorsalis

STURNIDAE

Sturnus vulgaris

MOTACILLIDAE

Anthus lutescens

Anthus furcatus

Anthus correndera catamarcae

Anthus hellmayri hellmayri

PARULIDAE

Geothlypis aequinoctialis velata

Setophaga pitiayumi

Basileuterus culicivorus

Myiothlypis signata

Myiothlypis bivittata argentinae

Myioborus brunniceps

THRAUPIDAE

Paroaria coronata

Orange-headed Tanager	<i>Thlypopsis sordida</i>
Rust-and-yellow Tanager	<i>Thlypopsis ruficeps</i>
Fawn-breasted Tanager	<i>Pipraeidea melanonota</i>
Blue-and-yellow Tanager	<i>Pipraeidea bonariensis</i>
Sayaca Tanager	<i>Thraupis sayaca</i>
Chestnut-vented Conebill	<i>Conirostrum speciosum</i>
Rusty Flowerpiercer	<i>Diglossa sittoides</i>
Black-hooded Sierra-Finch	<i>Phrygilus atriceps</i>
Gray-hooded Sierra-Finch	<i>Phrygilus gayi</i>
Mourning Sierra-Finch	<i>Phrygilus fruticeti</i>
Plumbeous Sierra-Finch	<i>Phrygilus unicolor</i>
Red-backed Sierra-Finch	<i>Phrygilus dorsalis</i>
Ash-breasted Sierra-Finch	<i>Phrygilus plebejus</i>
Band-tailed Sierra-Finch	<i>Phrygilus alaudinus</i>
Common Diuca-Finch	<i>Diuca diuca</i>
Black-crested Finch	<i>Lophospingus pusillus</i>
Rufous-sided Warbling-Finch	<i>Poospiza hypochondria</i>
Rusty-browed Warbling-Finch	<i>Poospiza erythrophrys</i>
Black-and-rufous Warbling-Finch	<i>Poospiza nigrorufa nigrorufa</i>
Ringed Warbling-Finch	<i>Poospiza torquata</i>
Black-capped Warbling-Finch	<i>Poospiza melanoleuca</i>
Tucuman Mountain-Finch (E)	<i>Compsospiza baeri</i>
Puna Yellow-Finch	<i>Sicalis lutea</i>
Bright-rumped Yellow-Finch	<i>Sicalis uropygialis</i>
Citron-headed Yellow-Finch	<i>Sicalis luteocephala</i>
Greenish Yellow-Finch	<i>Sicalis olivascens</i>
Saffron Finch	<i>Sicalis flaveola</i>
Great Pampa-Finch	<i>Embernagra platensis olivascens</i>
Blue-black Grassquit	<i>Volatinia jacarina</i>
Double-collared Seedeater	<i>Sporophila caerulescens</i>
Band-tailed Seedeater	<i>Catamenia analis</i>
Plain-colored Seedeater	<i>Catamenia inornata</i>
Red-crested Finch	<i>Coryphospingus cucullatus</i>
Dull-colored Grassquit	<i>Tiaris obscurus</i>
GO Grayish Saltator	<i>Saltator coerulescens</i>
Golden-billed Saltator	<i>Saltator aurantirostris</i>
Many-colored Chaco Finch	<i>Saltatricula multicolor</i>
BUNTINGS AND NEW WORLD SPARROWS	EMBERIZIDAE
Saffron-billed Sparrow	<i>Arremon flavirostris dorbignii</i>
White-browed (Stripe-headed) Brush-Finch	<i>Arremon torquatus</i>
Fulvous-headed Brush-Finch	<i>Atlapetes fulviceps</i>
Yellow-striped Brush-Finch (E)	<i>Atlapetes citrinellus</i>
Stripe-capped Sparrow	<i>Rhynchospiza strigiceps</i>
Grassland Sparrow	<i>Ammodramus humeralis</i>
Rufous-collared Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia capensis</i>
Common Chlorospingus (Bush-Tanager)	<i>Chlorospingus flavopectus argentinus</i>
CARDINALS AND ALLIES	CARDINALIDAE
Hepatic (Red) Tanager	<i>Piranga flava flava</i>
Black-backed Grosbeak	<i>Pheucticus aureoventris</i>
Ultramarine Grosbeak	<i>Cyanocompsa brissonii</i>

TROUPIALS AND ALLIES

- GO White-browed Blackbird
Long-tailed Meadowlark
Bay-winged Cowbird
Shiny Cowbird
Variable Oriole
Solitary Black Cacique
Golden-winged Cacique
Crested Oropendola

SISKINS, CROSSBILLS, AND ALLIES

- H Purple-throated Euphonia
Hooded Siskin
Black Siskin

OLD WORLD SPARROWS

- House Sparrow

MAMMALS

- European Hare (I)
Culpeo (Patagonian Fox)
Vicugna
South American Brown Brocket (Gray Brocket)

ICTERIDAE

- Sturnella superciliaris*
Sturnella loyca
Agelaioides badius
Molothrus bonariensis
Icterus pyrrhopterus pyrrhopterus
Cacicus solitarius
Cacicus chrysopterus
Psarocolius decumanus

FRINGILLIDAE

- Euphonia chlorotica*
Spinus magellanicus
Spinus atratus

PASSERIDAE

- Passer domesticus*

- Lepus europaeus*
Lycalopex culpaeus
Vicugna vicugna
Mazama gouazoubira