

**BOLIVIA'S AVIAN RICHES 2011**

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What a fun trip! We spanned many of the habitats available in South America, we had fine company, we experienced different concentrations of oxygen... and, oh yes, we saw some fantastic birds!

Bolivia is a nexus with respect to the biota of South America. Right smack-dab in the middle of everything, the country has both temperate and tropical habitats, elevations ranging from Amazonian lows to scraping the clouds high, and from quite humid forest to very dry desert and open grassland. And we experienced all of it (especially if you include the Beni extension)!

I'd say that our final tally of birds made this a particularly memorable tour. The river island extravaganza on the Rio Pirai the first day of the tour, the cackling Seriemas at Lomas de Arena, the amazing scenery at Lagunas los Volcanes, the view at the overflying Red-fronted Macaws at Saipina, the reluctant star Olive-crowned Crescentchest on the mountain above Comarapa, the views of aqua-blue on the rump of that Black-hooded Sunbeam, the first views of puna dotted with alpacas and llamas on Cerro Tunari, the experience of seeing Green-throated Tanagers overhead in the wet Chapare yungas, the duck and coot show at Alalay, the birds in the Polylepis patch at our lunch spot on the way to La Paz, the in-your face Scribble-tailed Canastero at Pongo, the Ornate Tinamous in the snow, the Gray-breasted Seedsnipe show by the Giant Coot lake, and that incredible finale on the Coroico road, where the last hour netted us an incredible experience with Scimitar-winged Piha, Chestnut-crested Cotinga, Rufous-capped Thornbill, and Hooded Mountain-Toucan! But let's not forget that amazing Semicollared Hawk that allowed us all the views we wanted!

Yep, those were some great experiences. And Jay and I are so glad you were there to share them with us (and I am particularly happy to have had the chance to write that run-on sentence above). I hope we will have an opportunity to share more! Until then, good birding!

--Dan

We have more information about this itinerary and future departures on our web page for [Bolivia's Avian Riches](#).

**KEYS FOR THIS LIST**

One of the following keys may be shown in brackets for individual species as appropriate: \* = heard only, I = introduced, E = endemic, N = nesting, a = austral migrant, b = boreal migrant

**BIRDS**

*Tinamidae (Tinamous)*

**HOODED TINAMOU** (*Nothocercus nigrocapillus*) [\*]

**BROWN TINAMOU** (*Crypturellus obsoletus*) [\*]



*The proverbial "eleventh hour" of the tour couldn't have been sweeter: a Hooded Mountain-Toucan showed well just as we were preparing to depart for La Paz! (Photo by guide Dan Lane)*

**UNDULATED TINAMOU** (*Crypturellus undulatus*) [\*]

**RED-WINGED TINAMOU** (*Rhynchotus rufescens rufescens*) [\*]

**HUAYCO TINAMOU** (*Rhynchotus maculicollis*) [\*]

**ORNATE TINAMOU** (*Nothoprocta ornata*) – The only birds we saw while waiting in that long line near La Paz: three tinamous in the snow-dusted puna.

**ANDEAN TINAMOU** (*Nothoprocta pentlandii*) – Carlos spotted one of these small, high-elevation tinamous along the road as we drove from Comarapa to Cochabamba. Most saw it, though probably not well.

**WHITE-BELLIED NOTHURA** (*Nothura boraquira*) – Those facing forward at the right moment spied this small tinamou scuttling across the road at Lomas de Arena. We all heard it, though.

*Anhimidae (Screamers)*

**SOUTHERN SCREAMER** (*Chauna torquata*) – Laguna los Volcanes is at rather a surprising elevation at which to see these large goose-like birds!

*Anatidae (Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl)*

**FULVOUS WHISTLING-DUCK** (*Dendrocygna bicolor*) – Two birds at Alalay were a surprise!

**ANDEAN GOOSE** (*Chloephaga melanoptera*)

**CRESTED DUCK** (*Lophonetta specularioides alticola*)

**RINGED TEAL** (*Callonetta leucophrys*) – Kent was certainly happy by the large flock roosting on islands on the Rio Pirai. Heck, I think we all were!

**BRAZILIAN TEAL** (*Amazonetta brasiliensis*)

**TORRENT DUCK** (*Merganetta armata garleppi*) – A pair with ducklings kept us entertained on Cerro Tunari.

**CINNAMON TEAL** (*Anas cyanoptera orinomus*)

**RED SHOVELER** (*Anas platalea*) – A great duck, and rare! We had four males at Alalay.

**WHITE-CHEEKED PINTAIL (WHITE-CHEEKED)** (*Anas bahamensis rubrirostris*)

**YELLOW-BILLED PINTAIL (SOUTH AMERICAN)** (*Anas georgica spinicauda*)

**SILVER TEAL** (*Anas versicolor*) – Another rare duck that we enjoyed at Alalay... only the third time in the tour's history!

**PUNA TEAL** (*Anas puna*)

**YELLOW-BILLED TEAL (OXYPTERA)** (*Anas flavirostris oxyptera*)

**ROSY-BILLED POCHARD** (*Netta peposaca*) – A species that seems to be increasing on Alalay, we had about 25 this year!

**MASKED DUCK** (*Nomonyx dominicus*) – A hard bird most places, but we have had great luck on Laguna los Volcanes.

**RUDDY DUCK (ANDEAN)** (*Oxyura jamaicensis ferruginea*)

*Cracidae (Guans, Chachalacas, and Curassows)*

**SPECKLED CHACHALACA** (*Ortalis guttata*)

**ANDEAN GUAN** (*Penelope montagnii*) – Jack spotted one for us on the lower Coroico road.

**DUSKY-LEGGED GUAN (BRIDGE'S)** (*Penelope obscura bridgesi*) – A large flock was in some cattle pens along the highway as we neared Comarapa.

**BLUE-THROATED PIPING-GUAN** (*Pipile cumanensis*) – A bird singing and displaying at Laguna los Volcanes was nice.

*Podicipedidae (Grebes)*

**WHITE-TUFTED GREBE** (*Rollandia rolland*)

**TITICACA GREBE** (*Rollandia microptera*) – Fairly good looks at several on Lake Titicaca (of all places!).

**LEAST GREBE** (*Tachybaptus dominicus*) – Several on Laguna los Volcanes.

**PIED-BILLED GREBE** (*Podilymbus podiceps*)



*A Chestnut-bellied Mountain-Tanager sings from a snag. (Photo by guide Dan Lane)*

**SILVERY GREBE (JUNINENSIS)** (*Podiceps occipitalis juninensis*) – On high lakes around La Paz.

*Phalacrocoracidae (Cormorants and Shags)*

**NEOTROPIC CORMORANT** (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*)

*Ardeidae (Heron, Egrets, and Bitterns)*

**COCOI HERON** (*Ardea cocoi*)

**GREAT EGRET** (*Ardea alba*)

**SNOWY EGRET** (*Egretta thula*)

**CATTLE EGRET** (*Bubulcus ibis*)

**STRIATED HERON** (*Butorides striata*)

**WHISTLING HERON** (*Syrigma sibilatrix*) – A lowland bird of open grasslands, it was interesting to have a pair at Laguna los Volcanes (for the second year in a row!).

**BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON** (*Nycticorax nycticorax*)

*Threskiornithidae (Ibises and Spoonbills)*

**WHITE-FACED IBIS** (*Plegadis chihi*) – At least three birds were at Laguna Alalay. Rare in this part of South America.

**PUNA IBIS** (*Plegadis ridgwayi*) – The common ibis on most of the tour.

**GREEN IBIS** (*Mesembrinibis cayennensis*) – One bird at Volcanes was a surprise.

**BARE-FACED IBIS** (*Phimosus infuscatus*) – A few along the Rio Pirai.

**BUFF-NECKED IBIS** (*Theristicus caudatus*) – Similar to the next, but only in lowlands around Santa Cruz.

**BLACK-FACED IBIS (ANDEAN)** (*Theristicus melanopis branickii*) – Seen the two days we were in high elevations in La Paz.

*Cathartidae (New World Vultures)*

**BLACK VULTURE** (*Coragyps atratus*)

**TURKEY VULTURE (TROPICAL)** (*Cathartes aura ruficollis*) – Seen most days of the tour, only missing on the days we were in the altiplano.

**ANDEAN CONDOR** (*Vultur gryphus*) – Seen on four days of the tour.

*Accipitridae (Hawks, Eagles, and Kites)*

**SWALLOW-TAILED KITE** (*Elanoides forficatus yetapa*)

**SNAIL KITE** (*Rostrhamus sociabilis*)

**BLACK-CHESTED BUZZARD-EAGLE** (*Geranoaetus melanoleucus*)

**CINEREOUS HARRIER** (*Circus cinereus*)

**SEMICOLLARED HAWK** (*Accipiter collaris*) – WOW!!!! Probably the first record for Bolivia, and a rare bird \*anywhere\*, we had a very long look at what was probably a young bird perched on a snag over the canopy on the Coroico road for about an hour. That was probably my bird of the tour!

**HARRIS'S HAWK** (*Parabuteo unicinctus*) – Not a common hawk in Bolivia, but we enjoyed one near Comarapa.

**ROADSIDE HAWK** (*Buteo magnirostris saturatus*) – The Roadside here occur higher than anywhere else I know (we had one at 3200m!) and are very dark and hooded here.

**WHITE-TAILED HAWK** (*Buteo albicaudatus*) – One at Lomas de Arena.

**VARIABLE HAWK** (*Buteo polyosoma*) – Formerly considered two species (Red-backed and Puna hawks), but recently lumped.

*Falconidae (Falcons and Caracaras)*

**MOUNTAIN CARACARA** (*Phalcoboenus megalopterus*)

**SOUTHERN CARACARA** (*Caracara plancus*)



*Big chunks of Bolivia are tropical and subtropical of course...but it's a little chillier at the highest altitudes we reach!! Here's our group at our birding stop at about 15,000 feet at La Cumbre, above La Paz. (Photo by guide Dan Lane)*

**YELLOW-HEADED CARACARA** (*Milvago chimachima*)

**AMERICAN KESTREL (COLOMBIAN)** (*Falco sparverius aequatorialis*)

**APLOMADO FALCON** (*Falco femoralis*) – One seen at the Rio Pirai... another, a world away, in the puna on the drive out of the Sorata valley.

**BAT FALCON** (*Falco ruficularis*) – One seen near Comarapa.

**PEREGRINE FALCON** (*Falco peregrinus*) – A chaser to the Aplomado we saw at the Rio Pirai.

*Cariamidae (Seriemas)*

**RED-LEGGED SERIEMA** (*Cariama cristata*) – Great looks at Lomas de Arena.

*Rallidae (Rails, Gallinules, and Coots)*

**RUFOUS-SIDED CRAKE** (*Laterallus melanophaius*) – A bird was seen remarkably well (if quickly) at Volcanes.

**GRAY-NECKED WOOD-RAIL** (*Aramides cajanea*) – Seen at the Rio Pirai.

**PLUMBEOUS RAIL** (*Pardirallus sanguinolentus*) – Good looks at Alalay.

**PURPLE GALLINULE** (*Porphyrio martinica*)

**COMMON GALLINULE** (*Gallinula galeata*) – Until recently considered conspecific with the Common Moorhen of the Old World. Voice and shield shape are the characters used to define the New World Common Gallinule.

**RED-FRONTED COOT** (*Fulica rufifrons*) – Only found in Bolivia two years ago, and they seem to be known only at Alalay, where we counted at least 16 this year!

**GIANT COOT** (*Fulica gigantea*)

**SLATE-COLORED COOT** (*Fulica ardesiaca*) – Also called Andean Coot.

**WHITE-WINGED COOT** (*Fulica leucoptera*) – One bird seen well at Alalay.

*Charadriidae (Plovers and Lapwings)*

**SOUTHERN LAPWING** (*Vanellus chilensis*)

**ANDEAN LAPWING** (*Vanellus resplendens*)

**COLLARED PLOVER** (*Charadrius collaris*) – Several seen well at Alalay.

*Recurvirostridae (Stilts and Avocets)*

**BLACK-NECKED STILT (WHITE-BACKED)** (*Himantopus mexicanus melanurus*) – Sometimes split off as a separate species, but there is a hybrid population near Lima, Peru.

*Jacanidae (Jacanas)*

**WATTLED JACANA** (*Jacana jacana*) – Pretty neat to have this normal lowland species way up at Alalay!

*Scolopacidae (Sandpipers and Allies)*

**SPOTTED SANDPIPER** (*Actitis macularius*) – A few bob bob bobbing along at Alalay. [b]

**SOLITARY SANDPIPER** (*Tringa solitaria*) – A large number at Alalay. [b]

**GREATER YELLOWLEGS** (*Tringa melanoleuca*) [b]

**LESSER YELLOWLEGS** (*Tringa flavipes*) [b]

**HUDSONIAN GODWIT** (*Limosa haemastica*) – A small group at the Rio Pirai was nice! [b]

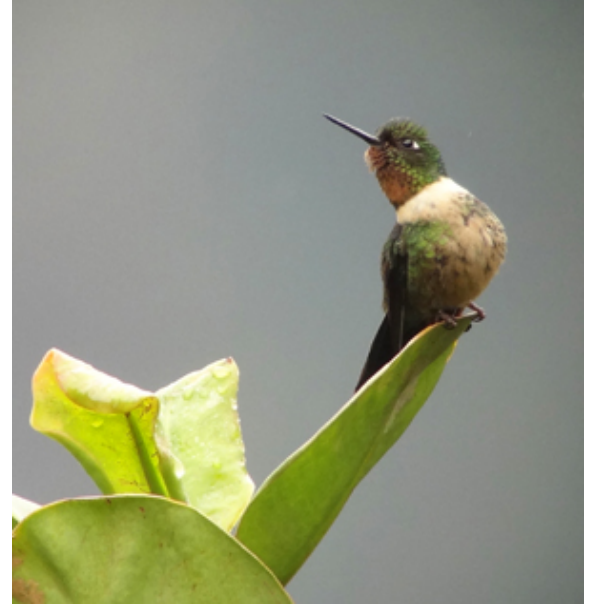
**BAIRD'S SANDPIPER** (*Calidris bairdii*) – A common sandpiper at highland lakes and bogs. [b]

**PECTORAL SANDPIPER** (*Calidris melanotos*) – Good numbers at Alalay. [b]

**WILSON'S PHALAROPE** (*Phalaropus tricolor*) – Seen on several days. [b]

*Thinocoridae (Seedsnipes)*

**RUFOUS-BELLIED SEEDSNIPE** (*Attagis gayi*) – In snow! Thank goodness they don't have a white winter plumage like ptarmigan!



*The southern subspecies of Amethyst-throated Sunangel has a rufous throat in the female plumage.  
(Photo by guide Dan Lane)*

**GRAY-BREASTED SEEDSNIPE** (*Thinocorus orbignyianus*) – A nice find in the puna by the Giant Coot lake.

*Laridae (Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers)*

**ANDEAN GULL** (*Chroicocephalus serranus*)

*Columbidae (Pigeons and Doves)*

**ROCK PIGEON** (*Columba livia*) – Seen daily.

**PALE-VENTED PIGEON** (*Patagioenas cayennensis*) – Seen at Volcanes.

**PICAZURO PIGEON** (*Patagioenas picazuro*) – The common large pigeon around Santa Cruz.

**SPOT-WINGED PIGEON** (*Patagioenas maculosa*) – Good views in the high elevations around La Paz.

**BAND-TAILED PIGEON** (*Patagioenas fasciata*)



*A panoramic view of the upper Coroico Road, an important birding destination. (Photo by guide Dan Lane)*

**PLUMBEOUS PIGEON** (*Patagioenas plumbea*) – Seen in the lower Chapare. The Bolivian foothill birds sound distinctive, but are unnamed. By sight, they are indistinguishable from Amazonian birds.

**EARED DOVE** (*Zenaida auriculata*)

**RUDDY GROUND-DOVE** (*Columbina talpacoti*)

**PICUI GROUND-DOVE** (*Columbina picui*) – A widespread species we saw around Santa Cru and Cochabamba in open habitats.

**BARE-FACED GROUND-DOVE** (*Metriopelia ceciliae*)

**BLACK-WINGED GROUND-DOVE** (*Metriopelia melanoptera*)

**WHITE-TIPPED DOVE** (*Leptotila verreauxi*)

**LARGE-TAILED DOVE** (*Leptotila megalura*) – Also called 'Yungas Dove' or 'White-faced Dove' by some, this is a species found in the foothills of Bolivia and northern Argentina. We saw it well at Volcanes.

**WHITE-THROATED QUAIL-DOVE** (*Geotrygon frenata*) – Carlos' sharp eyes spotted one beside the road in the Chapare, which stuck around for all to see!

*Psittacidae (Parrots)*

**GREEN-CHEEKED PARAKEET** (*Pyrrhura molinae*)

**MONK PARAKEET (CLIFF)** (*Myiopsitta monachus luchi*) – Unlike the lowland Monk Parakeet, this form nests in dispersed colonies on cliffs (hence the name). It looks a little different (no scaling) and sounds rather different, too. SACC has not yet officially split the Cliff from the Monk, but I just submitted a proposal. We'll see what happens.

**GRAY-HOODED PARAKEET** (*Psilopsiagon aymara*) – A bit like Budgerigars, we enjoyed these cute parakeets in the high-elevation dry scrub.

**BLUE-CROWNED PARAKEET** (*Aratinga acuticaudata neumanni*) – This is the endemic form with pink bill and orange eyering that we saw in the interior valleys.

**BLUE-CROWNED PARAKEET** (*Aratinga acuticaudata acuticaudata*) – These were at the Botanical Gardens.

**MITRED PARAKEET** (*Aratinga mitrata*) – After having seen them at our hotel in Santa Cruz (where they are introduced), we finally saw flocks at Volcanes, where they are native.

**PEACH-FRONTED PARAKEET** (*Aratinga aurea*)

**RED-FRONTED MACAW** (*Ara rubrogenys*) – Wow! Great views of three different groups our day birding the valleys around Comarapa totaling 18+ individuals! **[E]**

**CHESTNUT-FRONTED MACAW** (*Ara severus*) – The medium-sized macaw we had at the Botanical Gardens.

**MILITARY MACAW** (*Ara militaris*) – A group of four flew over us (unfortunately, canopy blocked good views) at Volcanes.

**BARRED PARAKEET** (*Bolborhynchus lineola*) – A flock seemed to have taken off from near us and flew over (but no color visible) on the Coroico road!

**BLUE-WINGED PARROTLET** (*Forpus xanthopterygius*)

**YELLOW-CHEVRONED PARAKEET** (*Brotogeris chiriri*)

**BLACK-WINGED PARROT** (*Hapalopsittaca melanotis*) – Too bad the fog rolled in, but a few lucky viewers saw these rare and local parrots our first day in the Chapare.

**RED-BILLED PARROT** (*Pionus sordidus*) – This was seen in the same place as the last.

**SCALY-HEADED PARROT** (*Pionus maximiliani*) – One was in the scope at the Botanical Gardens.

**SPECKLE-FACED PARROT (PLUM-CROWNED)** (*Pionus tumultuosus tumultuosus*) – Seen well on the Coroico road.

**BLUE-FRONTED PARROT** (*Amazona aestiva*)

**SCALY-NAPED PARROT** (*Amazona mercenaria*)

#### Cuculidae (Cuckoos)

**SQUIRREL CUCKOO** (*Piaya cayana*)

**GUIRA CUCKOO** (*Guira guira*) – A group warming up by perching side-by-side on a dead snag at Volcanes was memorable.

**STRIPED CUCKOO** (*Tapera naevia*) – One was briefly seen beside the bus at Rio Pirai the first day.

**SMOOTH-BILLED ANI** (*Crotophaga ani*)

#### Strigidae (Owls)

**TROPICAL SCREECH-OWL** (*Megascops choliba*) – The only nocturnal owl we saw at Volcanes.

**TAWNY-BELLIED SCREECH-OWL** (*Megascops watsonii*) [\*]

**BAND-BELLIED OWL** (*Pulsatrix melanota*) – We heard a *Pulsatrix* owl at Volcanes. By voice, it sounded more to me like Spectacled, but by elevation, Band-bellied is more likely. The voices of the two are pretty similar, so I'm including it as this species. [\*]

**YUNGAS PYGMY-OWL** (*Glaucidium bolivianum*) – The source of mob-tape in the highlands.

**FERRUGINOUS PYGMY-OWL** (*Glaucidium brasilianum*) – The source of mob-tape in the lowlands.

**BURROWING OWL** (*Athene cunicularia*)

#### Caprimulgidae (Nightjars and Allies)

**OCELLATED POORWILL** (*Nyctiphrynus ocellatus*) – We heard these and the next species at Volcanes. [\*]

**RUFOUS NIGHTJAR** (*Caprimulgus rufus*) [\*]

**SCISSOR-TAILED NIGHTJAR** (*Hydropsalis torquata*) – Seen well near Comarapa.

#### Apodidae (Swifts)

**CHESTNUT-COLLARED SWIFT** (*Streptoprocne rutila*)

**WHITE-COLLARED SWIFT** (*Streptoprocne zonaris*)

**SHORT-TAILED SWIFT** (*Chaetura brachyura*) – Around the hotel in Santa Cruz.

**ANDEAN SWIFT** (*Aeronautes andecolus*)

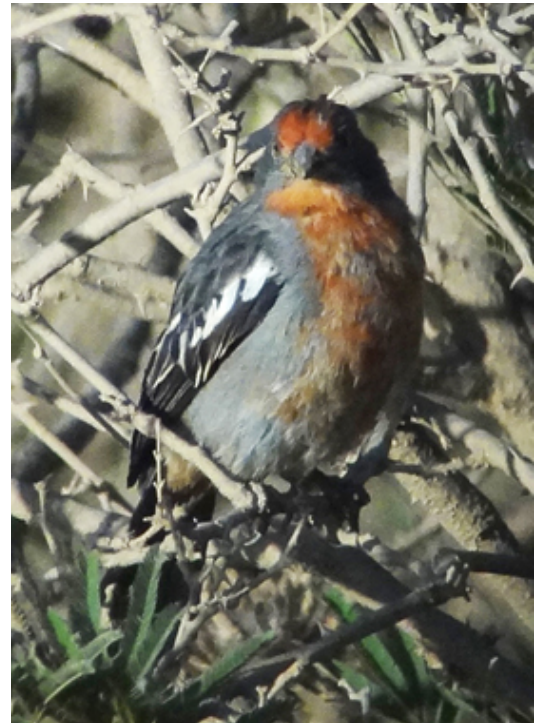
#### Trochilidae (Hummingbirds)

**PLANALTO HERMIT** (*Phaethornis pretrei*) – Seen at Volcanes.

**BROWN VIOLETEAR** (*Colibri delphinae*) [\*]

**GREEN VIOLETEAR** (*Colibri thalassinus*)

**AMETHYST-THROATED SUNANGEL** (*Heliangelus amethysticollis*) – Seen well near treeline at several spots.



As we entered the drier interior valleys of western Santa Cruz department, the weird White-tipped Plantcutter became more common.  
(Photo by guide Dan Lane)

**SPECKLED HUMMINGBIRD** (*Adelomyia melanogenys inornata*) – Kirsten spotted one of these none-too-glittery hummers in the lower Chapare.

**LONG-TAILED SYLPH** (*Agelaiocercus kingi*)

**RED-TAILED COMET** (*Sappho sparganura*) – We had this at several spots between Comarapa and Cochabamba and on Cerro Tunari.

**ANDEAN HILLSTAR** (*Oreotrochilus estella*) – This was the hillstar we saw at our lunch spot between Cochabamba and La Paz.

**WEDGE-TAILED HILLSTAR** (*Oreotrochilus adela*) – A fine male showed for us on Cerro Tunari.

**RUFOUS-CAPPED THORNBILL** (*Chalcostigma ruficeps*) – A female feeding in the flowers of a tree downslope was one of the last new birds of the tour.

**TYRIAN METALTAIL** (*Metallura tyrianthina*)

**SCALED METALTAIL** (*Metallura aeneocauda*) – After a lot of looking, one bird showed well for us at the gas station at the top of the Old Coroico road.

**BLACK-HOODED SUNBEAM** (*Aglaeactis pamela*) – A really impressive hummer that blew us away at a few sites near Siberia and Chapare. [E]

**BRONZY INCA** (*Coeligena coeligena*)

**COLLARED INCA (GOULD'S)** (*Coeligena torquata inca*) – John spotted this buff-collared hummer hovering over a stream below the road on the Coroico road.

**VIOLET-THROATED STARFRONTLET** (*Coeligena violifer*) – That buff tail is a great fieldmark.

**GREAT SAPPHIREWING** (*Pterophanes cyanopterus*) – The world's second largest hummer, which we enjoyed in the humid treeline habitats in Cochabamba and La Paz.

**BOOTED RACKET-TAIL** (*Ocreatus underwoodii*)

**GIANT HUMMINGBIRD** (*Patagona gigas gigas*) – True to its name, this is a giant. We enjoyed looks at them at a few sites.

**GLITTERING-BELLIED EMERALD** (*Chlorostilbon aureoventris*) – Common in the drier valleys, including in Cochabamba city.

**WHITE-BELLIED HUMMINGBIRD** (*Amazilia chionogaster*) – This species is widespread in the dry valleys of Bolivia (and spills out into the lowlands around Santa Cruz, apparently). Bolivian birds (subspecies *hypoleucus*) sound very different from the Peruvian ones (such as those at Machu Picchu, nominate *chionogaster*).

**GILDED HUMMINGBIRD** (*Hylocharis chrysura*)

#### Trogonidae (Trogons)

**GOLDEN-HEADED QUETZAL** (*Pharomachrus auriceps*) – Carlos got us on this lovely bird as we drove back to Cochabamba from the lower Chapare.

**CRESTED QUETZAL** (*Pharomachrus antisianus*) – Good views in the lower Chapare.

**BLUE-CROWNED TROGON** (*Trogon curucui*)

**MASKED TROGON** (*Trogon personatus submontanus*) – Finally seen our last day.

#### Momotidae (Motmots)

**AMAZONIAN MOTMOT** (*Momotus momota pilcomajensis*) – Formerly 'Blue-crowned Motmot', that species has been split into several. We saw it well at the Botanical Gardens (a great place to see it!).

#### Alcedinidae (Kingfishers)

**RINGED KINGFISHER** (*Megaceryle torquata*)

**AMAZON KINGFISHER** (*Chloroceryle amazona*)

#### Bucconidae (Puffbirds)

**WHITE-EARED PUFFBIRD** (*Nystalus chacuru*) – A pair at Lomas de Arena allowed us fine views.

**SPOT-BACKED PUFFBIRD** (*Nystalus maculatus*) – Nice looks around Comarapa.



*A 'forest flicker' that has rather beautiful plumage, this Golden-olive Woodpecker gave us some great views! (Photo by guide Dan Lane)*

**BLACK-STREAKED PUFFBIRD** (*Malacoptila fulvogularis*) [\*]

**BLACK-FRONTED NUNBIRD** (*Monasa nigrifrons*) – An Amazonian bird that gets to Santa Cruz in the dry Chiquitano forest.

*Capitonidae (New World Barbets)*

**VERSICOLORED BARBET** (*Eubucco versicolor*) – Kirsten and John pointed out a fine male to us in the lower Chapare.

*Ramphastidae (Toucans)*

**BLUE-BANDED TOUCANET** (*Aulacorhynchus coeruleicinctis*) – One in the lower Chapare appeared to be coming to a nest.

**HOODED MOUNTAIN-TOUCAN** (*Andigena cucullata*) – Wow! What a lucky final few moments in the yungas! Talk about eleventh hour...

**CHESTNUT-EARED ARACARI** (*Pteroglossus castanotis*) – A group in the Botanical Gardens was a nice sight.

**TOCO TOUCAN** (*Ramphastos toco*) – A pair was in the scrub at Lomas de Arena.

**CHANNEL-BILLED TOUCAN** (*Ramphastos vitellinus culminatus*) – Sometimes separated as 'Yellow-ridged Toucan', Carlos saw this and pointed it out to us as we drove back up from the lower Chapare.

*Picidae (Woodpeckers)*

**OCELLATED PICULET** (*Picumnus dorbignyanus*) – This was the piculet we saw in the foothills.

**WHITE-WEDGED PICULET** (*Picumnus albosquamatus*) – This was the piculet we saw around Santa Cruz the first two days.

**WHITE WOODPECKER** (*Melanerpes candidus*)

**YELLOW-TUFTED WOODPECKER** (*Melanerpes cruentatus*) – A 'candy-colored' woodpecker of Amazonia that just reaches the dry woodlands around Santa Cruz.

**WHITE-FRONTED WOODPECKER** (*Melanerpes cactorum*) – A species that really seems tied to columnar cacti in the dry valleys of Bolivia. Elsewhere, they are found in dry scrub without cacti.

**STRIPED WOODPECKER** (*Veniliornis lignarius*) – Like a Ladder-backed Woodpecker. We saw it near Comarapa.

**BAR-BELLIED WOODPECKER** (*Veniliornis nigriceps*) – One seen well in Siberia.

**GOLDEN-OLIVE WOODPECKER** (*Colaptes rubiginosus*)

**CRIMSON-MANTLED WOODPECKER** (*Colaptes rivolii atriceps*) – Always a showstopper... and it didn't fail to please!

**GREEN-BARRED WOODPECKER** (*Colaptes melanochloros*) – This is the form we saw at Lomas de Arena.

**GREEN-BARRED WOODPECKER** (*Colaptes melanochloros melanolaimus*) – This is the form in the highlands, such as around Comarapa.

**ANDEAN FLICKER** (*Colaptes rupicola*) – A flicker that lives where there are no trees!

**CAMPO FLICKER** (*Colaptes campestris*) – The common flicker in the lowlands.

**LINEATED WOODPECKER** (*Dryocopus lineatus*) – Seen well at Volcanes as it peered out (or flied out) of a nest hole by the lake.

**CRIMSON-CRESTED WOODPECKER** (*Campephilus melanoleucos*)

*Furnariidae (Ovenbirds and Woodcreepers)*

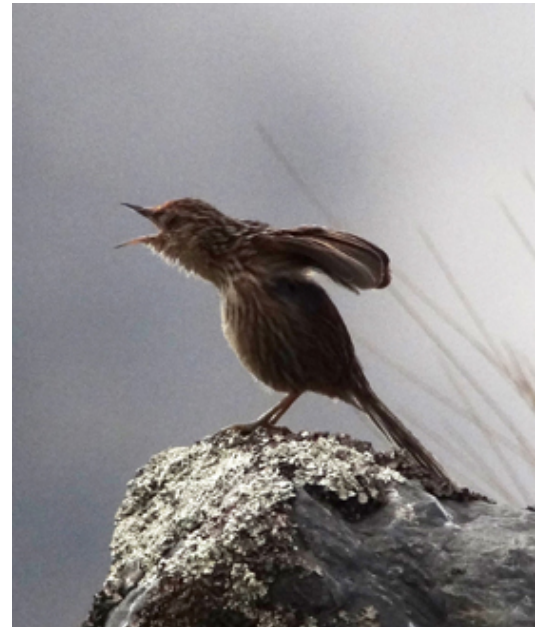
**COMMON MINER** (*Geositta cunicularia*) – This species has several distinct forms. The one we saw in Oruro as we headed to La Paz was 'titicacae'.

**SLENDER-BILLED MINER** (*Geositta tenuirostris*) – Seen best at La Cumbre above La Paz.

**PUNA MINER** (*Geositta punensis*) – Richard spotted this local miner for us as we approached the altiplano.

**RUFOUS-BANDED MINER** (*Geositta rufipennis*) – One on the side of the highway near Cochabamba was seen by most, but instead of approaching to playback, it blasted downslope, never to return. Sadness.

**ROCK EARTHCREEPER** (*Ochetorhynchus andaecola*) – After missing it on Cerro Tunari, we managed to clean it up on



*A Scribble-tailed Canastero belts out its song!*  
(Photo by guide Dan Lane)

the drive from Cochabamba to La Paz.

**CREAM-WINGED CINCLODES** (*Cinclodes albiventris albiventris*) – Ex-Bar-winged Cinclodes, this is the species found from central Peru to Argentina. It is the most common cinclodes in that range, too.

**WHITE-WINGED CINCLODES** (*Cinclodes atacamensis*) – A tough cinclodes to see, but a group of them along the river at Cerro Tunari allowed us some views.

**RUFOUS HORNERO** (*Furnarius rufus*) – The national bird of Argentina... and the namesake of the family of Ovenbirds.

**WREN-LIKE RUSHBIRD** (*Phleocryptes melanops*) – The 'Marsh Wren' of South America.

**BROWN-CAPPED TIT-SPINETAIL** (*Leptasthenura fuliginiceps*)

**TAWNY TIT-SPINETAIL** (*Leptasthenura yanacensis*) – A cute spinetail we saw well on Cerro Tunari in the Polylepis scrub.

**PLAIN-MANTLED TIT-SPINETAIL (BERLEPSCHI)** (*Leptasthenura aegithaloides berlepschi*) – Not particularly common, but we saw one well at our lunch stop between Cochabamba and La Paz.

**ANDEAN TIT-SPINETAIL** (*Leptasthenura andicola peruviana*) – A fairly rare tit-spinetail that we lucked into at Pongo (La Paz).

**CHOTOY SPINETAIL** (*Schoeniophylax phryganophilus*) – A long-tailed 'Dickcissel' we saw at Lomas de Arena.

**SOOTY-FRONTED SPINETAIL** (*Synallaxis frontalis*) – Seen around Santa Cruz.

**AZARA'S SPINETAIL** (*Synallaxis azarae*)

**OCHRE-CHEEKED SPINETAIL** (*Synallaxis scutata*) – A pair performed well at Volcanes.

**LIGHT-CROWNED SPINETAIL** (*Cranioleuca albiceps albiceps*) – The white-crowned form we saw in La Paz.

**LIGHT-CROWNED SPINETAIL** (*Cranioleuca albiceps discolor*) – The buff-crowned form we saw in the Chapare and Siberia

**STRIPE-CROWNED SPINETAIL** (*Cranioleuca pyrrhophia*) – Common in the dry scrub around Comarapa.

**CREAMY-BREASTED CANASTERO** (*Asthenes dorbignyi*) – Common at Cerro Tunari. A complex ripe for splitting. If split, the one we saw would likely be put in 'Rusty-vented Canastero' (*A. dorbignyi dorbignyi*).

**BERLEPSCH'S CANASTERO** (*Asthenes berlepschi*) – An endemic of the Sorata valley, La Paz, we saw this well our second-to-last-day. It is arguable whether this form deserves specific recognition if the other distinct forms within Creamy-breasted do not... but they will likely be split out when a study is performed, so I think the authorities will keep this one a species until then. [E]

**SCRIBBLE-TAILED CANASTERO** (*Asthenes maculicauda*) – After distant silhouetted views in Cochabamba, we had spectacular views of a bird at Pongo (La Paz).

**STREAK-THROATED CANASTERO** (*Asthenes humilis*) – Seen well at Pongo (La Paz).

**CORDILLERAN CANASTERO** (*Asthenes modesta*) – Seen only on Cerro Tunari.

**BLACK-THROATED THISTLETAIL** (*Asthenes harterti*) – Seen both in Cochabamba (subspecies *bejaranoi*) and La Paz (*harterti*). [E]

**MAQUIS CANASTERO** (*Asthenes heterura*) – A near-endemic that we eventually saw well at Cerro Tunari.

**RUFOUS-FRONTED THORNBIRD** (*Phacellodomus rufifrons*) – One of the first birds seen by the folks who flew in the first morning.

**STREAK-FRONTED THORNBIRD** (*Phacellodomus striaticeps*) – The common thornbird in the mountains.

**SPOT-BREASTED THORNBIRD** (*Phacellodomus maculipectus*) – Good views of this rarer thornbird above Comarapa.

**PEARLED TREERUNNER** (*Margarornis squamiger*) – A fancy version of a Brown Creeper that is a common flock member in cloudforest.

**BOLIVIAN EARTHCREEPER** (*Tarphonomus harterti*) – An endemic which we saw well near Comarapa and on Cerro Tunari. [E]

**MONTANE FOLIAGE-GLEANER** (*Anabacerthia striaticollis*) – Seen in the lower Chapare.

**BUFF-BROWED FOLIAGE-GLEANER** (*Syndactyla rufosuperciliata*) [\*]

**STREAKED XENOPS** (*Xenops rutilans*) – A pair was in the flock that we enjoyed along the road at Volcanes.

**OLIVACEOUS WOODCREEPER (AMAZONIAN)** (*Sittasomus griseicapillus viridis*)

**STRONG-BILLED WOODCREEPER (ANDEAN/NORTHERN)** (*Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus lineatocephalus*) – Not a species commonly seen on this tour, we had a pair that was particularly extroverted at Siberia.

**STRAIGHT-BILLED WOODCREEPER** (*Dendroplex picus*) – This and the next species were at the Botanical Gardens.

**BUFF-THROATED WOODCREEPER** (*Xiphorhynchus guttatus*)

**OLIVE-BACKED WOODCREEPER** (*Xiphorhynchus triangularis bangsi*) – A species of humid cloudforest, we saw it well in the lower Chapare.

**NARROW-BILLED WOODCREEPER** (*Lepidocolaptes angustirostris*) – A distinctive woodcreeper with a bold eyebrow.

**MONTANE WOODCREEPER** (*Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger*)

*Thamnophilidae (Typical Antbirds)*

**GIANT ANTSHRIKE** (*Batara cinerea*) – Jack spotted this jay-sized antshrike near Comarapa, and fine views followed!

**GREAT ANTSHRIKE** (*Taraba major*) – Seen well at the Botanical Gardens.

**BARRED ANTSHRIKE** (*Thamnophilus doliatus*)

**RUFOUS-CAPPED ANTSHRIKE** (*Thamnophilus ruficapillus*) – Amazing that this species evaded us as long as it did, but eventually, we caught up with it in La Paz.

**CHESTNUT-BACKED ANTSHRIKE** (*Thamnophilus palliatus*) – A very attractive antshrike we saw well at Volcanes.

**BOLIVIAN SLATY-ANTSHRIKE** (*Thamnophilus sticturus*) – Seen the first day in the Botanical Gardens.

**VARIABLE ANTSHRIKE** (*Thamnophilus caerulescens*) – We saw both grayer birds (connectens) at Volcanes and blacker birds (aspersiventer) in the Chapare.

**UPLAND ANTSHRIKE** (*Thamnophilus aroyae*) – Keeping a low profile, we mostly heard a pair of this near-endemic in the lower Chapare, but some got glimpses of the them.

**PLAIN ANTVIREO** (*Dysithamnus mentalis*) – Well-named (it is a bit vireo-like in shape), we saw it well at Volcanes.

**BLACK-CAPPED ANTWREN** (*Herpsilochmus atricapillus*) – The gnatcatcher of the antbird family.

**RUSTY-BACKED ANTWREN** (*Formicivora rufa*) – A sharp-looking open-country antbird we enjoyed at Lomas de Arena.

**WHITE-BACKED FIRE-EYE** (*Pyriglena leuconota*) – A species with several distinctly-plumaged populations (females only!), the birds at Volcanes were either hellmayri or maura (I'd say more likely the latter based on the fast-paced song).

*Formicariidae (Antthrushes)*

**SHORT-TAILED ANTTHRUSH** (*Chamaeza campanisona*) – Soooooo close. Drat! [\*]

**BARRED ANTTHRUSH** (*Chamaeza mollissima*) [\*]

*Grallariidae (Antpittas)*

**SCALED ANTPITTA** (*Grallaria guatemalensis regulus*) [\*]

**RUFOUS ANTPITTA** (*Grallaria rufula cochabambae*) – Great views of this bird in the upper elevations of the Chapare.

**RUFOUS-FACED ANTPITTA** (*Grallaria erythrotis*) – Jay's persistence allowed everyone views of this endemic before we were kicked out of that spot in the Chapare by the 'gatekeeper'. [E]

*Conopophagidae (Gnateaters)*

**SLATY GNATEATER** (*Conopophaga ardesiaca*) – After failure at Volcanes, we had a great experience with this secretive understory dweller in the Chapare.

*Rhinocryptidae (Tapaculos)*

**TRILLING TAPACULO** (*Scytalopus parvirostris*) – Little is so trilling as the opportunity to see a tapaculo!

**BOLIVIAN TAPACULO** (*Scytalopus bolivianus*) – The white crown patch was easy to see in that dark understory!

**PUNA TAPACULO** (*Scytalopus simonsi*)

**DIADEMED TAPACULO** (*Scytalopus schulenbergi*) [\*]

*Melanopareiidae (Crescentchests)*

**OLIVE-CROWNED CRESCENTCHEST** (*Melanopareia maximiliani*) – What a bird! And a great view, to boot!

*Tyrannidae (Tyrant Flycatchers)*

**SOUTHERN BEARDLESS-TYRANULET (SOUTHERN)** (*Camptostoma obsoletum bolivianum*) – A complex of several forms, but there is enough similarity that it will require a very detailed study to know how best to revise the taxonomy!

**SUIRIRI FLYCATCHER** (*Suiriri suiriri suiriri*) – Sometimes called the 'Chaco Suiriri'. I love the full scientific trinomial: 'Suiririr suiriri suiriri'... That's a bit of a tongue-twister.

**BUFF-BANDED TYRANULET** (*Mecocerculus hellmayri*) – A near-endemic of Bolivia, we got nice looks on the Coroico road.

**WHITE-THROATED TYRANNULET** (*Mecocerculus leucophrys*)

**YELLOW-BILLED TIT-TYRANT** (*Anairetes flavirostris*) – A handsome tyrant we saw a few times in dry montane habitats.

**TUFTED TIT-TYRANT** (*Anairetes parulus*) – A couple of these played hide and seek with us in the drier montane zone above Comarapa.

**MOUSE-COLORED TYRANNULET** (*Phaeomyias murina*) – A species with several distinct populations that may be best considered separate species. The present subspecies is probably nominate 'murina'.

**SUBTROPICAL DORADITO** (*Pseudocolopteryx acutipennis*) – A nice find at Volcanes, where it may well have been breeding.

**YELLOW-BELLIED ELAENIA** (*Elaenia flavogaster*)

**WHITE-CRESTED ELAENIA** (*Elaenia albiceps*) – This species is a complex of several forms that are difficult to separate easily, but may be better considered several species. The ones we saw at Siberia and again in La Paz were probably austral migrants, but there are locally breeding populations. [a]

**SMALL-BILLED ELAENIA** (*Elaenia parvirostris*) – Seen at Lomas de Arena.

**HIGHLAND ELAENIA** (*Elaenia obscura obscura*) – Found in semi-humid or dry second growth, and has a 'pin-headed' profile with no crest.

**SIERRAN ELAENIA** (*Elaenia pallatangae*) – Common in humid second growth.

**WHITE-BELLIED TYRANNULET** (*Serpophaga munda*) – Common in dry habitats, where it acts a bit like a warbler, and is a sucker for 'mob tape'.

**STRANECK'S TYRANNULET** (*Serpophaga griseicapilla*) – After a tumultuous history of nomenclatural confusion, this form has been renamed recently. Historically, it's been considered "White-crested Tyrannulet" (*S. cristata*), but I think that name has been discarded.

**STREAK-NECKED FLYCATCHER** (*Mionectes striaticollis*)

**MCCONNELL'S FLYCATCHER** (*Mionectes macconnelli*) – A brief look was had by a few at Volcanes.

**SLATY-CAPPED FLYCATCHER (ALBIDIVENTRIS)** (*Leptopogon superciliaris albidiventer*) – This form of Slaty-capped is very distinctive in voice from the two others farther north. No doubt, there are multiple species involved.

**MOTTLE-CHEEKED TYRANNULET** (*Phylloscartes ventralis*) – Like a miniature version of the previous, and often found with it.

**SCLATER'S TYRANNULET** (*Phyllomyias sclateri*) – Seen the morning spent at Volcanes.

**TAWNY-RUMPED TYRANNULET** (*Phyllomyias uropygialis*)

**BOLIVIAN TYRANNULET** (*Zimmerius bolivianus*)

**SOUTHERN SCRUB-FLYCATCHER** (*Sublegatus modestus*) – One at the Rio Pirai, another (perhaps a bit surprisingly) near Comarapa.

**PLAIN TYRANNULET** (*Inezia inornata*) – Very similar to Straneck's, but lacks the crest with the white patch. We saw it around Comarapa.

**MANY-COLORED RUSH TYRANT** (*Tachuris rubrigastra*) – A spectacular bird (and especially for a tyrant!), and one we enjoyed at Alalay.

**HAZEL-FRONTED PYGMY-TYRANT** (*Pseudotriccus simplex*) – A very skulky pair played hard to get in the Chapare.

**RUFOUS-HEADED PYGMY-TYRANT** (*Pseudotriccus ruficeps*) [\*]

**TAWNY-CROWNED PYGMY-TYRANT** (*Euscarthmus meloryphus*) – I think Kirsten would agree that this was the most mind-blowing bird of the trip. The standard by which all other attractive birds are to be judged!

**GREATER WAGTAIL-TYRANT** (*Stigmatura budyoides*) – An attractive tyrant that gives duetted song bouts.

**YUNGAS TODY-TYRANT** (*Hemitriccus spodiops*) – Mostly heard, but a few got glimpses of this little twerp.

**PEARLY-VENTED TODY-TYRANT** (*Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer*) – Common around Santa Cruz city.

**OCHRE-FACED TODY-FLYCATCHER** (*Poecilotriccus plumbeiceps*) [\*]

**RUSTY-FRONTED TODY-FLYCATCHER** (*Poecilotriccus latirostris*) – Seen at Lomas de Arena.

**YELLOW-OLIVE FLYCATCHER** (*Tolmomyias sulphureus*) – Seen at Volcanes. This is subspecies *pallescens*.

**CINNAMON FLYCATCHER** (*Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus*) – Cute as a button.

**CLIFF FLYCATCHER** (*Hirundinea ferruginea bellicosa*) – True to its name, we saw this species near cliffs (and Cliff Parakeets)!

**OCHRACEOUS-BREASTED FLYCATCHER** (*Nephelomyias ochraceiventris*) – Some remarkably tame birds allowed

close approach on the Coroico road.

**UNADORNED FLYCATCHER** (*Myiophobus inornatus*) – One responded well in the Chapare... showing off its lack of adornment quite well!

**SMOKE-COLORED PEWEE** (*Contopus fumigatus*) – Seen well in the Chapare.

**FUSCOUS FLYCATCHER** (*Cnemotriccus fuscatus*) [\*]

**VERMILION FLYCATCHER (VERMILION)** (*Pyrocephalus rubinus rubinus*) – This form, an austral migrant, sounds quite unlike northern and western birds. FG's own Alvaro Jaramillo is on the case! [a]

**WHITE-WINGED BLACK-TYRANT** (*Knipolegus aterrimus*) – Seen on several occasions in the highlands.

**YELLOW-BROWED TYRANT** (*Satrapa icterophrys*) [a]

**TACZANOWSKI'S GROUND-TYRANT** (*Muscisaxicola griseus*) – Seen at Cerro Tunari.

**PUNA GROUND-TYRANT** (*Muscisaxicola juninensis*)

**CINEREOUS GROUND-TYRANT** (*Muscisaxicola cinereus*) – Eric spotted this for us the day we drove to La Paz.

**WHITE-FRONTED GROUND-TYRANT** (*Muscisaxicola albifrons*) – A big ground-tyrant that is found on high-elevation bogs.

**OCHRE-NAPED GROUND-TYRANT** (*Muscisaxicola flavinucha*) – Perhaps the ground-tyrant we saw most.

**WHITE-BROWED GROUND-TYRANT** (*Muscisaxicola albilora*)

**GRAY-BELLIED SHRIKE-TYRANT** (*Agriornis micropterus*) – A good catch by Jay along the edge of Corani reservoir. [a]

**STREAK-THROATED BUSH-TYRANT** (*Myiotheretes striaticollis*) – Seen on two occasions, but seen better on the Coroico road.

**RUFOUS-BELLIED BUSH-TYRANT** (*Myiotheretes fuscorufus*) – Seen during the rain our first day in the Chapare.

**RUFOUS-WEBBED BUSH-TYRANT** (*Polioptila rufipennis*) – This strange tyrant showed well for us as we headed to Cochabamba.

**CROWNED CHAT-TYRANT (KALINOWSKI'S)** (*Ochthoeca frontalis boliviana*) – One seen well at our first Sunbeam spot.

**GOLDEN-BROWED CHAT-TYRANT** (*Ochthoeca pulchella*) [\*]

**SLATY-BACKED CHAT-TYRANT (MAROON-BELTED)** (*Ochthoeca cinnamomeiventris thoracica*) – Always in wet gullies and along streams. The white headlights really glow in the dark vegetation.

**RUFOUS-BREASTED CHAT-TYRANT** (*Ochthoeca rufipectoralis*) – Common in high-elevation yungas.

**BROWN-BACKED CHAT-TYRANT** (*Ochthoeca fumicolor*) – A treeline species.

**D'ORBIGNY'S CHAT-TYRANT** (*Ochthoeca oenanthoides*) – Much like the previous species, but found in dry habitats.

**WHITE-BROWED CHAT-TYRANT** (*Ochthoeca leucophrys*) – A few folks saw this at Cerro Tunari.

**CATTLE TYRANT** (*Machetornis rixosa*) – If a kingbird and a mockingbird had babies... this is what they would look like.

**RUFOUS CASIORNIS** (*Casiornis rufus*) – Much like a *Myiarchus*, but entirely rufous, we saw this well at Lomas de Arena.

**DUSKY-CAPPED FLYCATCHER** (*Myiarchus tuberculifer*)

**BROWN-CRESTED FLYCATCHER** (*Myiarchus tyrannulus*)

**GREAT KISKADEE** (*Pitangus sulphuratus*) – Widespread in the lowlands, but birds around Cochabamba city are a large, pale form called 'bolivianus' (go figure!).

**BOAT-BILLED FLYCATCHER** (*Megarynchus pitangua*)

**RUSTY-MARGINED FLYCATCHER** (*Myiozetetes cayanensis*)

**SOCIAL FLYCATCHER** (*Myiozetetes similis*) – Seen at the Botanical Gardens with the previous species. Easiest way to distinguish them is voice.

**GOLDEN-CROWNED FLYCATCHER** (*Myiodynastes chrysocephalus*) [\*]

**STREAKED FLYCATCHER (SOLITARIUS)** (*Myiodynastes maculatus solitarius*) – A very different looking, and sounding, bird from the other forms of Streaked Flycatcher. No doubt, once the research is done, this species is likely to be split.

**CROWNED SLATY FLYCATCHER** (*Empidonomus aurantioatrocristatus*) – This species must nest in small numbers in the dry valleys around Comarapa. We've seen it here at least three consecutive years!

**TROPICAL KINGBIRD** (*Tyrannus melancholicus*)

**FORK-TAILED FLYCATCHER** (*Tyrannus savana*) – Seen well at Lomas de Arena.

Cotingidae (Cotingas)

**BAND-TAILED FRUITEATER** (*Pipreola intermedia*) – A charming cotinga that we spied while searching for a pygmy-owl.

**BARRED FRUITEATER** (*Pipreola arcuata*) – Fine views along the Coroico road, including one sitting \*on\* the road!

**WHITE-TIPPED PLANTCUTTER** (*Phytotoma rutila*) – Plantcutters are a trio of birds that were long put in their own family, but are now widely considered cotingas. The name comes from their foliavore diet which they 'cut' with the help of their serrated-edged bills.

**RED-CRESTED COTINGA** (*Ampelion rubrocristatus*)

**CHESTNUT-CRESTED COTINGA** (*Ampelion rufaxilla*) – Jay managed to pull this one from the fire on the Coroico road, and great views, too!

**SCIMITAR-WINGED PIHA** (*Lipaugus uropygialis*) – Wow! Third year running now! And spectacular looks at this rare and poorly known species! I am astonished. I hope next year's group doesn't demand the same... I don't know if we can produce like this again!

Pipridae (Manakins)

**YUNGAS MANAKIN** (*Chiroxiphia boliviana*) – Pretty good looks at this skulky bird at Volcanes and again in the Chapare.

Tityridae (Tityras and Allies)

**MASKED TITYRA** (*Tityra semifasciata*) – One was seen at a nest in the Chapare. Another on the Coroico road must have been at the species' highest elevation: 2400m!

**BARRED BECARD** (*Pachyramphus versicolor*) – Fine looks at this attractive becard at Siberia, among other sites.

Vireonidae (Vireos)

**RUFOUS-BROWED PEPPERSHRIKE** (*Cyclarhis gujanensis*)

Corvidae (Crows, Jays, and Magpies)

**WHITE-COLLARED JAY** (*Cyanolyca viridicyanus*) – Fine looks at a flock at the top of the Coroico Road.

**GREEN JAY** (*Cyanocorax yncas*) – One hopping on the ground beside the road (!) in the Chapare.

**PURPLISH JAY** (*Cyanocorax cyanomelas*)

**PLUSH-CRESTED JAY** (*Cyanocorax chrysops*)

Hirundinidae (Swallows)

**BLUE-AND-WHITE SWALLOW** (*Pygochelidon cyanoleuca*) – The most common swallow of the tour.

**PALE-FOOTED SWALLOW** (*Orochelidon flavipes*) – Seen blasting over the canopy of the high-elevation forest at Siberia, Chapare, and Coroico.

**BROWN-BELLIED SWALLOW** (*Orochelidon murina*) – Seen around La Paz.

**ANDEAN SWALLOW** (*Orochelidon andecola*) – Well named!

**BARN SWALLOW** (*Hirundo rustica*) – Migrants headed south were seen at Lomas de Arena and at Alalay. Think about that: you flew from North America on a jet... but these little fellers did it with their arms (um... wings)! [b]

Troglodytidae (Wrens)

**THRUSH-LIKE WREN** (*Campylorhynchus turdinus unicolor*) – One of the first birds we showed to the recent arrivals on the first day at the Rio Pirai.

**FULVOUS WREN** (*Cinnycerthia fulva*) – A single bird showed briefly on the Coroico road.

**MOUSTACHED WREN** (*Pheugopedius genibarbis*) – A trio eventually allowed us to see them at Volcanes.

**FAWN-BREASTED WREN** (*Cantorchilus guarayanus*) – Seen around Santa Cruz.

**HOUSE WREN** (*Troglodytes aedon*) – One of the most versatile species in the Americas!

**MOUNTAIN WREN** (*Troglodytes solstitialis*)

**GRAY-BREASTED WOOD-WREN** (*Henicorhina leucophrys*) – Heard often. We saw a pair well (Eric felt them as they brushed his shoulder, too!)

Poliophtilidae (Gnatcatchers)

**MASKED GNATCATCHER** (*Poliophtila dumicola saturata*) – Common in the dry habitats around Comarapa.

Cinclidae (Dippers)

**WHITE-CAPPED DIPPER** (*Cinclus leucocephalus leucocephalus*) – Thanks to Romney and John for spotting the pair on the Coroico road for us!

*Turdidae (Thrushes and Allies)*

**ANDEAN SOLITAIRE** (*Myadestes ralloides ralloides*) [\*]

**SLATY-BACKED NIGHTINGALE-THRUSH** (*Catharus fuscater*) – Mostly heard, but a few folks may have caught a glimpse of a gray flash.

**WHITE-EARED SOLITAIRE** (*Entomodestes leucotis*) – Jay spotted this attractive thrush in a the rain on the Chapare road.

**PALE-EYED THRUSH** (*Turdus leucops*) – Great views of an often-invisible species!

**HAUXWELL'S THRUSH** (*Turdus hauxwelli*) – Mostly heard, but some saw it at the Botanical Gardens.

**RUFOUS-BELLIED THRUSH** (*Turdus rufiventris*) – Seen well at Volcanes.

**CREAMY-BELLIED THRUSH** (*Turdus amaurochalinus*) – That tail-wagging behavior is a good ID mark!

**SLATY THRUSH** (*Turdus nigricaps*) – Amazingly hard to spot, but downright attractive, we finally got a few in view.

**GREAT THRUSH** (*Turdus fuscater fuscater*) – Typically found in more humid habitats than the next species.

**CHIGUANCO THRUSH** (*Turdus chiguanco anthracinus*) – Unlike the rest of their range, Bolivian birds can have a yellow eyering. Generally found in drier habitats than the last species.

**GLOSSY-BLACK THRUSH** (*Turdus serranus*) – Remarkably similar to the European Blackbird, but with a sad song.

*Mimidae (Mockingbirds and Thrashers)*

**CHALK-BROWED MOCKINGBIRD** (*Mimus saturninus*) – More common than the next at Lomas de Arena.

**WHITE-BANDED MOCKINGBIRD** (*Mimus triurus*) – Our only ones were at Lomas de Arena.

**BROWN-BACKED MOCKINGBIRD** (*Mimus dorsalis*) – A near-endemic to Bolivia. It took some patience, but Jay managed to nab a pair before we gave up and headed on. Thanks Jay!

*Parulidae (New World Warblers)*

**MASKED YELLOWTHROAT (SOUTHERN)** (*Geothlypis aequinoctialis velata*) – Several in the marsh at Volcanes.

**TROPICAL PARULA** (*Setophaga pitiayumi*) – Ubiquitous around Santa Cruz, and it \*cannot\* resist mob tape!

**GOLDEN-CROWNED WARBLER** (*Basileuterus culicivorus*) – A widespread species, but studies are showing that the Middle American birds are not particularly closely related to South American birds, and these groups are likely to be separated at some point. We saw it around Santa Cruz city.

**THREE-STRIPED WARBLER** (*Basileuterus tristriatus inconspicuus*) – This southernmost subspecies has a very distinct voice compared with the rest of the species.

**CITRINE WARBLER** (*Myiothlypis luteoviridis euophrys*) – A warbler with glowing yellow eyebrows that we saw well on the Coroico road.

**PALE-LEGGED WARBLER** (*Myiothlypis signatus*) – Close looks at this yellowish, rather unmarked warbler in the humid habitats above Comarapa.

**TWO-BANDED WARBLER** (*Myiothlypis bivittatus*) – Great looks at this warbler at Volcanes.

**SLATE-THROATED REDSTART** (*Myioborus miniatus*) – The redstart we saw at our lowest elevation in the Chapare.

**BROWN-CAPPED REDSTART** (*Myioborus bruniceps*) – A curious redstart that seems found in most habitats (and a wide elevational range) except the most humid.

**SPECTACLED REDSTART** (*Myioborus melanocephalus*) – The common redstart in higher-elevation yungas.

*Thraupidae (Tanagers and Allies)*

**BLACK-FACED TANAGER** (*Schistochlamys melanopis*) – A species of open country that we saw at Lomas de Arena.

**SLATY TANAGER** (*Creurgops dentatus*) – The male is not too exciting, but the female is really quite exquisite!

**ORANGE-BROWED HEMISPINGUS** (*Hemispingus calophrys*) – A near-endemic to Bolivia, we saw this one well (thanks to Kent for pointing it out!).

**SUPERCILIARIED HEMISPINGUS (URUBAMBAE)** (*Hemispingus superciliaris urubambae*)

**BLACK-EARED HEMISPINGUS (BLACK-EARED)** (*Hemispingus melanotis castaneicollis*)

**ORANGE-HEADED TANAGER** (*Thlypopsis sordida*) – One came in to mob-playback at the Rio Pirai.

**RUST-AND-YELLOW TANAGER** (*Thlypopsis ruficeps*) – Warbler-like, and seen several times in upper humid habitats.

**BLACK-GOGGLED TANAGER** (*Trichothraupis melanops*) – A peculiar tanager that we saw well at Volcanes.

**BLUE-BACKED CONEBILL** (*Conirostrum sitticolor*)

**WHITE-BROWED CONEBILL** (*Conirostrum ferrugineiventre*) – A treeline conebill that we enjoyed in the upper Chapare.

**GUIRA TANAGER** (*Hemithraupis guira*) – A very colorful tanager that we enjoyed at the Botanical Gardens.

**GRAY-HEADED TANAGER (GRAY-HEADED)** (*Eucometis penicillata albicollis*) – A nice bird we saw at the Botanical Gardens.

**SILVER-BEAKED TANAGER** (*Ramphocelus carbo*) – Here in the south of their range, Silver-beaks are blacker with more contrasting crimson throats. Even the females are blackish!

**SAYACA TANAGER** (*Thraupis sayaca*) – The replacement for the widespread Blue-gray Tanager.

**PALM TANAGER** (*Thraupis palmarum*)

**BLUE-CAPPED TANAGER** (*Thraupis cyanocephala*)

**BLUE-AND-YELLOW TANAGER** (*Thraupis bonariensis*) – One of the only tanagers in the truly dry habitats.

**SCARLET-BELLIED MOUNTAIN-TANAGER** (*Anisognathus igniventris*) – A very attractive treeline species with a orange-scarlet belly and ear-spot.

**BLUE-WINGED MOUNTAIN-TANAGER** (*Anisognathus somptuosus flavinuchus*) – This species is probably at least two in reality. The voice of this southern subspecies is very loud and attention-getting (unlike the more northerly forms).

**GRASS-GREEN TANAGER** (*Chlorornis riefferii*) – A real mind-blower we saw well on the upper Coroico road.

**CHESTNUT-BELLIED MOUNTAIN-TANAGER** (*Delothraupis castaneiventris*) – A great view in the upper Chapare.

**FAWN-BREASTED TANAGER** (*Pipraeidea melanonota*)

**GOLDEN TANAGER** (*Tangara arthus*) – A 'flying ember'!

**SAFFRON-CROWNED TANAGER** (*Tangara xanthocephala*) – Always gets a gasp from observers.

**GOLDEN-NAPED TANAGER** (*Tangara ruficervix*) – This lovely tanager was glimpsed by a few lucky folks in the Chapare.

**BERYL-SPANGLED TANAGER** (*Tangara nigroviridis*)

**BLUE-AND-BLACK TANAGER** (*Tangara vassorii atrocoerulea*) – The highest-elevation of the 'Tangara' tanagers.

**GREEN-THROATED TANAGER** (*Tangara argyrofenges*) – Also called 'Straw-backed Tanager', this one is a specialty of the Chapare. We had nice looks there.

**BLUE DACNIS** (*Dacnis cayana*) – A striking tanager we saw our first three days.

**RUFOUS-BELLIED SALTATOR** (*Saltator rufiventris*) – A 'saltator' that probably isn't (research shows it may be more closely related to certain mountain-tanagers!). A foliavore, it can be seen happily munching leaves often.

**GRAYISH SALTATOR** (*Saltator coerulescens*)

**GOLDEN-BILLED SALTATOR** (*Saltator aurantiirostris*) – An attractive, and atypical, saltator... a genus that has recently been transferred to the tanagers (perhaps to balance the 'tanagers' that were transferred to the cardinalids?).

**BUFF-THROATED SALTATOR** (*Saltator maximus*)

#### *Emberizidae (Buntings, Sparrows and Allies)*

**BLACK-HOODED SIERRA-FINCH** (*Phrygilus atriceps*) – This and the next species are very similar, and we had them at a few sites together (!) which is a first for me!

**PERUVIAN SIERRA-FINCH** (*Phrygilus punensis*)

**MOURNING SIERRA-FINCH** (*Phrygilus fruticeti*) – Seen at our lunch stop when leaving Cochabamba.

**PLUMBEOUS SIERRA-FINCH** (*Phrygilus unicolor*)

**ASH-BREASTED SIERRA-FINCH** (*Phrygilus plebejus*)

**WHITE-WINGED DIUCA-FINCH** (*Diuca speculifera*) – Reportedly, the highest-nesting bird in the world (nesting even on glaciers!).

**GRAY-CRESTED FINCH** (*Lophospingus griseocristatus*) – The 'titmouse' of Bolivia... sort of...

**BOLIVIAN WARBLING-FINCH** (*Poospiza boliviana*) – We had to sort through a few of the following species, but eventually had several of these lovely near-endemics.

**RUFOUS-SIDED WARBLING-FINCH** (*Poospiza hypochondria*)

**RUSTY-BROWED WARBLING-FINCH** (*Poospiza erythrophrys*) – Rather a surprise, we had this species at five different sites... when we rarely have it at all!

**RINGED WARBLING-FINCH** (*Poospiza torquata*)

**BLACK-CAPPED WARBLING-FINCH** (*Poospiza melanoleuca*)

**COCHABAMBA MOUNTAIN-FINCH** (*Compsospiza garleppi*) – An enigmatic endemic that is not too hard (anymore!) at Cerro Tunari and a few other sites. [E]

**BLUE-BLACK GRASSQUIT** (*Volatinia jacarina*)

**WHITE-BELLIED SEEDEATER** (*Sporophila leucoptera bicolor*) – A very bold seedeater that we saw at the Rio Pirai. The Bolivian subspecies is black and white (the other form, which is farther east, is gray and white).

**BAND-TAILED SEEDEATER** (*Catamenia analis*)

**PLAIN-COLORED SEEDEATER** (*Catamenia inornata*) – A nice male showed well at Pongo (La Paz).

**DULL-COLORED GRASSQUIT** (*Tiaris obscurus*) – Seen our first morning at the Rio Pirai.

**MOUSTACHED FLOWERPIERCER** (*Diglossa mystacalis*)

**BLACK-THROATED FLOWERPIERCER** (*Diglossa brunneiventris*) – Common above Sorata.

**GRAY-BELLIED FLOWERPIERCER** (*Diglossa carbonaria*) [E]

**MASKED FLOWERPIERCER** (*Diglossa cyanea*)

**BRIGHT-RUMPED YELLOW-FINCH** (*Sicalis uropygialis*) – Seen best on Cerro Tunari.

**GREENISH YELLOW-FINCH** (*Sicalis olivascens*)

**SAFFRON FINCH (PELZEN'S)** (*Sicalis flaveola pelzelni*) – Fairly common in the lowlands, there are also populations into the drier highlands of Santa Cruz and Cochabamba. Checking our LSU specimens, these look identical to the lowland birds, so all are 'pelzelni', which in turn is quite distinct from birds in western and northern South America.

**GRASSLAND YELLOW-FINCH** (*Sicalis luteola*) – An amazing concentration of 1000+ birds at Alalay!

**WEDGE-TAILED GRASS-FINCH** (*Emberizoides herbicola*) – A really lovely sparrow-like finch of fields. Sounds more like a vireo than a finch.

**GREAT PAMPA-FINCH** (*Embernagra platensis olivascens*) – This is the highland form that is rather distinct from the one we saw in Beni.

**RED-CAPPED CARDINAL** (*Paroaria gularis*) – Not related to our Northern Cardinal (simply named for its red head, and the related Red-crested, which we saw in Beni, looks even more like the Northern thanks to its crest). Found around water.

**RED-CRESTED FINCH** (*Coryphospingus cucullatus*) – Also called 'Red Pileated-Finch'. An attractive finch... or rather... tanager (!).

**SAFFRON-BILLED SPARROW** (*Arremon flavirostris*) – The birds we saw around Comarapa are the green-backed subspecies *dorbignyi*.

**WHITE-BROWED BRUSH-FINCH** (*Arremon torquatus*) – This is the southernmost form (now species) of the former 'Stripe-headed Brush-Finch' complex. [\*]

**BOLIVIAN BRUSH-FINCH** (*Atlapetes rufinucha*) – An attractive endemic that is part of the 'Rufous-naped Brush-Finch' complex that has since been split into several species. [E]

**FULVOUS-HEADED BRUSH-FINCH** (*Atlapetes fulviceps*) – Great looks at the base of Cerro Tunari!

**GRASSLAND SPARROW** (*Ammodramus humeralis*) – One at Lomas de Arena.

**RUFOUS-COLLARED SPARROW** (*Zonotrichia capensis*)

**COMMON BUSH-TANAGER (NORTHERN BOLIVIA)** (*Chlorospingus ophthalmicus bolivianus*) – The bush-tanagers we saw in La Paz.

**COMMON BUSH-TANAGER (SOUTHERN BOLIVIA)** (*Chlorospingus ophthalmicus fulvicularis*) – The bush-tanagers we saw in the Chapare.

**COMMON BUSH-TANAGER (ARGENTINA)** (*Chlorospingus ophthalmicus argentinus*) – The bush-tanagers we saw above Comarapa.

### *Cardinalidae (Cardinals and Allies)*

**HEPATIC TANAGER** (*Piranga flava*) – Recently reclassified as a cardinalid grosbeak (along with all the 'tanagers' we are familiar with in North America). This species is split by some authorities. We saw it in the scrub around Comarapa, which most likely makes it the 'Lowland Hepatic' or 'flava' group.

**BLACK-BACKED GROSBEAK** (*Pheucticus aureoventris*) – A large, tropical relative of our Black-headed and Rose-breasted grosbeaks. This one is an Austral migrant.

**ULTRAMARINE GROSBEAK** (*Cyanocompsa brissonii*) – A large 'bunting' that is not uncommon in the dry scrub around Comarapa.

### Icteridae (Troupials and Allies)

**WHITE-BROWED BLACKBIRD** (*Sturnella superciliaris*) – Seen around the airport.

**CHOPI BLACKBIRD** (*Gnorimopsar chopi*) – Common in the eastern lowlands.

**YELLOW-WINGED BLACKBIRD** (*Agelasticus thilius*) – An ecological replacement for our Red-wing that looks the part!

**BOLIVIAN BLACKBIRD** (*Oreopsar bolivianus*) – An endemic we saw fairly well. The departure road from Cochabamba seems a particularly good place for them! [E]

**BAY-WINGED COWBIRD** (*Agelaioides badius*) – Formerly thought to be an ancestral (non-brood parasite) cowbird, it's now known that this species is actually more closely related to the last. It also acts as the (nearly exclusive) host for the Screaming Cowbird.

**SHINY COWBIRD** (*Molothrus bonariensis*)

**GIANT COWBIRD** (*Molothrus oryzivorus*) – This brood parasite needs nesting oropendulas around to raise its young. No oropendulas, no cowbird!

**VARIABLE ORIOLE** (*Icterus pyrrhopterus pyrrhopterus*) – This species was recently split from the Epaulet Oriole (*I. cayanensis*). Common in the dry habitats along our tour route.

**MOUNTAIN CACIQUE (BOLIVIAN)** (*Cacicus chrysonotus chrysonotus*) – Pretty good looks at this high-elevation icterid at the top of the Coroico road.

**DUSKY-GREEN OROPENDOLA** (*Psarocolius atrovirens*) – More restricted in range than the next, we encountered it in the more humid yungas.

**CRESTED OROPENDOLA** (*Psarocolius decumanus*)

### Fringillidae (Siskins, Crossbills, and Allies)

**PURPLE-THROATED EUPHONIA** (*Euphonia chlorotica*)

**GOLDEN-RUMPED EUPHONIA** (*Euphonia cyanocephala*) – The handsome euphonia we admired at Volcanes with the blue nape.

**ORANGE-BELLIED EUPHONIA** (*Euphonia xanthogaster*)

**BLUE-NAPED CHLOROPHONIA** (*Chlorophonia cyanea*) – A fine pair at our lowest elevations on the Chapare road.

**HOODED SISKIN** (*Spinus magellanicus*)

**OLIVACEOUS SISKIN** (*Spinus olivaceus*) – The siskin of the humid slope; we saw it on the Coroico road.

**BLACK SISKIN** (*Spinus atratus*) – What a smashing siskin! One of my favorites.

### Passeridae (Old World Sparrows)

**HOUSE SPARROW** (*Passer domesticus*) – Hard to escape this European introduction!

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## MAMMALS

**DUSKY TITI MONKEY** (*Callicebus moloch*) [\*]

**BOLIVIAN SQUIRREL** (*Sciurus ignitus*) – A smaller squirrel we saw in the first few days.

**SOUTHERN AMAZON RED SQUIRREL** (*Sciurus spadiceus*) – Kent saw this one by the Rio Pirai.

**CAVY SP.** (*Cavia tschudii*) – This wild 'guinea pig' was seen on several days.

**BROWN AGOUTI** (*Dasyprocta variegata*) – This was the longish-legged rodent we saw at Volcanes.

**SOUTHERN MOUNTAIN VISCACHA** (*Lagidium viscacia*)

**CULPEO FOX** (*Pseudalopex culpaeus*)

**RED BROCKET DEER** (*Mazama americana*) – One seen briefly by a few folks by the Rio Pirai.

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## ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

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**Totals for the tour: 481 bird taxa and 8 mammal taxa**