



**BOLIVIA: THE ANDES AND CHACO LOWLANDS**

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**Blue-throated Macaw**

Bolivia is probably one of the most exciting countries of South America, although one of the less-visited countries by birders due to the remoteness of some birding sites. But with a good birding itinerary and adequate ground logistics it is easy to enjoy the birding and admire the outstanding scenery of this wild country. During our 19-day itinerary we managed to record a list of 505 species, including most of the country and regional endemics expected for this tour. With a list of 22 species of parrots, this is one of the best countries in South America for Psittacidae with species like **Blue-throated Macaw** and **Red-fronted Macaw**, both Bolivian endemics. Other interesting species included the flightless **Titicaca Grebe**, **Bolivian Blackbird**, **Bolivian Earthcreeper**, **Unicolored Thrush**, **Red-legged Seriema**, **Red-faced Guan**, **Dot-fronted Woodpecker**, **Olive-crowned Crescentchest**, **Black-hooded Sunbeam**, **Giant Hummingbird**, **White-eared Solitaire**, **Striated Anthrush**, **Toco Toucan**, **Greater Rhea**, **Brown Tinamou**, and **Cochabamba Mountain Finch**, to name just a few.

We started our birding holiday as soon we arrived at the Viru Viru International Airport in Santa Cruz de la Sierra, birding the grassland habitats around the terminal. Despite the time of the day the airport grasslands provided us with an excellent introduction to Bolivian birds, including **Red-winged Tinamou**, **White-bellied Nothura**, **Campo Flicker**, **Chopi Blackbird**, **Chotoy Spinetail**, **White Woodpecker**, and even **Greater Rhea**, all during our first afternoon. After some exciting initial birding we left the airport and moved to the comfortable Hotel Cortez. We met for dinner and discussed the plans for our next two days. Our adventure was at our beck and call!

We had a predawn start on the following day to make a short visit to the Lomas de Arena Municipal Park, which is an interesting habitat consisting of dunes, and sand plains surrounded by some acacia-like habitat and a lagoon. We managed to see **Nacunda Nighthawk** just before dawn, and then we added the following to our bird list: **Red-legged Seriema**, **White-crested Tyrannulet**, **Plumbeous** and **Green Ibis**, **Cocoi Heron**, **White-backed Stilt**, **Southern Crested Caracara**, **White-tailed Hawk**, **Roseate Spoonbill**, **Wood Stork**, **Brazilian Teal**, and a pair of **Ringed Teal** that were a nice surprise.

After a couple of hours we moved back to Santa Cruz and, after dealing with the city traffic, we arrived at El Trompillo Airport, the domestic airport of Santa Cruz, for our flight to Trinidad in the Beni province.

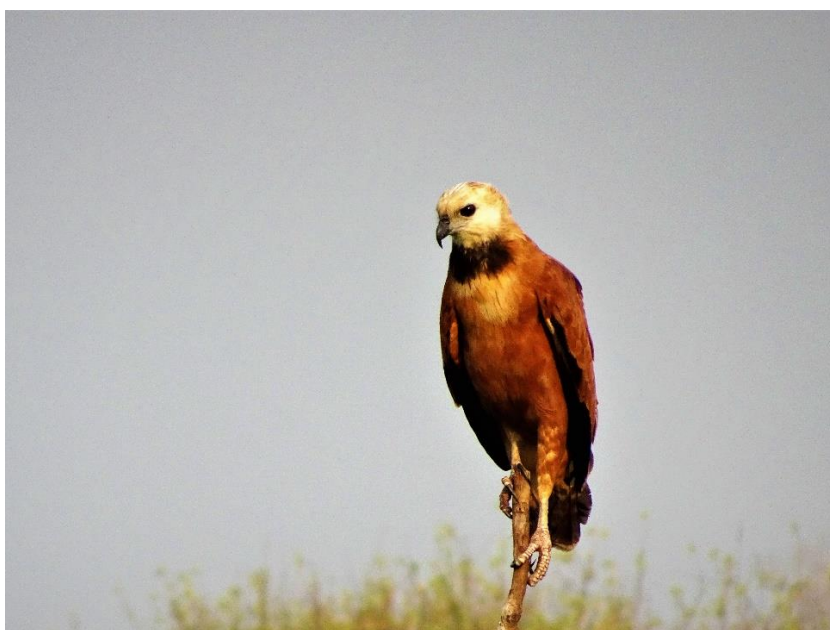
We arrived in town, and after dropping our luggage in the hotel we went to check some gallery forest habitat near the town, where we found **Plain Softtail**, **Velvet-fronted Grackle**, **Sulphur-bellied Tyrant Manakin**, **Undulated Tinamou**, and **Grey-crested Cachalote**. Then we went back to town and met to have dinner at the Churrasquería La Estancia, where it is said that they serve some of the best beef in South America.

Another day and another early start to explore the Loreto road, which leads to some local farms and haciendas, passing through some nice wetlands in the Beni province. The habitat around Trinidad is a mixture of grasslands, flooded and seasonally flooded plains, and cattle farms and haciendas that look reminiscent of the adjacent Pantanal in Brazil.



Wetlands in the Beni province

Here we saw **Jabiru, Wood Stork, Roseate Spoonbill, Snail Kite, Black-collared Hawk, Great Black Hawk, Savanna Hawk, Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs, White-headed and Black-backed Marsh Tyrants, Yellow-chevroned Parakeet, Peach-fronted Parakeet, Blue-and-yellow Macaw, Buff-necked Ibis, Cattle Tyrant, Black-capped Donacobius, Toco Toucan, Scarlet-headed and Unicolored Blackbirds, and Rufous-tailed Jacamar**



Black-collared Hawk

After we passed the small town of Loreto we arrived in an area of haciendas where we searched for probably one of the most sought-after species in Bolivia, the endemic and Critically

Endangered (IUCN) **Blue-throated Macaw**. We were extremely lucky in getting amazing scope views of a pair nesting in a palm within a hacienda.

Other birds for the morning included **Narrow-billed Woodcreeper**, **Large Elaenia**, **Peach-fronted Parakeet**, and **Blue-headed Parrot**. With joy we left the hacienda and kept birding the route back to Trinidad, adding **Plumbeous Ibis**, **Southern Screamer**, **Toco Toucan**, **Yellow-browed Tody-Flycatcher**, **White-rumped Monjita**, and **Rusty-margined Flycatcher**.

In the afternoon we explored some gallery forest near Trinidad, where we worked hard to get **Undulated Tinamou** into view for everyone and **Rufous Casiornis**, **White-lored Spinetail**, **Mato Grosso Antbird**, **Grey-crested Cachalote**, **Olivaceous Woodcreeper**, **Yellow-chevroned Parakeet**, **Black-tailed Trogon**, **Blue-and-yellow Macaw**, and a nice **Chestnut-fronted Macaw**

The following day we went to explore another interesting habitat including gallery and riverine forest, where we found the endemic and poorly-known **Unicolored Thrush**, a country endemic restricted to the Beni province. We must have been extremely lucky to be able to spot this species and watch it through the scope to study it in depth and tell it apart from the similar and widespread **Black-billed Thrush**, which is common around Trinidad and which we had the chance to see on several occasions.

We had an early start the next day to explore the last habitats around Trinidad. We were successful and included **Golden-collared Macaw**, **Solitary Cacique**, **White-bellied** and **Dark-throated Seedeaters**, **Chestnut-bellied Seed Finch**, **Chestnut-vented Conebill**, **Hauxwell's Thrush**, and **Velvet-fronted Grackle** on our list. By midday we drove back to the airport and connected with our afternoon flight back to Santa Cruz, where we celebrated the first successful leg of the trip with some cold Paceaña, the local Bolivian beer.

The last habitat to explore around Santa Cruz was the well-known Municipal Botanical Garden, which sadly opened not before 8.00 a.m. So we decided to leave the hotel not before 7.00 a.m. in order to get some rest after the last busy couple of days and enjoy the great breakfast at the hotel. More than a botanical garden, this place covers over 186 hectares of well-preserved native Chiquitania forest with good trails and a nice lagoon. It is a good place for birds. We entered the garden as soon as it opened and walked immediately to the best habitat beyond the lagoon to look for **Bolivian Slaty Antshrike**, which we found rather quickly. A great surprise was the shy **Stripe-backed Antbird**, a bird that we normally find on the way to the Chaco south of Santa Cruz. Other birds here included **Fawn-breasted Wren**, **Blue-crowned Trogon**, **Buff-throated Woodcreeper**, **Straight-billed Woodcreeper**, **Rufous-tailed Jacamar**, **Guira Cuckoo**, **Squirrel Cuckoo**, **Plain Inezia**, and **Yellow-billed Cuckoo**.

We hit the road and left Santa Cruz behind, starting our drive along the old Santa Cruz-Cochabamba road though Bermejo. After a couple of hours we arrived at the Refugio Los Volcanes lodge at the edge of Amboró National Park. The drive along the Bermejo valley was easy but quiet, adding only our first **Dusky green Oropendola**, **Roadside Hawk**, **Blue-crowned Parakeet**, and **Mitred Parakeet**. Getting into the lodge is not easy because the road is somewhat tricky, and we had to switch our vehicles for an old jeep. Fortunately the drive is not long, and the jeep track down to lodge is quiet birdy. On the way we added **Yungas Dove**, **Grey-necked Wood Rail**, **Red-necked Woodpecker**, the handsome **Green-cheeked Parakeet**, and at least



eight **Military Macaws** flying quiet distantly. We arrived at the lodge with good time to see a **Black-goggled Tanager** and **White-backed Fire-eye** around the lodge clearing.

The lodge is somewhat basic, but the birding is good and the scenery is outstanding. After a tasty homemade pizza for dinner we tried for the **Rufescent Screech Owl**, which cooperated very well. We heard **Rufous Nightjar**, but it did not play for us, as this is always among the hardest forest nightjars to see in this part of the world.

The next day was entirely dedicated to explore the lodge surroundings by foot along a good trail system. We spent the first hours of the morning exploring the lowest parts of the jeep track, where we found **Grey-throated Leaf-tosser**, **Slaty Gnatcatcher**, **Bolivian White-crowned Tapaculo**, **Ochre-cheeked Spinetail**, and **Striated Antthrush**, which is common but not easy to see well, but fortunately we all had nice views of this forest floor skulker.

We also enjoyed views of the uncommon **Blue-browed Tanager** and **Slater's Tyrannulet**. Back at the lodge clearing we saw another **Black-goggled Tanager** and scoped **Blue-throated Piping Guan** in the forest canopy. We heard **Grey Tinamou** quite distantly. Then we went to explore some other trails, but they were rather quiet. However, we managed to add **Yungas Manakin**, which not as easy as it is in Manu, Peru. Unfortunately, the secretive Bolivian Recurvebill did not play for us this year, which hurts a bit.

We left the lodge the following morning and managed to add **Tschudi's Woodcreeper**, **Chestnut-tipped Toucanet** and **Black-streaked Puffbird** along the Refugio Los Volcanes jeep track to our list. Then, after meeting our driver and switching the vehicle back to our van, we continued our drive to Samaipata, which is a small tourist town near the archaeological site of El Fuerte, an impressive and poorly known Pre-Columbian archaeological site and a UNESCO World Heritage Site located not far from Samaipata. We went to take a quick look and found a few birds in the small patches of forest around the site. The afternoon was rather nice and added **Olive-crowned Crescentchest**, **Golden-crowned Warbler**, **Variable Antshrike**, **Rufous-capped Antshrike**, **Azara's Spinetail**, **Masked Gnatcatcher**, **Golden-billed Saltator**, **Rufous-bellied Thrush**, **Saffron-billed Sparrow**, **Ultramarine Grosbeak**, and **Scaly-headed Parrot**. After a nice day, we retreat to the rustic but charming El Pueblito Resort for an overnight. Here we had one of the most delicious meals of the entire trip.

The following day we left the hotel at a ludicrously early time I will not repeat here, but we arrived in perfect time at Laguna Esmeralda at the base of the Quirusillas lake. The habitat around this lake is a relict of Tucuman forest found only in Northwest Argentina and this part of Bolivia.

It was slightly foggy when we arrived, but that gave us time to have our packed breakfasts. Immediately after that we saw the range-restricted **Dot-fronted Woodpecker** in the parking area. It took time, but finally we had incredible scope views of **Red-faced Guan**, and eventually also decent fly-by views of a pair of **Tucuman Amazons**, both normally pretty hard to get at this stop.

After finding the three main targets for this area we left the lake for the long drive to Comarapa and arrived in the dry inter Andean valleys marked by a rain shadow effect of the surrounding mountains, an area known in Bolivia as "los valles". Here the activity was good throughout the day despite the heat. We had nice views of **Ochre-faced Tody-Flycatcher**, **Black-and-chestnut Warbling Finch**, **Black-capped Warbling Finch**, and **White-tipped Plantcutter**.

Later, near the Vallegrande road junction, we enjoyed our first **White-fronted Woodpecker**, **Grey-crested Finch**, **Saffron Finch**, **Red Pileated Finch**, **Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle**, and more **Blue-crowned Parakeets**. We arrived at our basic accommodation before dusk in good time to get dinner and a good night's sleep.

Today we had another sleep-deprivation start in order to be in good time at the Red-fronted Macaw canyon in Perereta. This is a reliable place to see and photograph the endemic Red-fronted Macaw. Along the way we also had good view of a male **Scissor-tailed Nightjar**. We arrived at the canyon on time, and while our driver was setting up breakfast we had crippling scope views of the endemic **Red-fronted Macaw**, which was brilliant. Here we also saw the endemic **Bolivian Blackbird** and **Cliff Parakeet**.



Bolivian Blackbird

Then we explored the riverine vegetation, where we found a cooperative **Spot-breasted Thornbird** and **Rufous-sided** and **Ringed Warbling-Finches**. We took the long route back to Comarapa, making a stop on the way for the endemic **Bolivian Earthcreeper** and the elusive **Giant Antshrike**, who took a lot of time. But fortunately, everybody saw this rather difficult skulker.

On the way back we were forced to stop for some construction work, which had us wait for over 30 minutes. But luckily we were reward with two **Andean Condor** sightings and a few **Southern Martins** as well. We arrived back in Comarapa for a second overnight

The day to leave the dry valleys arrived with another early start. Our first stop was in the cloud forest mountains of the Siberia area at the edge of the Amboró National Park. We had a good time with species like **Pearled Treerunner**, **Streaked Tuftedcheek**, **Spotted Barbtail**, **Blue-winged Mountain Tanager**, and an elusive **Trilling Tapaculo**.

We were lucky enough to have good fly-by views of the seldom-seen **Black-winged Parrot**; at least six individuals flew in front of us. The next bird was the **Rufous-faced Antpitta**. We

worked hard and finally managed to have good views of this country endemic. Other birds included good views of **Light-crowned Spinetail**, **Bolivian Brushfinch**, **Grey-bellied Flowerpiercer**, and **Plumbeous Tyrant**.

We started climbing further up the mountains but with an obligate stop for the endemic **Black-throated Thistletail**. Unfortunately, there was a lot of road construction between the Siberia area and the town of Pojo, so we could not extent the midday birding the way we would have liked to do it. Therefore we decided to move on towards Cochabamba, where we arrived in the afternoon.

The next day was completely dedicated to explore the famous Tunari mountain range above Cochabamba at the base of the Tunari massif. Our first stop provided cracker views of **Red-tailed Comet** and brief, but good views of **Giant Hummingbird**. This is perhaps one of the best places for the endemic **Cochabamba Mountain Finch**, which showed well for us, as we were lucky enough to see a pair of this handsome specie without much difficulty. Other birds included **Brown-capped Tit-Spinetail**, **Tawny Tit-Spinetail**, **Rusty-vented** and **Maquis Canasteros**, **Puna Tapaculo**, **Rufous-bellied Mountain Tanager**, **Black-winged Ground Dove**, **Grey-hooded Parakeet**, **Grey-bellied Flowerpiercer**, **Peruvian Sierra Finch**, **Andean Swift**, and **Bright-rumped Yellow Finch** and **White-winged Diuca Finch**

Another early start to explore the humid montane forest of the Tablas Montes section in the Chapare Province. Just before we arrived there we made a short stop at the Corani Lake, where we had fantastic views of the endemic **Black-hooded Sunbeam** and also **Tyrian Metaltail** and **Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanager**.

Once in the Chapare we heard a **White-throated Quail-Dove** but could not get views of it. The activity was rather quiet and slow, with not many new species except **Blue-winged**, **Hooded**, and **Scarlet-bellied Mountain Tanagers** and **Golden-headed Quetzal**. A **Yungas Pygmy Owl** was heard distantly but did not came to the tape. It took us a lot of time and patience, but after trying for at least two hours we had great views of **Hooded Mountain-Toucan**, which was our main target for this area. There was no sign of **Straw-backed Tanager**, however, so we decided to leave the area and turn back to Cochabamba. But a stop at the Alalay Lake in the city, where we saw several waterfowl, including **White-cheeked Pintail**, **Cinnamon Teal**, **Andean Duck**, and **Rosy-billed Pochard**. Other interesting additions included **Least Grebe** and **Puna Plover**. We returned to Cochabamba for another good night in our comfortable hotel.



Golden-headed Quetzal

The following day we flew to La Paz. After we arrived our guide met us again and took us straight to Huarina at the shores of Lake Titicaca.

But first we had to get out of the town of El Alto above La Paz, where the airport is located. This is probably one of the most hectic towns in South America; the traffic jam is an absolute chaos. Fortunately, we managed to do well and were hitting the road toward our next destination, Lake Titicaca. We arrived at our very comfortable hotel, and before lunch we had incredible scope views of the flightless **Titicaca Grebe** from the hotel dock.



Titicaca Grebe



Other species included **Andean Gull**, **Andean Coot**, **Yellow-winged Blackbird**, **Wren-like Rushbird**, **Many-colored Rush Tyrant**, **Yellow-billed Pintail**, **Plumbeous Rail**, **Yellow-billed Teal**, and **Andean Avocet**. It could not have been better.

After a tasty lunch get a midday break we took a short drive near the hotel and managed to add **Spot-winged Pigeon**, **Andean Lapwing**, **Mountain Caracara**, **American Kestrel** and **Cinereous Harrier** to our trip list. We came back to the hotel with enough time to visit the small museum and a reed boat exhibition presented by a local man who had joined the famous Thor Heyerdahl Kon-Tiki expedition on a trip from Peru to Polynesia.

We entirely dedicated the following day to a drive to Sorata, to search for the endemic **Berlepsch's Canastero**, which fortunately showed particularly well, making our day a great success. With no other targets on the list we turned back and drive to La Paz. The drive back to El Alto was Ok, but from there to La Paz it took two hours in traffic jams.

The end of the trip was fast approaching, but not before, we explored the last leg of our holiday, the famous Coroico Road (officially the North Yungas Road and better known as the Death Road). This precipitous mountain road has been witness to so many truck and bus accidents that it was named the death road. But fortunately a different road was built for major vehicles, and the death road is today only allowed for bicycles and cars, making it a very scenic and birdy route for those who come for adventure in this part of Bolivia. To be honest, I have seen many more scary roads in other places such as Peru and Colombia. Without the presence of large vehicles this road is absolutely fine We met many groups of mountain bikers coming down the road.

Our birding started in La Cumbre (the mountaintop) at 4700 meters elevation. Here we stopped the car to look for **Rufous-bellied Seedsnipe**, a most-wanted species in the Andes, which showed well for everybody. We also had views of **Andean Goose**, **Andean Lapwing**, and **Andean Gull**. Just after leaving La Cumbre we made a stop for **Scribble-tailed Canastero**

Once we reached the temperate cloudforest above Coroico, at the beginning of the Death Road, we enjoyed great views of **Diademed Tapaculo**, **Citrine Warbler**, **Hooded Mountain Tanager**, **Barred Fruiteater**, **Ochraceous-breasted Flycatcher**, **Chestnut-bellied Mountain Tanager**, and **Pearled Treerunner**. Further down we noticed **Golden-crowned Flycatcher**, **Cinnamon Flycatcher**, **Cliff Flycatcher**, **Andean Solitaire**, **Pale-footed Swallow**, **Glossy-black Thrush**, and **Azara's Spinetail**.



Barred Fruiteater

Before we came into Coroico we stopped at a bridge, where we watched a pair of **Torrent Ducks**, **Black Phoebe**, and **Torrent Tyrannulet**.

Birding the lodge grounds after arrival provided the stunning **Versicolored Barbet**, **Dusky-green Oropendola**, and **Speckled Chachalaca**, and at night we saw **Tropical Screech Owl** and a nice group of Azara's Night Monkeys.

The following day we explored the Chairó track, which goes to the Rio Selva Resort, where we got several good species including both our targets, **Upland Antshrike** and **Yungas Tody-Tyrant**. Other species for the day including rather common **Thick-billed Euphonia**, **Red-eyed Vireo**, **Sayaca Tanager**, **Slate-throated Whitestart**, plenty of **Dusky-green Oropendola** and **Yungas Warbler**, and probably one of the best surprises for the trip was a pair of **Brown Tinamou** walking around the lodge clearing in the afternoon



Brown Tinamou

The next day we left Coroico, and we drove straight to La Paz where we met for a nice dinner together to celebrate a fantastic birding trip in Bolivia.

The next day we flew to Uyuni in the Altiplano for 2 days extension to visit the Great Salar de Uyuni, the largest extension of salt on the planet. This place is probably one of the highlights of South America. The photography opportunities for natural scenery were outstanding; and even though life is extremely scarce in this desert of salt, we managed to see **James's** and **Chilean Flamingo** and **Black-hooded** and **Mourning Sierra Finch**.



Uyuni Salt Plains (Jacques Smuts)

## BIRD LIST

### Rheidae

**Greater Rhea** *Rhea americana* Two Seen around the grasslands of the Viru Viru International Airport of Santa Cruz. Classified as Near-threatened

### Tinamidae

**Grey Tinamou (H)** *Tinamus tao* We heard this species at Refugio Los Volcanes. Classified as Vulnerable

**Red-winged Tinamou** *Rhynchotus rufescens* Two birds Seen in the grasslands of the Viru Viru International Airport

**Huayco Tinamou (H)** *Rhynchotus maculicollis* Only heard during our visit to the El Fuerte archaeological site in Samaipata. Found in Argentina and Bolivia

**White-bellied Nothura** *Nothura boraquira* Seen in the grasslands of the Viru Viru International Airport

**Undulated Tinamou** *Crypturellus undulatus* Brief views near Trinidad

**Brown Tinamou** *Crypturellus obsoletus* Incredible views of two individuals in the grounds of our lodge in Coroico. A difficult bird to find and show.

**Small-billed Tinamou (H)** *Crypturellus parvirostris* Heard only in the Santa Cruz Botanical Garden

### Anhimidae

**Southern Screamer** *Chauna torquata* Seen in the Beni

### Anatidae

**White-faced Whistling-Duck** *Dendrocygna viduata* Seen near Trinidad

**Torrent Duck** *Merganetta armata* A pair was Seen nicely in the lower parts of Coroico.

**Crested Duck** *Lophonetta specularioides* Seen in the upper parts of the Tunari massif and at Lake Titicaca

**Brazilian Teal** *Amazonetta brasiliensis* Seen at the Viru Viru International Airport and at Lomas de Arena

**Ringed Teal** *Callonetta leucophrys* A nice surprise at Lomas de Arena lagoon

**Cinnamon Teal** *Spatula cyanoptera* Seen at Alalay Lake and Lake Titicaca

**White-cheeked Pintail** *Anas bahamensis* Nice views at Alalay Lake

**Yellow-billed Teal** *Anas flavirostris* Seen at Alalay Lake and Lake Titicaca

**Yellow-billed Pintail** *Anas georgica* Seen at Lake Titicaca

**Puna Teal** *Spatula puna* Seen at Lake Titicaca

**Andean Duck** *Oxyura ferruginea* Seen at Alalay Lake and Lake Titicaca

**Rosy-billed Pochard** *Netta peposaca* Surprisingly scarce this year at Alalay Lake, where we saw only one individual

**Andean Goose** *Chloephaga melanoptera* Great views at the upper parts of Cerro Tunari and at La Cumbre on the way to Coroico

### Cracidae

**Speckled Chachalaca** *Ortalis guttata* Common around Coroico

**Andean Guan** *Penelope montagnii* Seen at Siberia and Coroico

**Dusky-legged Guan** *Penelope obscura* Scope views of one individual in the dry valleys

**Red-faced Guan** *Penelope dabbeni* Seen at Laguna Esmeralda

**Blue-throated Piping Guan** *Pipile cumanensis* Seen at Refugio Los Volcanes

### Podicipedidae

**Least Grebe** *Tachybaptus dominicus* Seen at Alalay Lake

**White-tufted Grebe** *Rollandia rolland* Seen at Lake Titicaca

**Silvery Grebe** *Podiceps occipitalis* Seen at Lake Titicaca

**Titicaca Grebe** *Rollandia microptera* Great views at Lake Titicaca. Found in Peru and Bolivia. Classified as Endangered

### Phoenicopteridae

**Chilean Flamingo** *Phoenicopus chilensis* Seen at Lake Titicaca. Classified as Near-threatened

**James's Flamingo** *Phoenicoparrus jamesi* Great views during the Uyuni extension. Classified as Near-threatened

### Ciconiidae

**Wood Stork** *Mycteria americana* Seen at Viru Viru International Airport and in the Beni



**Jabiru** *Jabiru mycteria* Seen near Trinidad in the Beni

### **Threskiornithidae**

**Bare-faced Ibis** *Phimosus infuscatus* Two birds Seen in the Santa Cruz Botanical Garden

**Buff-necked Ibis** *Theristicus caudatus* Seen in the Beni

**Andean Ibis** *Theristicus branickii* Seen in the Altiplano. Classified as Near-threatened

**Green Ibis** *Mesembrinibis cayennensis* Seen in the Beni

**Puna Ibis** *Plegadis ridgwayi* Common in the Altiplano

**Plumbeous Ibis** *Theristicus caerulescens* A great sighting in the Beni

**Roseate Spoonbill** *Platalea ajaja* Seen in the Beni and around the Viru Viru International Airport

### **Ardeidae**

**Rufescent Tiger-Heron** *Tigrisoma lineatum* Seen in the Beni

**Black-crowned Night Heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax* Seen roosting at daytime at Lake Titicaca

**Striated Heron** *Butorides striata* Seen in the Beni

**Western Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus ibis* Seen in the Beni

**Cocoi Heron** *Ardea cocoi* One seen in the Beni

**Great Egret** *Ardea alba* Common in the Beni

**Capped Heron** *Pilherodius pileatus* One seen in the Beni

**Whistling Heron** *Syrigma sibilatrix* One seen in the Beni

**Snowy Egret** *Egretta thula* Common in the Beni

### **Phalacrocoracidae**

**Neotropic Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax brasilianus* Several sightings throughout the trip

### **Cathartidae**

**Turkey Vulture** *Cathartes aura* Common

**Black Vulture** *Coragyps atratus* Common

**Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture** *Cathartes burrovianus* One seen in the Beni

**Andean Condor** *Vultur gryphus* Great views of three individuals in the dry valleys near Comarapa. This is the national bird of Chile, Ecuador, Colombia, and Bolivia. Classified as Near-threatened.

### **Pandionidae**

**Western Osprey** *Pandion haliaetus* Seen in the Beni

### **Accipitridae**

**White-tailed Kite** *Elanus leucurus* One seen at the Viru Viru International Airport

**Swallow-tailed Kite** *Elanoides forficatus* Nice views of this handsome raptor in Siberia cloudforest

**Cinereous Harrier** *Circus cinereus* Seen flying above the reeds of Lake Titicaca

**Plumbeous Kite** *Ictinia plumbea* Two birds were seen in the Bermejo canyon on the way to Refugio Los Volcanes

**Black-collared Hawk** *Busarellus nigricollis* Seen in the Beni

**Snail Kite** *Rostrhamus sociabilis* Seen in the Beni

**Crane Hawk** *Geranospiza caerulescens* Seen in the Beni

**Savanna Hawk** *Buteogallus meridionalis* Seen in the Beni

**White-tailed Hawk** *Geranoaetus albicaudatus* Scope views of one individual at the Santa Cruz Botanical Garden

**Roadside Hawk** *Rupornis magnirostris* Seen in Coroico

**Great Black Hawk** *Buteogallus urubitinga* Seen in the Beni

**Variable Hawk** *Geranoaetus polyosoma* Seen in Huarina near Lake Titicaca l

**Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle** *Geranoaetus melanoleucus* Seen in the dry valleys near Comarapa

### Cariamidae

**Red-legged Seriema** *Cariama cristata* Two birds were seen during our brief visit to the Lomas de Arena Park near Santa Cruz

### Rallidae

**Grey-necked Wood Rail** *Aramides cajaneus* Seen at Refugio Los Volcanes

**Plumbeous Rail** *Pardirallus sanguinolentus* Seen at Lake Titicaca

**Purple Gallinule** *Porphyrio martinica* Seen in the Beni

**Common Gallinule** *Gallinula galeata* Common at Alalay Lake and Lake Titicaca

**Andean Coot** *Fulica ardesiaca* Nice views of a pair with chicks at Lake Titicaca

### Aramidae

**Limpkin** *Aramus guarauna* One seen in the Beni

### Recurvirostridae

**White-backed Stilt** *Himantopus melanurus* Several seen in the Beni and in the Santa Cruz Botanical Garden

**Andean Avocet** *Recurvirostra andina* Great views at Lake Titicaca

### Charadriidae

**Southern Lapwing** *Vanellus chilensis* Common in the Beni and around Santa Cruz

**Andean Lapwing** *Vanellus resplendens* Common in the Altiplano

**Puna Plover** *Charadrius alticola* Nice views of this species at the shores of Alalay Lake near Cochabamba

### Jacanidae

**Wattled Jacana** *Jacana jacana* Seen in the Santa Cruz Botanical Garden and in the Beni

### Thinocoridae

**Rufous-bellied Seedsnipe** *Attagis gayi* Nice views at La Cumbre

### Scolopacidae

**Greater Yellowlegs** *Tringa melanoleuca* Seen at Alalay Lake

**Lesser Yellowlegs** *Tringa flavipes* Seen at Alalay Lake

**Spotted Sandpiper** *Actitis macularius* A few sightings along the tour

**Baird's Sandpiper** *Calidris bairdii* Seen in the Altiplano

### Laridae

**Andean Gull** *Chroicocephalus serranus* Common at high elevations

**Large-billed Tern** *Phaetusa simplex* Seen in the Beni

**Yellow-billed Tern** *Sternula superciliaris* Seen in the Beni

### Columbidae

**Rock Dove** *Columba livia* Common

**Spot-winged Pigeon** *Patagioenas maculosa* Common in the Altiplano

**Pale-vented Pigeon** *Patagioenas cayennensis* Seen in Santa Cruz and the Beni

**Plumbeous Pigeon** *Patagioenas plumbea* Seen in Chapare and Coroico

**Band-tailed Pigeon** *Patagioenas fasciata* Seen in Siberia

**Eared Dove** *Zenaida auriculata* Regular sightings in the lowlands

**Picui Ground Dove** *Columbina picui* Seen at the Santa Cruz airport and other areas in the lowlands, including along the dry valleys on the way to Comarapa

**White-tipped Dove** *Leptotila verreauxi* Seen in the dry valleys

**Yungas Dove** *Leptotila megalura* Seen in Coroico. Found in Bolivia and Argentina

**Bare-faced Ground Dove** *Metriopelia ceciliae* Seen in the Altiplano

**Black-winged Ground Dove** *Metriopelia melanoptera* Seen at Cerro Tunari

**White-throated Quail-Dove (H)** *Zentrygon frenata* This shy species was heard only at the Chapare and the upper Coroico Road.

#### **Cuculidae**

**Squirrel Cuckoo** *Piaya cayana* Several sightings at mid and low elevation

**Greater Ani** *Crotophaga major* Good views at the Santa Cruz Botanical Garden

**Smooth-billed Ani** *Crotophaga ani* Several sightings in Santa Cruz

**Yellow-billed Cuckoo** *Coccyzus americanus* Only one individual seen well in the Santa Cruz Botanical Garden. A quite uncommon North American migrant

**Guira Cuckoo** *Guira guira* Common in the Santa Cruz area, especially in the botanical garden

#### **Tytonidae**

**American Barn Owl** *Tyto furcata* Great views of one bird in the grounds of El Pueblito Hotel before dawn

#### **Strigidae**

**Tropical Screech Owl** *Megascops choliba* Seen in the grounds of our hotel in Coroico

**Rufescent Screech Owl** *Megascops ingens* Great views after dusk at Refugio Los Volcanes

**Ferruginous Pygmy Owl** *Glaucidium brasilianum* Seen in the Santa Cruz Botanical Garden

**Yungas Pygmy Owl (H)** *Glaucidium bolivianum* Heard in the Chapare area

**Burrowing Owl** *Athene cunicularia* Seen at the Viru Viru International Airport grasslands and in the Beni

#### **Caprimulgidae**

**Nacunda Nighthawk** *Chordeiles nacunda* Seen at Lomas de Arena before dawn

**Scissor-tailed Nightjar** *Hydrosalis torquata* Great views of one male by the road during our predawn drive to Perereta

**Rufous Nightjar (H)** *Antrostomus rufus* Heard distantly at Refugio Los Volcanes

#### **Apodidae**

**White-collared Swift** *Streptoprocne zonaris* A few sightings throughout the trip

**Chestnut-collared Swift** *Streptoprocne rutila* Seen in Siberia

**Andean Swift** *Aeronautes andecolus* Close-up views of a few individuals in the Red-fronted Macaw canyon

**White-tipped Swift** *Aeronautes montivagus* Seen at Refugio Los Volcanes

**Short-tailed Swift** *Chaetura brachyura* Seen in the Beni

#### **Trochilidae**

**Great-billed Hermit** *Phaethornis malaris* Seen feeding in the heliconia flowers of our hotel in Coroico

**Planalto Hermit** *Phaethornis pretrei* Good views along the Chairó track below Coroico

**Grey-breasted Sabrewing** *Campylopterus largipennis* Seen along the Chairó track

**White-necked Jacobin** *Florisuga mellivora* Seen along the Chairó track

**Glittering-bellied Emerald** *Chlorostilbon lucidus* A few sightings in the lowlands

**Fork-tailed Woodnymph** *Thalurania furcata* Seen along the Chairó track

**Gilded Sapphire** *Hylocharis chrysura* Seen in the Santa Cruz Botanical Garden

**White-bellied Hummingbird** *Amazilia chionogaster* Seen in the dry valleys

**Black-hooded Sunbeam** *Aglaeactis pamela* Incredible views of this stunning species at the Corani reservoir. A country endemic

**Violet-throated Starfrontlet** *Coeligena violifer* Seen at Siberia. Found in Bolivia and Peru

**Great Sapphirewing** *Pterophanes cyanopterus* Seen briefly at the Corani reservoir

**Giant Hummingbird** *Patagona gigas* Good views at Cerro Tunari. The largest hummingbird in the world

**Tyrian Metaltail** *Metallura tyrianthina* Common in the Corani area

**Scaled Metaltail** *Metallura aeneocauda* Seen well in Siberia area. Found in Peru and Bolivia only.

**Red-tailed Comet** *Sappho sparganurus* One of the favorites of the trip. We got spectacular views at Cerro Tunari.

**Long-tailed Sylph** *Agelaiocercus kingii* Seen in Chapare

**Amethyst-throated Sunangel** *Helianthus amethysticollis* Seen well in Chapare and on the upper Coroico Road

**Amethyst Woodstar** *Calliphlox amethystina* Seen at the lower Chairó road

### **Trogonidae**

**Golden-headed Quetzal** *Pharomachrus auriceps* Seen in Chapare

**Blue-crowned Trogon** *Trogon curucui* Great views of a pair in the Santa Cruz Botanical Garden

**Masked Trogon** *Trogon personatus* Seen on the upper Coroico Road

**Black-tailed Trogon** *Trogon melanurus* Seen near Trinidad

### **Alcedinidae**

**Green Kingfisher** *Chloroceryle americana* Seen in the Beni

**Amazon Kingfisher** *Chloroceryle amazona* One was seen well on the Rio Misque between Saipina and Comarapa

**Ringed Kingfisher** *Megaceryle torquata* Seen in the Beni

### **Momotidae**

**Amazonian Motmot** *Momotus momota* Good views of one individual in the Santa Cruz Botanical Garden

### **Galbulidae**

**Rufous-tailed Jacamar** *Galbula ruficauda* One seen in the Santa Cruz Botanical Garden

### **Bucconidae**

**Chaco Puffbird** *Nystalus striatipectus* Seen on the way to Perereta

**Black-streaked Puffbird** *Malacoptila fulvogularis* Nice views of this uncommon species along the mid-elevation part of the Refugio Los Volcanes track

**Black-fronted Nunbird** *Monasa nigrifrons* Seen in the Beni

### **Capitonidae**

**Versicolored Barbet** *Eubucco versicolor* Seen at mid-elevation on the Coroico Road. Found in Bolivia and Peru

### **Ramphastidae**

**Chestnut-tipped Toucanet** *Aulacorhynchus derbianus* Seen briefly at Refugio Los Volcanes

**Hooded Mountain Toucan** *Andigena cucullata* Crippling views of one individual at Tablas Monte in the Chapare area. Found in Peru and Bolivia only

**Toco Toucan** *Ramphastos toco* Seen in the Beni and at the Viru Viru International Airport in Santa Cruz

### **Picidae**

**White-wedged Piculet** *Picumnus albosquamatus* Seen in the Santa Cruz Botanical Garden



**White Woodpecker *Melanerpes candidus*** Nice views of a pair at the Santa Cruz international airport

**White-fronted Woodpecker *Melanerpes cactorum*** Scope views of this attractive species in the dry valleys between Samaipata and Comarapa

**Golden-green Woodpecker *Piculus chrysochloros*** Seen in the Beni

**Crimson-mantled Woodpecker *Colaptes rivolii*** Seen in Siberia

**Golden-olive Woodpecker *Colaptes rubiginosus*** Seen along the Coroico Road

**Striped Woodpecker *Veniliornis lignarius*** Seen in the dry valleys

**Dot-fronted Woodpecker *Veniliornis frontalis*** Great views of one individual in the Quirusillas forest. Found in Bolivia and Northern Argentina

**Little Woodpecker *Veniliornis passerinus*** Seen in the Beni

**Red-necked Woodpecker *Campephilus rubicollis*** One seen at Refugio Los Volcanes

**Lineated Woodpecker *Dryocopus lineatus*** Seen in the Beni

**Crimson-crested Woodpecker *Campephilus melanoleucos*** Seen in the Santa Cruz Botanical Garden

**Andean Flicker *Colaptes rupicola*** Common in the Altiplano

**Campo Flicker *Colaptes campestris*** Two birds were Seen in the Santa Cruz international airport grasslands.

#### **Falconidae**

**Southern Crested Caracara *Caracara plancus*** Common in the Beni and in Santa Cruz

**Mountain Caracara *Phalcoboenus megalopterus*** Common in the Altiplano

**Yellow-headed Caracara *Milvago chimachima*** Only one seen in the Beni

**American Kestrel *Falco sparverius*** Common throughout the trip

#### **Psittacidae**

**Grey-hooded Parakeet *Psilopsiagon aymara*** Seen at Cerro Tunari

**Cliff Parakeet *Myiopsitta luchi*** Great views in the Perereta canyon. A country endemic

**Yellow-chevroned Parakeet *Brotogeris chiriri*** Seen in Trinidad

**Black-winged Parrot *Hapalopsittaca melanotis*** Good views of a few birds flying in Siberia

**Plum-crowned Parrot *Pionus tumultuosus*** Seen in the Chapare. Found in Bolivia and Peru only

**Blue-headed Parrot *Pionus menstruus*** Seen in the lowlands

**Scaly-headed Parrot *Pionus maximiliani*** Seen at the El Fuerte archaeological site

**Turquoise-fronted Amazon *Amazona aestiva*** Seen in the dry valleys

**Scaly-naped Amazon *Amazona mercenarius*** Seen in Siberia

**Tucuman Amazon *Amazona tucumana*** A great encounter with this seldom-seen species at the Emerald Lake in the Quirusilla area. Found in Bolivia and Argentina only. Named after the Argentinean state of Tucumán. Classified as Vulnerable

**Blue-winged Parrotlet *Forpus xanthopterygius*** Seen in the Santa Cruz lowlands

**Green-cheeked Parakeet *Pyrrhura molinae*** Splendid views at Refugio Los Volcanes and the Chaira track

**Peach-fronted Parakeet *Eupsittula aurea*** Seen in the Beni

**Dusky-headed Parakeet *Aratinga weddellii*** Seen in the Beni

**Golden-collared Macaw *Primolius auricollis*** Great fly-by views of a pair in the Santa Cruz Botanical Garden

**Blue-and-yellow Macaw *Ara ararauna*** Good views in the Beni

**Blue-throated Macaw** *Ara glaucogularis* Probably the bird of the trip. We got great views of two pairs in the haciendas beyond the Loreto road in the Beni. A country endemic classified as Critical Endangered with less than 250-300 individuals in the world

**Military Macaw** *Ara militaris* Distant fly-by views of six individuals above Refugio Los Volcanes. Classified as Vulnerable

**Red-and-green Macaw** *Ara chloropterus* Seen in the Beni

**Red-fronted Macaw** *Ara rubrogenys* Great close-up views of at least ten individuals roosting and flying at the Red-fronted Macaw canyon in Perereta. A country endemic classified as Endangered

**Chestnut-fronted Macaw** *Ara severus* Seen in the Beni

**Blue-crowned Parakeet** *Thectocercus acuticaudatus* Seen in the dry valleys

**Mitred Parakeet** *Psittacara mitratus* Only seen during our drive to Refugio Los Volcanes

### Furnariidae

**Common Miner** *Geositta cunicularia* Seen during our drive to Sorata

**Rock Earthcreeper** *Ochetorhynchus andaecola* Seen twice at Cerro Tunari

**Bolivian Earthcreeper** *Tarphonomus harterti* One individual was seen very well in the dry valleys between Comarapa and Perereta.

**Cream-winged Cinclodes** *Cinclodes albiventris* Seen at Cerro Tunari

**White-winged Cinclodes** *Cinclodes atacamensis* Seen at Cerro Tunari

**Rufous Hornero** *Furnarius rufus* Common in the lowlands

**Brown-capped Tit-Spinetail** *Leptasthenura fuliginiceps* Two birds were seen well at Cerro Tunari. Found in Bolivia and Argentina

**Tawny Tit-Spinetail** *Leptasthenura yanacensis* One seen well at Cerro Tunari. Classified as Near-threatened

**Black-throated Thistletail** *Asthenes harterti* Good views of one individual during the drive between Siberia and Cochabamba. A country endemic

**Maquis Canastero** *Asthenes heterura* Seen at Cerro Tunari. Found in Bolivia and northwestern Argentina. Classified as Near-threatened

**Rusty-vented Canastero** *Asthenes dorbignyi* Seen at Cerro Tunari

**Cordilleran Canastero** *Asthenes modesta* Seen on the way to La Cumbre

**Berlepsch's Canastero** *Asthenes berlepschi* A country endemic Seen near Sorata. Named after Count Hans Hermann Carl Ludwig von Berlepsch (29 July 1850 – 27 February 1915), a German ornithologist. Classified as Near-threatened

**Scribble-tailed Canastero** *Asthenes maculicauda* Seen near La Cumbre

**Chotoy Spinetail** *Schoeniophylax phryganophilus* One individual seen briefly at the Viru Viru International Airport in Santa Cruz

**Ochre-cheeked Spinetail** *Synallaxis scutata* Great views of a responding pair at Refugio Los Volcanes

**Sooty-fronted Spinetail** *Synallaxis frontalis* Seen in the Beni

**Azara's Spinetail** *Synallaxis azarae* Seen in Siberia and on the Coroico Road

**Pale-breasted Spinetail** *Synallaxis albescens* Seen in the Beni

**Cinereous-breasted Spinetail** *Synallaxis hypospodia* Seen in the Beni

**White-lored Spinetail** *Synallaxis albilora* Seen in the Beni

**Light-crowned Spinetail** *Cranioleuca albiceps* Great views in Siberia. A near-endemic, found only in Bolivia and adjacent Peru, where occurs in the Puno state only

**Stripe-crowned Spinetail** *Cranioleuca pyrrhophia* Only one bird was seen in the dry valleys.

**Plain Softtail** *Thripophaga fusciceps* Seen in the Beni

**Yellow-chinned Spinetail** *Certhiaxis cinnamomeus* Seen in the Beni

**Spot-breasted Thornbird** *Phacellodomus maculipectus* Seen in the dry valleys near Perereta

**Streak-fronted Thornbird** *Phacellodomus striaticeps* Seen at Cerro Tunari

**Greater Thornbird** *Phacellodomus ruber* One seen in the botanical garden of Santa Cruz

**Grey-crested Cachalote** *Pseudoseisura unirufa* Seen in the Beni

**Wren-like Rushbird** *Phleocryptes melanops* Seen in the reeds of Lake Titicaca and heard also at the Alalay Lake in Cochabamba

**Pearled Treerunner** *Margarornis squamiger* Nice views in Siberia and at Coroico

**Streaked Tuftedcheek** *Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii* Seen in Siberia

**Spotted Barbtail** *Premnoplex brunnescens* Nice views in Siberia

**Buff-browed Foliage-gleaner** *Syndactyla rufosuperciliata* Brief views at Siberia

**Grey-throated Leaf-tosser** *Sclerurus albigularis* Great views of one bird at Refugio Los Volcanes

**Streaked Xenops** *Xenops rutilans* Seen at Refugio Los Volcanes

**Olivaceous Woodcreeper** *Sittasomus griseicapillus* Seen at Coroico

**Straight-billed Woodcreeper** *Dendroplex picus* Seen at the Santa Cruz Botanical Garden

**Black-banded Woodcreeper** *Dendrocolaptes picumnus* Seen at Refugio Los Volcanes

**Montane Woodcreeper** *Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger* Seen in Siberia

**Buff-throated Woodcreeper** *Xiphorhynchus guttatus* Seen at the Santa Cruz Botanical Garden

**Narrow-billed Woodcreeper** *Lepidocolaptes angustirostris* Seen in the Beni

**Tschudi's Woodcreeper** *Xiphorhynchus chunchotambo* Seen at Refugio Los Volcanes

**Red-billed Scythebill** *Campylorhamphus trochilirostris* Seen in the Beni

### **Thamnophilidae**

**Giant Antshrike** *Batara cinerea* One of the hardest species to see in Bolivia. This very difficult and shy skulker was seen relatively well between Samaipata and Quirusilla.

**Variable Antshrike** *Thamnophilus caerulescens* Seen at the El Fuerte archaeological site

**Barred Antshrike** *Thamnophilus doliatus* Seen in the Beni

**Rufous-capped Antshrike** *Thamnophilus ruficapillus* Seen at the El Fuerte archaeological site

**Chestnut-backed Antshrike** *Thamnophilus palliatus* Seen around our lodge in Coroico

**Bolivian Slaty Antshrike** *Thamnophilus sticturus* Good views of this species in the Santa Cruz Botanical Garden

**Upland Antshrike** *Thamnophilus aroyae* Seen at Chairó in the lower Coroico valley. Found in Bolivia and Peru

**Black-capped Antwren** *Herpsilochmus atricapillus* Excellent views at the El Fuerte archaeological site

**Rusty-backed Antwren** *Formicivora rufa* Seen in the Beni

**Stripe-backed Antbird** *Myrmorchilus strigilatus* A nice surprise in the Santa Cruz Botanical Garden

**Plain Antvireo** *Dysithamnus mentalis* Seen at Refugio Los Volcanes

**Mato Grosso Antbird** *Cercomacra melanaria* Good views in the Beni. Found in Bolivia and Brazil. Named after the Brazilian state of Mato Grosso

**White-backed Fire-eye** *Pyriglena leuconota* Good views at Refugio Los Volcanes

### **Formicariidae**

**Short-tailed Antthrush** *Chamaeza campanisona* We managed to have a bird in full view at Refugio Los Volcanes, where it is common but not as easy to see.

**Barred Antthrush (H) *Chamaeza mollissima*** Heard only

**Striated Antthrush *Chamaeza nobilis*** Seen at Refugio Los Volcanes

### **Grallariidae**

**Rufous-faced Antpitta *Grallaria erythrotis*** It took a while, but we managed to have good views of this species at Siberia. A country endemic

### **Conopophagidae**

**Slaty Gnateater *Conopophaga ardesiaca*** Seen at Refugio Los Volcanes. Found in Bolivia and Peru

### **Rhinocryptidae**

**Trilling Tapaculo *Scytalopus parvirostris*** Seen in Siberia. Found in Bolivia and Peru

**Bolivian White-crowned Tapaculo *Scytalopus bolivianus*** Seen at Refugio Los Volcanes. Found in Bolivia and Peru

**Puna Tapaculo *Scytalopus simonsi*** Seen at Cerro Tunari. Found in Peru and Bolivia

**Diademed Tapaculo *Scytalopus schulenbergi*** Great views on the upper Coroico Road. Found in Peru and Bolivia

### **Melanopareiidae**

**Olive-crowned Crescentchest *Melanopareia maximiliani*** Good views of one individual at the El Fuerte archaeological site

### **Tyrannidae**

**Sclater's Tyrannulet *Phyllomyias sclateri*** Seen at Refugio Los Volcanes. Named after Philip Lutley Sclater (4 November 1829 – 27 June 1913), an English lawyer and zoologist

**White-crested Elaenia *Elaenia albiceps*** Seen at Santa Cruz and Refugio Los Volcanes

**Sierran Elaenia *Elaenia pallatangae*** Seen in Chapare and Siberia

**Small-billed Elaenia *Elaenia parvirostris*** Seen at Viru Viru International Airport and in the dry valleys

**Large Elaenia *Elaenia spectabilis***

**Southern Beardless Tyrannulet *Camptostoma obsoletum*** One seen in the dry valleys

**White-throated Tyrannulet *Mecocerculus leucophrys*** Seen in Chapare

**Buff-banded Tyrannulet *Mecocerculus hellmayri*** Seen in Siberia

**Tufted Tit-Tyrant *Anairetes parulus*** Seen at Cerro Tunari

**White-crested Tyrannulet *Serpophaga subcristata*** Seen in the Santa Cruz Botanical Garden

**Torrent Tyrannulet *Serpophaga cinerea*** Seen near Coroico

**White-bellied Tyrannulet *Serpophaga munda*** Seen in dry valleys

**Mouse-colored Tyrannulet *Phaeomyias murina*** Seen in the Beni

**Greater Wagtail-Tyrant *Stigmatura budytoides*** Seen in the dry valleys

**Bolivian Tyrannulet *Zimmerius bolivianus*** Good views of this species in the Chapare. Found in Bolivia and Peru

**Marble-faced Bristle Tyrant *Pogonotriccus ophthalmicus*** Seen at Chairó

**Streak-necked Flycatcher *Mionectes striaticollis*** Seen at mid-elevation of the Coroico Road

**Sepia-capped Flycatcher *Leptopogon amaurocephalus*** One seen on the lower Coroico Road

**Southern Scrub Flycatcher *Sublegatus modestus*** One seen in the dry valleys near Comarapa

**Plain Inezia *Inezia inornata*** Seen in the Santa Cruz Botanical Garden

**Ochraceous-breasted Flycatcher *Nephelomyias ochraceiventris*** Good views along the Coroico Road. Found in Bolivia and Peru

**Many-colored Rush Tyrant *Tachuris rubrigastra*** Good views of one individual at the reeds of Lake Titicaca



**Yungas Tody-Tyrant** *Hemitriccus spodiops* Great views at Chairó. Found in Bolivia and Peru  
**Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant** *Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer* Good views at Chairó on the lower Coroico Road

**Ochre-faced Tody-Flycatcher** *Poecilotriccus plumbeiceps* This little, handsome species was seen well on the way back from Perereta to Comarapa.

**Yellow-browed Tody-Flycatcher** *Todirostrum chrysocrotaphum* Seen in the Beni

**Rusty-fronted Tody-Flycatcher** *Poecilotriccus latirostris* Seen in the Beni

**Yellow-olive Flatbill** *Tolmomyias sulphurescens* Seen at Refugio Los Volcanes

**Grey-crowned Flatbill** *Tolmomyias poliocephalus* One seen at Chairó

**Cliff Flycatcher** *Hirundinea ferruginea* Seen at mid-elevation along the Coroico Road

**Cinnamon Flycatcher** *Pyrhomyias cinnamomeus* Seen at Chapare and along the Coroico Road

**Black Phoebe** *Sayornis nigricans* Seen in the lower parts of the Coroico Road

**Smoke-colored Pewee** *Contopus fumigatus* Seen in Siberia

**Scarlet Flycatcher** *Pyrocephalus rubinus* One seen at the Viru Viru International Airport

**Andean Negrito** *Lessonia oreas* One seen at the shores of Lake Titicaca

**Plumbeous Tyrant** *Knipolegus cabanisi* Good views of one individual in Siberia

**Taczanowski's Ground Tyrant** *Muscisaxicola griseus* Seen at Cerro Tunari

**White-fronted Ground Tyrant** *Muscisaxicola albifrons* Seen at Cerro Tunari

**Ochre-naped Ground Tyrant** *Muscisaxicola flavinucha* Seen at Cerro Tunari

**Black-billed Shrike-Tyrant** *Agriornis montanus* Seen near Huarina

**White-rumped Monjita** *Xolmis velatus* Seen in the Beni

**Streak-throated Bush Tyrant** *Myiotheretes striaticollis* Seen at Cerro Tunari

**White-headed Marsh Tyrant** *Arundinicola leucocephala* Seen in the Beni wetlands

**Black-backed Water Tyrant** *Fluvicola albiventer* Seen in the Beni wetlands

**White-browed Chat-Tyrant** *Ochthoeca leucophrys* Seen at Cerro Tunari

**Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrant** *Ochthoeca rufipectoralis* Seen at mid-elevation on the Coroico Road

**Cattle Tyrant** *Machetornis rixosa* Seen in the Beni

**Piratic Flycatcher** *Legatus leucophaeus* Seen at Chairó

**Social Flycatcher** *Myiozetetes similis* Common around Santa Cruz

**Great Kiskadee** *Pitangus sulphuratus* Several seen in the lowlands

**Rusty-margined Flycatcher** *Myiozetetes cayanensis* Seen in the Beni

**Golden-crowned Flycatcher** *Myiodynastes chrysocephalus* One individual seen at mid-elevation on the Coroico Road

**Streaked Flycatcher** *Myiodynastes maculatus* Quite a few seen in the lowlands

**Variegated Flycatcher** *Empidonomus varius* Only one seen in the Beni

**Crowned Slaty Flycatcher** *Griseotyrannus aurantioatrocristatus* One seen in the dry valleys

**Tropical Kingbird** *Tyrannus melancholicus* Common

**Eastern Kingbird** *Tyrannus tyrannus* A few seen in the Viru Viru International Airport grounds. A boreal migrant

**Dusky-capped Flycatcher** *Myiarchus tuberculifer* Seen at mid-elevation along the Coroico Road

**Brown-crested Flycatcher** *Myiarchus tyrannulus* One seen at the El Fuerte archaeological site

**Rufous Casiornis** *Casiornis rufus* Seen in the Beni

### Cotingidae

**Red-crested Cotinga** *Ampelion rubrocristatus* Seen in Siberia

**White-tipped Plantcutter** *Phytotoma rutila* several Seen in the dry valleys

**Barred Fruiteater** *Pipreola arcuata* Great views of a pair along the Coroico Road

### **Pipridae**

**Yungas Manakin** *Chiroxiphia boliviana* One seen at Refugio Los Volcanes

**Sulphur-bellied Tyrant-Manakin** *Neopelma sulphureiventer* Seen in the gallery forest in Beni

### **Tityridae**

**Masked Tityra** *Tityra semifasciata* Seen at Refugio Los Volcanes

**Barred Becard** *Pachyramphus versicolor* A male was seen at Chapare

**Green-backed Becard** *Pachyramphus viridis* One seen at Refugio Los Volcanes

**White-winged Becard** *Pachyramphus polychopterus* found at El Chairó

### **Vireonidae**

**Rufous-browed Peppershrike** *Cyclarhis gujanensis* Seen at Chairó

**Red-eyed Vireo** *Vireo olivaceus* Seen at Chairó

**Tawny-crowned Greenlet** *Hylophilus ochraceiceps* Seen at Refugio Los Volcanes

### **Corvidae**

**Plush-crested Jay** *Cyanocorax chrysops* Several sightings throughout the trip

**Purplish Jay** *Cyanocorax cyanomelas* Several sightings throughout the trip

### **Hirundinidae**

**White-rumped Swallow** *Tachycineta leucorrhoa* A few seen in Beni

**Blue-and-white Swallow** *Notiochelidon cyanoleuca* Common throughout the trip

**Pale-footed Swallow** *Notiochelidon flavipes* Seen in Chapare

**Brown-bellied Swallow** *Notiochelidon murina* Seen at higher elevations

**Southern Rough-winged Swallow** *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis* Several at lower elevations

**Grey-breasted Martin** *Progne chalybea* Seen in the lowlands

**Southern Martin** *Progne elegans* Seen near Comarapa

**Andean Swallow** *Haplochelidon andecola* A couple of sightings at Lake Titicaca

### **Donacobiidae**

**Black-capped Donacobius** *Donacobius atricapilla* Seen in the Beni

### **Troglodytidae**

**Thrush-like Wren** *Campylorhynchus turdinus* Seen in the Santa Cruz Botanical Garden

**Moustached Wren** *Pheugopedius genibarbis* Seen in Chairó

**Fawn-breasted Wren** *Cantorchilus guarayanus* Good views in the Santa Cruz Botanical Garden. Found in Bolivia and Brazil

**House Wren** *Troglodytes aedon* A couple of sightings throughout the trip

**Mountain Wren** *Troglodytes solstitialis* Seen in Siberia

**Grey-breasted Wood Wren** *Henicorhina leucophrys* Seen in Siberia

### **Polioptilidae**

**Masked Gnatcatcher** *Polioptila dumicola* Seen in the dry valleys

### **Mimidae**

**Chalk-browed Mockingbird** *Mimus saturninus* Seen in Beni

**Brown-banded Mockingbird** *Mimus dorsalis* Good views at Cerro Tunari. Found in Bolivia and Argentina

### **Turdidae**

**Andean Solitaire** *Myadestes ralloides* Seen at mid-elevation on the Coroico Road

**Swainson's Thrush** *Catharus ustulatus*

**White-eared Solitaire** *Entomodestes leucotis* We had good views on the Coroico Road. Found in Peru and Bolivia

**Hauxwell's Thrush** *Turdus hauxwelli* Seen near Trinidad

**Great Thrush** *Turdus fuscater* Common in the cloudforest

**Chiguanco Thrush** *Turdus chiguanco* Seen in arid parts at high elevations

**Glossy-black Thrush** *Turdus serranus* Good views of one bird in Chapare

**Creamy-bellied Thrush** *Turdus amaurochalinus* Quite a few individuals seen in Santa Cruz

**Black-billed Thrush** *Turdus ignobilis* Seen in the Santa Cruz area

**Rufous-bellied Thrush** *Turdus rufiventris* Only one bird was seen at the El Fuerte archaeological site. This is the national bird of Brazil.

**Pale-breasted Thrush** *Turdus leucomelas* Seen at Chairó

**Unicolored Thrush** *Turdus haplochrous* We got very good views of this species during our birding in the Beni. Classified as Near-threatened. A country endemic

**White-necked Thrush** *Turdus albicollis* Seen at Refugio Los Volcanes

### Passeridae

**House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus* Common around gas stations

### Fringillidae

**Hooded Siskin** *Spinus magellanicus* Several seen during the trip

**Black Siskin** *Spinus atratus* Great views at Lake Titicaca

**Purple-throated Euphonia** *Euphonia chlorotica* A couple seen

**Thick-billed Euphonia** *Euphonia lanirostris* Seen at Chairó

**Bronze-green Euphonia** *Euphonia mesochrysa* Seen at Refugio Los Volcanes

**Blue-naped Chlorophonia** *Chlorophonia cyanea* Seen at mid-elevation on the Coroico Road

### Parulidae

**Tropical Parula** *Setophaga pitaiayumi* Seen at Chairó

**Citrine Warbler** *Myiothlypis luteoviridis* Seen at upper elevation on the Coroico Road

**Flavescent Warbler** *Myiothlypis flaveola* only one sighting in the Santa Cruz Botanical Garden

**Pale-legged Warbler** *Myiothlypis signata* Seen in Siberia

**Riverbank Warbler** *Myiothlypis rivularis* Only one sighting at Chairó.

**Yungas Warbler** *Basileuterus punctipectus* Seen at Chairó. Found in Peru and Bolivia

**Golden-crowned Warbler** *Basileuterus culicivorus* Seen at El Fuerte archaeological site

**Spectacled Whitestart** *Myioborus melanocephalus* Seen at Siberia

**Slate-throated Whitestart** *Myioborus miniatus* Seen at Chairó

**Brown-capped Whitestart** *Myioborus brunnicaps* Quite a few during the trip. Found in Peru and Argentina

### Icteridae

**White-browed Blackbird** *Sturnella supercilialis* Seen in the Beni

**Dusky-green Oropendola** *Psarocolius atrovirens* Common at Refugio Los Volcanes and on the lower Coroico Road

**Crested Oropendola** *Psarocolius decumanus* Seen at Refugio Los Volcanes

**Yellow-rumped Cacique** *Cacicus cela* Common in the Beni

**Solitary Cacique** *Cacicus solitarius* Seen in the Beni

**Orange-backed Troupial** *Icterus croconotus* Seen in the Beni wetlands

**Velvet-fronted Grackle** *Lamprosar tanagrinus* Seen in the Beni

**Chopi Blackbird** *Gnorimopsar chopi* Common around the Santa Cruz airport

**Scarlet-headed Blackbird** *Amblyramphus holosericeus* Seen in the Beni

**Yellow-winged Blackbird** *Agelasticus thilius* Seen at Lake Titicaca

**Unicolored Blackbird** *Agelasticus cyanopus* Seen in the Beni

**Bolivian Blackbird** *Oreopsar bolivianus* A country endemic. Good views in the Red-fronted Macaw canyon in Perereta

**Greyish Baywing** *Agelaioides badius* Seen in the dry valleys

**Shiny Cowbird** *Molothrus bonariensis* Seen in the Beni

**Giant Cowbird** *Molothrus oryzivorus* Seen in the Beni

### Coerebidae

**Bananaquit** *Coereba flaveola* A few sightings throughout the trip

### Emberizidae

**Rufous-collared Sparrow** *Zonotrichia capensis* Common throughout most of the trip

**Grassland Sparrow** *Ammodramus humeralis* Seen around the Santa Cruz airport

**Saffron-billed Sparrow** *Arremon flavirostris* Nice views of this handsome species around our hotel grounds in Samaipata

**White-browed Brushfinch** *Arremon torquatus* Seen in Siberia

**Bolivian Brushfinch** *Atlapetes rufinucha* Seen in Siberia. A country endemic

**Fulvous-headed Brushfinch** *Atlapetes fulviceps* Just a single observation in Siberia. Found in Bolivia and Argentina

**Common Bush Tanager** *Chlorospingus flavopectus* Quite of few sightings of the distinctive subspecies *fulvigularis*

### Thraupidae

**Red-capped Cardinal** *Paroaria gularis* Seen in the Santa Cruz Botanical Garden

**Black-faced Tanager** *Schistochlamys melanopis* Just a single bird at Chairó

**Magpie Tanager** *Cissopis leverianus* Seen at Chairó

**Rust-and-yellow Tanager** *Thlypopsis ruficeps* Seen in Siberia

**Black-goggled Tanager** *Trichothraupis melanops* Seen at Refugio Los Volcanes

**Silver-beaked Tanager** *Ramphocelus carbo* Several sightings in the lowlands

**Sayaca Tanager** *Thraupis sayaca* Several sightings in the lowlands

**Palm Tanager** *Thraupis palmarum* Seen at Chairó

**Blue-and-yellow Tanager** *Thraupis bonariensis* Quite of few sightings in the dry valleys and other arid habitats

**Blue-capped Tanager** *Thraupis cyanocephala* Seen in Siberia

**Blue-winged Mountain Tanager** *Anisognathus somptuosus* Nice views in Siberia and Chapare

**Hooded Mountain Tanager** *Buthraupis montana* Seen in Chapare

**Scarlet-bellied Mountain Tanager** *Anisognathus igniventris* Seen at the Corani reservoir and the upper parts of the Coroico Road

**Rufous-bellied Mountain Tanager** *Pseudosaltator rufiventris*. Nice views at Cerro Tunari. Classified as Near-threatened

**Grass-green Tanager** *Chlorornis riefferii* Seen in Siberia

**Chestnut-bellied Mountain Tanager** *Delothraupis castaneoventris* Seen on the upper parts of the Coroico Road. Found in Bolivia and Peru

**Saffron-crowned Tanager** *Tangara xanthocephala* Seen at Refugio Los Volcanes

**Blue-necked Tanager** *Tangara cyanicollis* Seen at Chairó

**Beryl-spangled Tanager** *Tangara nigroviridis* Seen at mid-elevation on the Coroico Road

**Blue-and-black Tanager** *Tangara vassorii* Seen in Siberia

**Blue-browed Tanager** *Tangara cyanotis* Seen at Refugio Los Volcanes



**Blue Dacnis** *Dacnis cayana* Seen at Chairo

**Guira Tanager** *Hemithraupis guira* Seen in the Santa Cruz Botanical Garden

**Chestnut-vented Conebill** *Conirostrum speciosum* Seen around Trinidad

**Cinereous Conebill** *Conirostrum cinereum* A couple of sightings only

**White-browed Conebill** *Conirostrum ferrugineiventre* Seen in Siberia. Found in Peru and Bolivia

**Blue-backed Conebill** *Conirostrum sitticolor* Seen at the upper parts of the Coroico Road

**Grey-bellied Flowerpiercer** *Diglossa carbonaria* Nice views in Corani on the way to the Chapare. A country endemic

**Masked Flowerpiercer** *Diglossa cyanea* Seen at Siberia

**Red Pileated Finch** *Coryphospingus cucullatus* A couple of sightings in the dry valleys

**Grey-crested Finch** *Lophospingus griseocristatus* Nice views in the dry valleys. Found in Bolivia and Argentina

**Black-hooded Sierra Finch** *Phrygilus atriceps* Seen at the upper parts of Cerro Tunari

**Peruvian Sierra Finch** *Phrygilus punensis* Seen at Huarina around our Lake Titicaca hotel

**Plumbeous Sierra Finch** *Phrygilus unicolor* Several at the upper parts of Cerro Tunari

**Ash-breasted Sierra Finch** *Phrygilus plebejus* Several at the upper parts of Cerro Tunari

**Mourning Sierra Finch** *Phrygilus fruticeti* Seen on the way to Sorata

**White-winged Diuca Finch** *Diuca speculifera* Seen at the upper parts of Cerro Tunari

**Bolivian Warbling Finch** *Poospiza boliviana* Nice views near Epizana. Found in Bolivia and Argentina

**Rufous-sided Warbling Finch** *Poospiza hypochondria*. A few sightings only. Found in Bolivia and Argentina

**Rusty-browed Warbling Finch** *Poospiza erythrophrys* Seen in Siberia. Found in Bolivia and Argentina

**Black-and-chestnut Warbling Finch** *Poospiza whitii* Seen in the dry valleys. Found in Bolivia and Argentina

**Ringed Warbling Finch** *Poospiza torquata* A few sightings in the dry valleys

**Black-capped Warbling Finch** *Poospiza melanoleuca* Seen in the Samaipata area

**Cochabamba Mountain Finch** *Compsospiza garleppi* Seen at Cerro Tunari. A nice encounter. A country endemic. Classified as Endangered.

**Bright-rumped Yellow Finch** *Sicalis uropigyalis* Seen at the upper parts of Cerro Tunari

**Greenish Yellow Finch** *Sicalis olivascens* Seen at higher elevations

**Saffron Finch** *Sicalis flaveola* Seen in Coroico and along the dry valleys

**Wedge-tailed Grass Finch** *Emberizoides herbicola* Seen in the Viru Viru International Airport grounds

**Pampa Finch** *Embernagra platensis* Seen at Cerro Tunari

**Buff-throated Saltator** *Saltator maximus* Seen at Chairo

**Greyish Saltator** *Saltator coerulescens* Seen in the Beni

**Golden-billed Saltator** *Saltator aurantiostris* Several seen in the dry valleys

**Blue-black Grassquit** *Volatinia jacarina* A few sightings throughout the trip

**Rusty-collared Seedeater** *Sporophila collaris* Seen in the Beni

**Double-collared Seedeater** *Sporophila caerulescens* Seen in the Beni

**White-bellied Seedeater** *Sporophila leucoptera* Seen in the Beni

**Dark-throated Seedeater** *Sporophila ruficollis* Seen in the Beni. Classified as Near-threatened

**Chestnut-bellied Seed Finch** *Oryzoborus angolensis* Seen in the Beni

**Band-tailed Seedeater** *Catamenia analis* Seen in the Altiplano near Lake Titicaca

**Plain-colored Seedeater** *Catamenia inornata* Seen at Cerro Tunari

**Cardinalidae**

**Tooth-billed Tanager** *Piranga lutea* One male was seen at the lower parts of the Cerro Tunari

**Black-backed Grosbeak** *Pheucticus aureoventris* Seen in the dry valleys

**Ultramarine Grosbeak** *Cyanocompsa brissonii* Nice views at the El Fuerte archaeological site

**WILDLIFE**

**Bolivian Squirrel** *Sciurus ignitus* Seen in the grounds of our hotel in Coroico

**Southern Mountain Vizcacha** *Lagidium viscacia* Only one sighting at the upper parts of the Tunari massif

**Capybara** *Hydrochoerus hydrochaeris* A few seen near Trinidad in the Beni

**Andean Fox** *Lycalopex culpaeus* Only one sighting on the way to El Fuerte

**Lesser Grison** *Galictis cuja* An incredible sighting of two individuals of this seldom-seen animal crossing the road in front of us on our way to Samaipata. This was probably the best wildlife sighting of the trip.

**Black-tailed Marmoset** *Mico melanurus* Seen in the Santa Cruz Botanical Garden

**Bolivian Gray Titi** *Callicebus donacophilus* Seen in the Santa Cruz Botanical Garden

**Azara's Night Monkey** *Aotus azarae* A nice surprise at the Coroico hotel at night

**Vicuña** *Vicugna vicugna* Only seen during the Oyuni extension