

Argentina – the Northwest September 2017

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The Vulnerable (IUCN) Rufous-throated Dipper, a localized Argentina/Bolivia endemic



My friend Bill Heck and I liked the idea of heading to Argentina for some birding, so why not? It really was that easy: we booked our flights, and the next thing we were there in Argentina, birding (it's as simple as that). Our schedule did have some constraints, though — we only had about two weeks available, so we chose a manageable part of this large country, the northwest. And we were only able to do this in September due to other commitments later in the year; while this meant missing some of the more widespread migrants (too early), and thus a shorter overall bird list, we nevertheless managed to see the large majority of the "real" targets, i.e. the localized birds tough to find outside of northwest Argentina and southern Bolivia. We started the trip in Tucuman and finished it in San Salvador de Jujuy. We traversed the famous wine-growing region of Argentina, with its amazingly diverse and spectacular scenery. Since we had to fly via Buenos Aires and had a few hours there before and after the main trip, we also saw quite a few of the species common around this huge city of 16 million people (but not occurring in north-west Argentina).

Day 1, 11 September 2017. Arrival in Buenos Aires, flight to Tucuman and an introduction to high altitude birding.

After an overnight flight from Columbus, Ohio (via Houston) we arrived tired but excited in Buenos Aires. We had to drive across the city to the domestic airport, lapping up the interesting sights as well as a large number of birds — Buenos Aires is a "birdy" city, for sure. Many of the species were common Argentinian/South American birds such as Monk Parakeet, Chimango Caracara, Southern Lapwing, Picazuro Pigeon, Guira Cuckoo, White-rumped Swallow, Chalk-browed Mockingbird, Rufous-bellied Thrush, Shiny Cowbird, and of course the all-too-common (but attractive) Rufous-collared Sparrow (which we saw daily, as one does in most birding tours anywhere in South America). On the last day of our trip, when we were back in Buenos Aires, we focused on getting less widespread birds such as two species of swan; more on that later.

We then flew to Tucuman, and on arrival there we immediately started ascending to Tafi del Valle, where we were to spend the night. We saw a **Firewood-gatherer** (of the avian variety) just outside of Tucuman before we got into the Alder Forest/Yungas/Cloud Forest zone. Here stacks of brilliant birds awaited us, including **Torrent Duck** (easy to see in north-western Argentina), the Argentinean endemic **Yellow-striped Brushfinch**, **Rusty-browed Warbling Finch**, **Yellow-billed Teal**, **Dusky-legged Guan**, **Cream-winged Cinclodes**, **Mountain Wren**, **Brown-capped Whitestart**, and many others. The highlight, however, was getting pretty good views of **White-browed Tapaculo** (and getting "pretty good" views of a tapaculo is not always easy)!





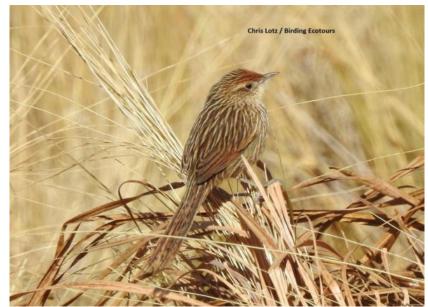
Tapaculos are notoriously skulking, fast-moving, and generally in dark places; I was lucky to get some kind of picture of this White-browed Tapaculo in the low light.

Day 2, 12 Sep. Birding the high altitudes: El Infiernillo, El Mollar, and the Yungas again

What a spectacular day! After breakfast we ascended above the tree line to bird El Infiernillo pass. En route to our first birding stop we found a couple of **Burrowing Owls** sitting atop fence posts, along with a flock of neat-looking **Black Siskins**. When we reached the first stakeout, things only got better. The highlights here were two Argentinean endemics, **Moreno's Ground Dove** (in addition to **Black-winged Ground Dove**) and **Tucuman Mountain Finch.** The supporting cast included several other finches, such as the attractive **Rusty-browed Warbling Finch** and our first **Sierra Finches** (**Plumbeous** and **Ashbreasted**). Other amazing birds also pitched up, one by one. For example, we got fantastic views of a majestic **Cinereous Harrier** quartering low over the high altitude grassland, saw some of our first **Southern Crested Caracaras**, and enjoyed close-up views of **Buff-breasted Earthcreeper**.

We then drove on a little further and hiked up to our **Scribble-tailed Canastero** stakeout. It was hard work getting to the site, but we were richly rewarded with a pair of displaying canasteros. What a bird, and what a great name it has! Interruptions are rarely pleasant, but when a close-flying **Andean Condor** is what interrupts one, it's certainly excusable. Condors proved pretty easy to see throughout our northwestern Argentina route, so in retrospect perhaps we didn't have to allow this first condor to interrupt our canastero viewing.





Scribble-tailed Canastero: we found a pair of them displaying nicely



Andean Condor!

On the hike to the canastero stakeout we also encountered **Cinereous Ground Tyrant** and **White-winged Cinclodes** along with the much more common **Cream-winged Cinclodes** (which put in appearances all over the place throughout our Argentina trip).





Bill and I on the way to the Scribble-tailed Canastero site

We found a good number of birds with "Andean" in their names today, not just the **Andean Condor** but also **Andean Swift**, **Andean Flicker**, and in the afternoon at an artificial lake called El Mollar (Dique La Angostura) also **Andean Goose**, **Andean Gull**, and **Andean Coot**.

The late afternoon was well-spent as we managed to find a pair of **Rufous-throated Dippers** building a nest when we ventured to lower elevations below the tree line again. What a bird! Incidentally, I got some video footage of this species from later in the trip, which is now on the Birding Ecotours YouTube channel. It's well worth a watch, as dippers are always amazing, and one keeps getting flashes of the striking reddish throat in this video.

Day 3, 13 Sep. Tafi del Valle to Cachi, birding the western slope to Amaicha del Valle and the Río Santa Maria

We crossed over the high mountains (El Infiernillo) again. We had to be self-disciplined enough not to stop for birds we had already seen before, as we wanted to get to the dry habitat of the rain shadow on the far side of the pass early enough to bird it during peak time. And our plan worked well, as we found the bulk of our targets without problems. We got great views of Burrowing Parrots, close-up Cliff Flycatcher, and Greyish Baywing (Baywinged Cowbird) as we drove toward our main birding sites. Our list of Canasteros rose to five species (it became to be six by the end of the trip) with the addition of the endemic Steinbach's and several of the more numerous Rusty-vented. Green-barred Woodpecker (which is basically a flicker – the same genus – but more arboreal than most flickers) and Golden-billed Saltator seemed to enjoy sitting atop the giant cardon cacti. We encountered many other very exciting species, including Brown-capped Tit-Spinetail, Tufted Tit-Spinetail, Streak-fronted Thornbird, Yellow-billed Tit-Tyrant, noisy Greater Wagtail-Tyrant, Patagonian Mockingbird, White-fronted Woodpecker, Checkered Woodpecker, Grey-hooded Sierra Finch, a lot of Common Diuca Finches, pretty Rufous-sided and Ringed Warbling Finches, Greenish Yellow Finch, and last but definitely not least the endemic White-throated Cacholote (a really strange bird).





Golden-billed Saltators must have tough feet to sit atop cacti.



The rain shadow western slope is a world away from the green Yungas forest on the other side of the mountains where we birded the day before and found dippers and all.

Day 4, 14 Sep. Cuesta del Obispo (Bishop's Slope) to Salta via Los Cardones National **Park**

We started the day with our first of many Blue-and-yellow Tanagers just as we were about to leave our hotel. We then embarked on an amazing drive. The scenery throughout this tour was as varied as it was spectacular. Today it seemed like the scenery got even better than on previous days, if that is possible. Moreover, the rate at which we were adding new birds was not slowing down in any way – by now it was already evident that habitats (and the resulting suites of bird species) change unusually fast in northwestern Argentina.

We found our first hummingbirds today, the peculiar White-sided Hillstar (which often perches to feed or combines hovering with perching – strange for a hummer) and the truly



spectacular **Red-tailed Comet**, one of the most marvelous-looking hummingbirds I have ever laid eyes on.

Parrots were - as always during this whole trip right until the final day - much in evidence, and we added two new ones to our list today, **Grey-hooded Parakeet** and **Scaly-headed Parrot**.

Northwestern Argentina is a furnariid paradise, and we added more of them today in the form of **Rufous-banded Miner** and **Rock Earthcreeper**. Other good species we saw today included **Tufted Tit-Tyrant**, **Black-billed Shrike-Tyrant**, our first **Mourning Sierra Finch**, and many others.

Probably the highlight of the day, however, was seeing the localized, Near-threatened (IUCN) **Rufous-bellied Mountain Tanager** (previously called Rufous-bellied Saltator and now placed in the genus *Pseudosaltator*).

Zimmer's Tapaculo tantalized us with some very close-singing individuals, but we never did manage to lay eyes on one – this was truly bad luck as this species is known to sometimes co-operate really well.

We spent the night at Hotel Selva Montana in Salta.



Rufous-bellied Mountain Tanager

Day 5, 15 Sep. Salta to Joaquin V. González via Palomitas and Rio Juramento (Chaco-habitat dirt roads we birded)

Hotel Selva Montana proved to be a difficult place to pull away from, especially since its gardens tantalized us with some cloud-forest-type birds which were new for us. So we spent perhaps an hour after breakfast birding the hotel garden and the surrounding affluent suburbs and found brilliant birds, including **Plush-crested Jay**, **Grey-necked Wood Rail**, **White-bellied Hummingbird**, **Rough-legged Tyrannulet** (our list of tyrannulets growing nicely as we'd already seen a few other species before today; please refer to the bird list at the end of this report as not all species are mentioned in the text), **Smoke-colored Pewee**, gorgeous **Cream-backed Woodpecker**, **Golden-winged Cacique**, tame and beautiful **Tropical Parula**, and many others.

We then drove for a while to bird two amazing dirt roads, both of which gave access to the arid Chaco habitat, adding a suite of spectacular birds to our list (which tends to happen when one finds oneself in a new habitat). One of the biggest highlights at our first birding site of the day (Palomitas) was getting multiple views of **Black-legged Seriemas** (which also spent a lot of time calling (or "singing" if non-songbirds/passerines can actually be said to do this) as well as a pair of **Red-legged Seriemas** striding across a patch of grassland within the



Chaco woodland. A White-barred Piculet showed really well at one point. Pretty little Masked Gnatcatchers were everywhere. Stripe-crowned Spinetail and Little Thornbird, Narrow-billed Woodcreeper, Variable Antshrike, Southern Beardless Tyrannulet, many Suiriri Flycatchers, Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant, a great many Black-capped Warbling Finches, etc., were all added to our growing bird list.

Our second birding site for the morning was another dirt road leading to a bridge over the Rio Juramento, and this road was just as productive as Palomitas. Birds were spectacular, and included **Many-colored Chaco Finch** and **Ultramarine Grosbeak**. We were surprised to see an undomesticated-looking **Muscovy Duck** well away from any human habitation, so we assume it was indeed a wild one sitting on the bank of Rio Juramento. We enjoyed seeing some **Chaco Chachalacas** along with some **Buff-necked Ibises**, a **Green Kingfisher**, and several other birds also along the river.

On our way back to the main road after the bridge we managed to locate a close-up **Chaco Puffbird** – this turned a brilliant day into a spectacular day!



Chaco Puffbird

Day 6, 16 Sep. Full day birding quebracho woodlands around Taco Pozo

This was yet another highly, highly productive day in terms of adding new trip birds. We spent the full day in well-developed quebracho woodland, which seemed to have completely different birds compared to the similar, but not quite the same, type of Chaco woodland of the previous day. Just to emphasize how spectacular today was, we'd already thought "what an incredible, amazing day" when the last hour of light led to one of the most memorable events of the whole trip. Just imagine the atmosphere being set by hundreds of prehistoric-looking **Chaco Chachalacas** coming to the road verge in the late afternoon. Then four **Quebracho Crested Tinamous** suddenly appeared in the road ahead of us, followed soon thereafter by a **Black-bodied Woodpecker**! I shouldn't have started with the end of the day, but I do wish to emphasize these birds.

Moving back to the beginning, we added new birds to our list constantly and at quite a rapid pace throughout the day. **Crested Gallito** showed well but did not provide the best photo opportunities.





Crested Gallito

We also started seeing things like Lark-like Brushrunner, Brown Cacholote, Crested Hornero, Red-crested Cardinal, hundreds of Monk Parakeets, Blue-crowned Parakeet, Turquoise-fronted Amazon, a pair of Spot-winged Falconets, Chaco Earthcreeper (which worked us very hard!), and Short-billed Canastero.



Crested Hornero



The amazing Spot-winged Falconet

Woodcreepers abounded, including the insane-looking **Red-billed Scythebill**, humungous **Great Rufous Woodcreeper**, ground-loving, hoopoe-like **Scimitar-billed Woodcreeper**, and dainty **Narrow-billed Woodcreeper**.



Red-billed Scythebill



Our list kept growing. Today we also added Stripe-backed Antbird and two new hummingbirds, Glittering-bellied Emerald and Blue-tufted Starthroat. A large number of other fine species entertained us - Straneck's Tyrannulet, Cinereous Tyrant, Rufous Casiornis, Brown-crested Flycatcher, and White-banded Mockingbird were some of

Mammal-wise, we saw a cavy today.

Day 7, 17 Sep. Drive to the small town of Calilegua near Calilegua National Park

While this was basically a travel day to get to the cloud forests of the amazing Calilegua National Park area (where we were about to spend three nights), we did manage to find a large number of star birds during short stops along the road. Grasslands during the first section of our drive represented a new habitat for us; so, needless to say, there were new species awaiting us here. At one point we encountered a small flock of Greater Rheas. At another stop we got fantastic scope views of a singing Grassland Sparrow and saw Pampa Finches and Grassland Yellow Finches that needed no scope as they were right next to the road. We also saw **Burrowing Owl**. Cattle Tyrant also made an appearance today.

Bridges along the route were very productive and generated species such as **Brazilian Teal**, Bare-faced Ibis, Collared Plover, the North American migrant White-rumped Sandpiper, Amazon Kingfisher, Sooty-fronted Spinetail, Yellow-chinned Spinetail, beautiful Yellowbilled Cardinal, and various other desirable birds.

In wooded habitats en route we saw a new hummer for the trip, Gilded Sapphire, along with Rufous-fronted Thornbird, Olivaceous Woodcreeper, Great Antshrike, Barred Antshrike, Sooty Tyrannulet, Yellow-olive Flatbill, White-browed Blackbird, Crested Oropendola, Chestnut-vented Conebill, Grevish Saltator, and (as always!) a lot of others. One of the highlight birds was, strangely, a very drab-looking species – we waited patiently for it to "sing" and provide close views before we could clinch its ID - Dull-colored Grassquit.

Bill saw a **Giant Wood Rail** along the roadside at one point today.

Last but not least, arriving at the hotel which we would call "home" for the next three nights, we were treated to the Vulnerable (IUCN) Bolivia/northern Argentina endemic Tucuman Amazon, along with equally beautiful Golden-collared Macaws and Toco Toucan. All these species were feeding in stunningly colorful coral trees. Purple-throated Euphonia enjoyed the mistletoe of the same coral trees.

A noteworthy mammal we saw today was crab-eating fox (nice close views).

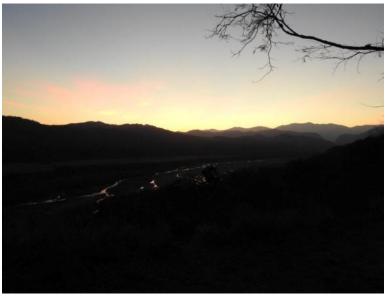


A sweet pair of Golden-collared Macaws in a coral tree



Day 8, 18 Sep. Calilegua National Park

We spent a full day in this wonderful national park looking for cloud forest species. We added a couple of spectacular eagles to our list, Solitary Eagle and a beautiful Black-and-white Hawk-Eagle. Yungas Manakin was one of the really good birds of the day. Blue-crowned Trogon showed well, as did Amazonian Motmot. Smoky-brown Woodpecker and Golden-olive Woodpecker were both new for the trip. Ochre-cheeked Spinetail worked us very hard but eventually rewarded us with super views on and near the ground next to us. We also found Azara's Spinetail, Buff-browed Foliage-gleaner, Black-banded Woodcreeper, Sclater's Tyrannulet, White-throated Tyrannulet, Mottle-cheeked Tyrannulet, Grey Elaenia, Highland Elaenia, Ochre-faced Tody-Flycatcher, Euler's Flycatcher, fabulously beautiful Spotted Nightingale-Thrush, Glossy-black Thrush, Andean Slaty Thrush, Pale-legged Warbler, Two-banded Warbler, Saffron-billed Sparrow, Fulvous-headed Brushfinch, White-browed Brushfinch, and Red Tanager in the park. White-throated Antpitta also worked us hard (like antpittas tend to do), but we were eventually rewarded with excellent views near the end of a very productive day.



After seeing White-throated Antpitta just before sunset, why not enjoy the Calilegua National Park sunset?





Fulvous-headed Brushfinch is common in the cloud forest.

Day 9, 19 Sep. Birding beyond Calilegua National Park all the way to the small town of San Francisco

Today we tried our best to drive all the way through Calilegua National Park without stopping. That's no easy task, of course! Helpful, though, was the fact that we had an extremely full day of birding in the park yesterday. So we were reasonably self-disciplined and arrived at the top of the pass, which is also the exit from the national park, in good time to find our target birds. From here at the top exit gate we gradually descended the far slope, stopping often to look at brilliant species we were searching for. Right at the top of the pass (at the park exit) we enjoyed **Buff-banded Tyrannulet** and **Chilean Elaenia**. We were pleased to see **King Vulture** majestically flying overhead, and **White-tipped Swifts** also winged themselves over us. Bill and I were both scanning the tops of the small trees on the steep slope below us when a **Yungas Pygmy Owl** suddenly appeared in our binocular views, virtually at the same time. What incredible excitement! We scoped a stunningly beautiful **Golden-rumped Euphonia** proudly sitting next to a clump of its beloved mistletoe (euphonias really enjoy eating mistletoe fruit). A pair of **Band-tailed Pigeons** flew low over the road at one point.

After slowly descending we eventually reached the small town of San Francisco and did a very productive birding walk from there. We were delighted to obtain excellent views of a couple of calling (which clinched the ID) **Yungas Doves** (we also saw the more widespread, very similar, **White-tipped Dove** earlier today). And we saw a pair of **Dot-fronted Woodpeckers** rather close up, near the Yungas Doves. We also saw **Smoky-brown Woodpecker** today. Then, as we walked further up the trail, we saw a **Black-backed Grosbeak** very nicely. **Green-cheeked** and **Mitred Parakeets** also put in appearances. Good-looking **Plush-crested Jays** entertained us even when other birding got a little quiet. A lovely **Fawn-breasted Tanager** showed really well.





We spent the later parts of the afternoon birding a trail above the small town of San Francisco, shown in this photo.

Day 10, 20 Sep. Drive to Lozano near Yala

This was the day we managed to get video footage of a family of **Torrent Ducks**, including three Torrent ducklings, and of a **Rufous-throated Dipper!** (These videos appear on the Birding Ecotours YouTube channel.) A couple of **Andean Swallows** were overflying the river. And this was the day in which we watched a male **Lyre-tailed Nightjar** swoop over us a couple of times at dusk, then photographed an extremely tame female **Lyre-tailed Nightjar**.



The female Lyre-tailed Nightjar we saw; the male was seen flying a couple of times, showing off its spectacular tail very well.



A little later we got video footage and photos of a nearby Yungas Screech Owl at the same site as the nightjars. Not just an average day – a cracking day (yet another one)! A few other amazing things happened today as well, including getting really close views of Red-faced Guan! In my excitement about writing about this day, I am jumping ahead, though. We started today's birding at a couple of small lakes, where we added some good species to our list, including Andean Lapwing, White-winged Coot, and Spot-breasted Thornbird. Rufous-capped Antshrike, Chilean Elaenia, Streak-throated Bush Tyrant, and Creamy-bellied Thrush popped out even during the heat of the day hours.

Day 11, 21 Sep. Lozano to La Quiaca on the Bolivian border via Purmamaca, Humahuaca, Abra Pampa, and high altitude puna lakes

We left our hotel in Lozano and headed on an exciting journey, up and up through spectacular scenery, to access Bolivian-type puna on the high plateau. We were, in fact, going to spend the night on the Bolivian border at La Quiaca.



Here at La Quiaca on Bolivia's border we found ourselves as far away (3200 miles) from Argentina's southern-most town (Ushuaia) as we could get without leaving Argentina.





Morning birding was in this colorful landscape.

After leaving Lozano we soon found ourselves in an amazing, colorful landscape adjacent to the touristy town of Humahuaca. Here we found a nice assemblage of spectacular new bird species as well as some old "friends" such as **Cordilleran** and **Rusty-vented Canasteros**. The stars of this morning's show, however, were **White-tipped Plantcutter**, beautiful **Black-hooded Sierra Finch**, **Band-tailed Sierra Finch** (I could also mention the two other sierra finch species we'd previously seen), and **Brown-backed Mockingbird**. There were also a lot of **Blue-and-yellow Tanagers**; although we had seen them several times during the trip before, they are amazingly colorful birds, and it was good to see them in the rich morning light.

After birding this site we climbed up onto the high, windswept puna grasslands, where we focused our birding around three upland lakes: first, Lake Huancar, then (briefly, because we found it dry) Laguna de los Enamorados, and finally the much larger Lake Runtuyoc. Birding rewards around these lakes were amazing. We found the likes of **Puna Ibis**, **Andean Gull**, **Andean Goose**, **Crested Duck**, **Cinnamon Teal**, **Puna Teal**, **Yellow-billed Teal**, **Yellow-billed Pintail**, all three **Flamingo** species (**Chilean**, **Andean**, and **James's**), and the beautiful **Andean Avocet**. Two new coots, **Andean Coot** and **Giant Coot**, were not too difficult to find (imagine seeing a flock of coots running away from the lake over the grassland in the distance, coots so large that we joked they looked like rheas). The North American migrants **Baird's Sandpiper** and **Wilson's Phalarope** were around in large numbers. **Common Miner**, **Puna Miner**, and **Andean Negrito** also favored the lakeshores.

Later today we birded a narrow canyon. Here we enjoyed views of the swift-like **Giant Hummingbird** (sometimes sitting on cacti) along with the species we were actually targeting in this habitat, **D'Orbigny's Chat-Tyrant**, a pair of which showed very well.

We also saw our first **Mountain Parakeets** today, although we waited until the next day to get scope views of a small flock of perched ones. **Yellow-browed Tyrant** was also new for the trip today.



Vicuna was a good mammal we saw today during our initial ascent onto the high puna. But as they are skittish animals we were glad to find one that thought it was a cow the next day – this one was remarkably tame and was following a herd of cattle everywhere.



Warming up the Swarovski scopes at Huancar Lake, where a giant sand dune (popular for sand-boarding) provided a scenic backdrop for the birding. This is where we saw Giant Coots running across the nearby grassland.

Day 12, 22 Sep. Birding the high puna to Jujuy

This was our last full day in northwestern Argentina, and our final night would be spent in the large city of San Salvador de Jujuy. To some extent we used today as a "cleanup day". Citroen-headed Yellow Finch was probably the most prized of all the birds we still "needed", since it worked us so hard, but we were eventually rewarded with excellent views of a small flock. We also managed to find Bright-rumped Yellow Finch, another bird we'd missed the previous day, perhaps because it was so windy. We got close-up views of a lot of good-looking Bare-faced Ground Doves. Plain-mantled Tit-Spinetail was excellent to see. Black-billed Shrike-Tyrant and Cliff Flycatcher, although neither of them new, are both worth mentioning here as they afforded good views. The last new trip bird for the day was Mountain Caracara, which we saw during the drive to Jujuy.

Day 13, 23 Sep. Flight from Jujuy to Buenos Aires birding at Costanera Sur Ecological Reserve in Buenos Aires between flights

We flew from Jujuy to Buenos Aires and immediately went to the Costanera Sur Ecological Reserve for a couple of hours of birding before going to the international Buenos Aires airport for our flight back to Ohio. It's always nice to pad the trip list with a large number of "unexpected" birds — ones that are common in Buenos Aires but absent from (or rare in) northwestern Argentina. We encountered a whole stack of new trip birds with ease, thanks to having a bit of spare time. The two swan species were perhaps the biggest highlights, Coscoroba Swan and Black-necked Swan. Guira Cuckoo and Rufous Hornero were all over the place and amazingly tame. It was entertaining to see pre-historic, "mini-dinosaurs" in the form of Guira Cuckoos picking up scraps around peoples' lunch tables. New birds we added to our trip list, apart from the swans, were a great many Wattled Jacanas, then also



Silver Teal, beautiful Rosy-billed Pochard, Masked Duck, Red-fronted Coot, Limpkin, close-up Nanday (Black-hooded) Parakeet, Southern Yellowthroat, Golden-crowned Warbler, and, last but not least, Black-and-rufous Warbling Finch.

We also heard Giant Wood Rail, Rufous-sided Crake, Plumbeous Rail, Wren-like Rushbird, and Green-winged Saltator here, but we did not have time to work on seeing them.

Mammal-wise, the large number of swimming cavies at Costanera Sur provided loads of good entertainment.

Argentina bird list - the Northwest - includes Jujuy, Salta, Tucumán, Catamarca, I Rioja. IOC June 2017		
Bold = endemic		
I = Introduced. NT = Near-	threatened, V = Vulnerable, E = Enda	ngered
Common Name	Scientific Name	Trip
	RHEIFORMES	
Rheas	Rheidae	
Greater Rhea [NT]	Rhea americana	1
	TINAMIFORMES	
<u>Tinamous</u>	<u>Tinamidae</u>	
Brushland Tinamou	Nothoprocta cinerascens	1
Quebracho Crested Tinamou	Eudromia formosa	1
	ANSERIFORMES	
Ducks, Geese and Swans	<u>Anatidae</u>	
Fulvous Whistling Duck	Dendrocygna bicolor	1
Coscoroba Swan	Coscoroba coscoroba	1
Black-necked Swan	Cygnus melancoryphus	1
Torrent Duck	Merganetta armata	1
Andean Goose	Chloephaga melanoptera	1
Muscovy Duck	Cairina moschata	1
Brazilian Teal	Amazonetta brasiliensis	1
Crested Duck	Lophonetta specularioides	1
Cinnamon Teal	Anas cyanoptera	1
Yellow-billed Teal	Anas flavirostris	1
Yellow-billed Pintail	Anas georgica	1
Silver Teal	Anas versicolor	1
Puna Teal	Anas puna	1
Rosy-billed Pochard	Netta peposaca	1
Masked Duck	Nomonyx dominicus	1
	GALLIFORMES	



Chachalacas, Curassows and Guans	<u>Cracidae</u>	
Chaco Chachalaca	Ortalis canicollis	1
Red-faced Guan	Penelope dabbenei	1
Dusky-legged Guan	Penelope obscura	1
	PODICIPEDIFORMES	
Grebes	<u>Podicipedidae</u>	
Pied-billed Grebe	Podilymbus podiceps	1
	PHOENICOPTERIFORMES	
<u>Flamingos</u>	Phoenicopteridae	
Chilean Flamingo [NT]	Phoenicopterus chilensis	1
Andean Flamingo [V]	Phoenicoparrus andinus	1
James's Flamingo [NT]	Phoenicoparrus jamesi	1
	PELECANIFORMES	
Ibises, Spoonbills	Threskiornithidae	
Buff-necked Ibis	Theristicus caudatus	1
Bare-faced Ibis	Phimosus infuscatus	1
White-faced Ibis	Plegadis chihi	1
Puna Ibis	Plegadis ridgwayi	1
Herons, Bitterns	<u>Ardeidae</u>	
Black-crowned Night Heron	Nycticorax nycticorax	1
Western Cattle Egret	Bubulcus ibis	1
Great Egret	Ardea alba	1
Whistling Heron	Syrigma sibilatrix	1
	SULIFORMES	
Cormorants, Shags	<u>Phalacrocoracidae</u>	
Neotropic Cormorant	Phalacrocorax brasilianus	1
	ACCIPITRIFORMES	
New World Vultures	<u>Cathartidae</u>	
Turkey Vulture	Cathartes aura	1
Black Vulture	Coragyps atratus	1
King Vulture	Sarcoramphus papa	1
Andean Condor [NT]	Vultur gryphus	1
Kites, Hawks and Eagles	<u>Accipitridae</u>	
White-tailed Kite	Elanus leucurus	1
Black-and-white Hawk-Eagle	Spizaetus melanoleucus	1
Bicolored Hawk	Accipiter bicolor	1
Cinereous Harrier	Circus cinereus	1
Savanna Hawk	Buteogallus meridionalis	1
Great Black Hawk	Buteogallus urubitinga	1



Solitary Eagle [NT]	Buteogallus solitarius	1
Roadside Hawk	Rupornis magnirostris	1
Harris's Hawk	Parabuteo unicinctus	1
White-tailed Hawk	Geranoaetus albicaudatus	1
Variable Hawk	Geranoaetus polyosoma	1
Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle	Geranoaetus melanoleucus	1
Short-tailed Hawk	Buteo brachyurus	1
Swainson's Hawk	Buteo swainsoni	
	CARIAMIFORMES	
<u>Seriemas</u>	<u>Cariamidae</u>	
Red-legged Seriema	Cariama cristata	1
Black-legged Seriema	Chunga burmeisteri	1
	GRUIFORMES	
Rails, Crakes and Coots	<u>Rallidae</u>	
Rufous-sided Crake	Laterallus melanophaius	Н
Grey-necked Wood Rail	Aramides cajaneus	1
Giant Wood Rail	Aramides ypecaha	1
Plumbeous Rail	Pardirallus sanguinolentus	Н
Common Gallinule	Gallinula galeata	1
White-winged Coot	Fulica leucoptera	1
Andean Coot	Fulica ardesiaca	1
Red-fronted Coot	Fulica rufifrons	1
Giant Coot	Fulica gigantea	1
<u>Limpkin</u>	<u>Aramidae</u>	
Limpkin	Aramus guarauna	1
	CHARADRIIFORMES	
Stilts, Avocets	<u>Recurvirostridae</u>	
Black-necked Stilt	Himantopus mexicanus	1
Andean Avocet	Recurvirostra andina	1
<u>Plovers</u>	Charadriidae	
Southern Lapwing	Vanellus chilensis	1
Andean Lapwing	Vanellus resplendens	1
Collared Plover	Charadrius collaris	1
<u>Jacanas</u>	<u>Jacanidae</u>	
Wattled Jacana	Jacana jacana	1
Sandpipers, Snipes	Scolopacidae Scolopacidae	
White-rumped Sandpiper	Calidris fuscicollis	1
Baird's Sandpiper	Calidris bairdii	1
Wilson's Phalarope	Phalaropus tricolor	1



Gulls, Terns and Skimmers	<u>Laridae</u>	
Andean Gull	Chroicocephalus serranus	1
Kelp Gull	Larus dominicanus	1
	COLUMBIFORMES	
Pigeons, Doves	<u>Columbidae</u>	
Rock Dove [I]	Columba livia	1
Picazuro Pigeon	Patagioenas picazuro	1
Spot-winged Pigeon	Patagioenas maculosa	1
Band-tailed Pigeon	Patagioenas fasciata	1
Picui Ground Dove	Columbina picui	1
Bare-faced Ground Dove	Metriopelia ceciliae	1
Moreno's Ground Dove	Metriopelia morenoi	1
Black-winged Ground Dove	Metriopelia melanoptera	1
White-tipped Dove	Leptotila verreauxi	1
Yungas Dove	Leptotila megalura	1
Eared Dove	Zenaida auriculata	1
	CUCULIFORMES	
Cuckoos	<u>Cuculidae</u>	
Guira Cuckoo	Guira guira	1
Squirrel Cuckoo	Piaya cayana	1
	STRIGIFORMES	
Owls	<u>Strigidae</u>	
Yungas Screech Owl	Megascops hoyi	1
Yungas Pygmy Owl	Glaucidium bolivianum	1
Burrowing Owl	Athene cunicularia	1
	CAPRIMULGIFORMES	
<u>Nightjars</u>	<u>Caprimulgidae</u>	
Lyre-tailed Nightjar	Uropsalis lyra	1
	APODIFORMES	
Swifts	<u>Apodidae</u>	
Sick's Swift	Chaetura meridionalis	1
White-tipped Swift	Aeronautes montivagus	1
Andean Swift	Aeronautes andecolus	1
<u>Hummingbirds</u>	Trochilidae	
Planalto Hermit	Phaethornis pretrei	Н
Glittering-bellied Emerald	Chlorostilbon lucidus	1
Gilded Sapphire	Hylocharis chrysura	1
White-bellied Hummingbird	Amazilia chionogaster	1
White-sided Hillstar	Oreotrochilus leucopleurus	1



Giant Hummingbird	Patagona gigas	1
Red-tailed Comet	Sappho sparganurus	1
Blue-tufted Starthroat	Heliomaster furcifer	1
	TROGONIFORMES	
Trogons	Trogonidae	
Blue-crowned Trogon	Trogon curucui	1
	CORACIIFORMES	
<u>Kingfishers</u>	<u>Alcedinidae</u>	
Green Kingfisher	Chloroceryle americana	1
Amazon Kingfisher	Chloroceryle amazona	1
Ringed Kingfisher	Megaceryle torquata	1
<u>Motmots</u>	Momotidae	
Amazonian Motmot	Momotus momota	1
	PICIFORMES	
Puffbirds	Bucconidae	
Chaco Puffbird	Nystalus striatipectus	1
Toucans	Ramphastidae	
Toco Toucan	Ramphastos toco	1
Woodpeckers	<u>Picidae</u>	
White-barred Piculet	Picumnus cirratus	1
White-fronted Woodpecker	Melanerpes cactorum	1
Dot-fronted Woodpecker	Veniliornis frontalis	1
Checkered Woodpecker	Veniliornis mixtus	1
Smoky-brown Woodpecker	Leuconotopicus fumigatus	1
Golden-olive Woodpecker	Colaptes rubiginosus	1
Green-barred Woodpecker	Colaptes melanochloros	1
Andean Flicker	Colaptes rupicola	1
Black-bodied Woodpecker [NT]	Dryocopus schulzii	1
Cream-backed Woodpecker	Campephilus leucopogon	1
	FALCONIFORMES	
Caracaras, Falcons	<u>Falconidae</u>	
Mountain Caracara	Phalcoboenus megalopterus	1
Southern Crested Caracara	Caracara plancus	1
Chimango Caracara	Milvago chimango	1
Spot-winged Falconet	Spiziapteryx circumcincta	1
American Kestrel	Falco sparverius	1
Aplomado Falcon	Falco femoralis	1
Peregrine Falcon	Falco peregrinus	1
	PSITTACIFORMES	



African & New World Parrots	<u>Psittacidae</u>	
Grey-hooded Parakeet	Psilopsiagon aymara	1
Mountain Parakeet	Psilopsiagon aurifrons	1
Monk Parakeet	Myiopsitta monachus	1
Scaly-headed Parrot	Pionus maximiliani	1
Tucuman Amazon [V]	Amazona tucumana	1
Turquoise-fronted Amazon	Amazona aestiva	1
Green-cheeked Parakeet	Pyrrhura molinae	1
Burrowing Parrot	Cyanoliseus patagonus	1
Nanday Parakeet	Aratinga nenday	1
Golden-collared Macaw	Primolius auricollis	1
Blue-crowned Parakeet	Thectocercus acuticaudatus	1
Mitred Parakeet	Psittacara mitratus	1
	PASSERIFORMES	
<u>Ovenbirds</u>	<u>Furnariidae</u>	
Common Miner	Geositta cunicularia	1
Puna Miner	Geositta punensis	1
Rufous-banded Miner	Geositta rufipennis	1
Rock Earthcreeper	Ochetorhynchus andaecola	1
Buff-breasted Earthcreeper	Upucerthia validirostris	1
Chaco Earthcreeper	Tarphonomus certhioides	1
Cream-winged Cinclodes	Cinclodes albiventris	1
White-winged Cinclodes	Cinclodes atacamensis	1
Rufous Hornero	Furnarius rufus	1
Crested Hornero	Furnarius cristatus	1
Brown-capped Tit-Spinetail	Leptasthenura fuliginiceps	1
Tufted Tit-Spinetail	Leptasthenura platensis	1
Plain-mantled Tit-Spinetail	Leptasthenura aegithaloides	1
Short-billed Canastero	Asthenes baeri	1
Cordilleran Canastero	Asthenes modesta	1
Rusty-vented Canastero	Asthenes dorbignyi	1
Puna Canastero	Asthenes sclateri	1
Scribble-tailed Canastero	Asthenes maculicauda	1
Steinbach's Canastero	Pseudasthenes steinbachi	1
Ochre-cheeked Spinetail	Synallaxis scutata	1
Sooty-fronted Spinetail	Synallaxis frontalis	1
Azara's Spinetail	Synallaxis azarae	1
Stripe-crowned Spinetail	Cranioleuca pyrrhophia	1
Yellow-chinned Spinetail	Certhiaxis cinnamomeus	1



Rufous-fronted Thornbird	Phacellodomus rufifrons	1
Little Thornbird	Phacellodomus sibilatrix	1
Streak-fronted Thornbird	Phacellodomus striaticeps	1
Spot-breasted Thornbird	Phacellodomus maculipectus	1
Wren-like Rushbird	Phleocryptes melanops	Н
Firewood-gatherer	Anumbius annumbi	1
Lark-like Brushrunner	Coryphistera alaudina	1
Brown Cacholote	Pseudoseisura lophotes	1
White-throated Cacholote	Pseudoseisura gutturalis	1
Buff-browed Foliage-gleaner	Syndactyla rufosuperciliata	1
Olivaceous Woodcreeper	Sittasomus griseicapillus	1
Scimitar-billed Woodcreeper	Drymornis bridgesii	1
Great Rufous Woodcreeper	Xiphocolaptes major	1
Black-banded Woodcreeper	Dendrocolaptes picumnus	1
Narrow-billed Woodcreeper	Lepidocolaptes angustirostris	1
Red-billed Scythebill	Campylorhamphus trochilirostris	1
Antbirds	Thamnophilidae	
Giant Antshrike	Batara cinerea	Н
Great Antshrike	Taraba major	1
Barred Antshrike	Thamnophilus doliatus	1
Variable Antshrike	Thamnophilus caerulescens	1
Rufous-capped Antshrike	Thamnophilus ruficapillus	1
Stripe-backed Antbird	Myrmorchilus strigilatus	1
Antpittas	<u>Grallariidae</u>	
White-throated Antpitta	Grallaria albigula	1
Tapaculos	Rhinocryptidae	
Crested Gallito	Rhinocrypta lanceolata	1
Zimmer's Tapaculo	Scytalopus zimmeri	Н
White-browed Tapaculo	Scytalopus superciliaris	1
Tyrant Flycatchers	Tyrannidae	
Rough-legged Tyrannulet	Phyllomyias burmeisteri	1
Sclater's Tyrannulet	Phyllomyias sclateri	1
Grey Elaenia	Myiopagis caniceps	1
Chilean Elaenia	Elaenia chilensis	1
Highland Elaenia	Elaenia obscura	1
Southern Beardless Tyrannulet	Camptostoma obsoletum	1
Suiriri Flycatcher	Suiriri suiriri	1
White-throated Tyrannulet	Mecocerculus leucophrys	1
Buff-banded Tyrannulet	Mecocerculus hellmayri	1
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Yellow-billed Tit-Tyrant	Anairetes flavirostris	1
Tufted Tit-Tyrant	Anairetes parulus	1
Sooty Tyrannulet	Serpophaga nigricans	1
White-crested Tyrannulet	Serpophaga subcristata	1
Straneck's Tyrannulet	Serpophaga griseicapilla	1
Greater Wagtail-Tyrant	Stigmatura budytoides	1
Mottle-cheeked Tyrannulet	Phylloscartes ventralis	1
Southern Scrub Flycatcher	Sublegatus modestus	1
Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant	Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer	1
Ochre-faced Tody-Flycatcher	Poecilotriccus plumbeiceps	1
Yellow-olive Flatbill	Tolmomyias sulphurescens	1
Cliff Flycatcher	Hirundinea ferruginea	1
Euler's Flycatcher	Lathrotriccus euleri	1
Black Phoebe	Sayornis nigricans	1
Smoke-colored Pewee	Contopus fumigatus	1
Andean Negrito	Lessonia oreas	1
Cinereous Tyrant	Knipolegus striaticeps	1
Yellow-browed Tyrant	Satrapa icterophrys	1
Cinereous Ground Tyrant	Muscisaxicola cinereus	1
Black-billed Shrike-Tyrant	Agriornis montanus	1
Streak-throated Bush Tyrant	Myiotheretes striaticollis	1
D'Orbigny's Chat-Tyrant	Ochthoeca oenanthoides	1
Cattle Tyrant	Machetornis rixosa	1
Great Kiskadee	Pitangus sulphuratus	1
Rufous Casiornis	Casiornis rufus	1
Brown-crested Flycatcher	Myiarchus tyrannulus	1
Cotingas	Cotingidae	
White-tipped Plantcutter	Phytotoma rutila	1
<u>Manakins</u>	<u>Pipridae</u>	
Yungas Manakin	Chiroxiphia boliviana	1
Vireos, Greenlets	Vireonidae	
Rufous-browed Peppershrike	Cyclarhis gujanensis	1
Crows, Jays	<u>Corvidae</u>	
Plush-crested Jay	Cyanocorax chrysops	1
Swallows, Martins	<u>Hirundinidae</u>	
Andean Swallow	Haplochelidon andecola	1
White-rumped Swallow	Tachycineta leucorrhoa	1
Southern Martin	Progne elegans	1
Blue-and-white Swallow	Notiochelidon cyanoleuca	1



Southern Rough-winged Swallow	Stelgidopteryx ruficollis	1
Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	1
American Cliff Swallow	Petrochelidon pyrrhonota	
Wrens	Troglodytidae	
House Wren	Troglodytes aedon	1
Mountain Wren	Troglodytes solstitialis	1
Gnatcatchers	Polioptilidae	
Masked Gnatcatcher	Polioptila dumicola	1
Mockingbirds, Thrashers	Mimidae	
Chalk-browed Mockingbird	Mimus saturninus	1
Patagonian Mockingbird	Mimus patagonicus	1
White-banded Mockingbird	Mimus triurus	1
Brown-backed Mockingbird	Mimus dorsalis	1
Starlings, Rhabdornis	Sturnidae	
Common Starling [I]	Sturnus vulgaris	1
Thrushes	Turdidae	
Spotted Nightingale-Thrush	Catharus dryas	1
Chiguanco Thrush	Turdus chiguanco	1
Glossy-black Thrush	Turdus serranus	1
Andean Slaty Thrush	Turdus nigriceps	1
Rufous-bellied Thrush	Turdus rufiventris	1
Creamy-bellied Thrush	Turdus amaurochalinus	1
<u>Dippers</u>	<u>Cinclidae</u>	
Rufous-throated Dipper	Cinclus schulzii	1
Old World Sparrows, Snowfinches	Passeridae Passeridae	
House Sparrow [I]	Passer domesticus	1
<u>Finches</u>	Fringillidae	
Hooded Siskin	Spinus magellanicus	1
Black Siskin	Spinus atratus	1
Purple-throated Euphonia	Euphonia chlorotica	1
Golden-rumped Euphonia	Euphonia cyanocephala	1
New World Warblers	Parulidae	
Southern Yellowthroat	Geothlypis velata	1
Tropical Parula	Setophaga pitiayumi	1
Pale-legged Warbler	Myiothlypis signata	1
Two-banded Warbler	Myiothlypis bivittata	1
Golden-crowned Warbler	Basileuterus culicivorus	1
Brown-capped Whitestart	Myioborus brunniceps	1
Oropendolas, Orioles and Blackbirds	<u>Icteridae</u>	



White-browed Blackbird	Sturnella superciliaris	1
Crested Oropendola	Psarocolius decumanus	1
Solitary Cacique	Cacicus solitarius	1
Golden-winged Cacique	Cacicus chrysopterus	1
Variable Oriole	Icterus pyrrhopterus	1
Shiny Cowbird	Molothrus bonariensis	1
Greyish Baywing	Agelaioides badius	1
Buntings, New World Sparrows and		
allies	<u>Emberizidae</u>	1
Rufous-collared Sparrow	Zonotrichia capensis	
Grassland Sparrow	Ammodramus humeralis	1
Saffron-billed Sparrow	Arremon flavirostris	1
White-browed Brushfinch	Arremon torquatus	1
Fulvous-headed Brushfinch	Atlapetes fulviceps	1
Yellow-striped Brushfinch	Atlapetes citrinellus	1
Common Bush Tanager	Chlorospingus flavopectus	1
Tanagers and allies	<u>Thraupidae</u>	
Red-crested Cardinal	Paroaria coronata	1
Yellow-billed Cardinal	Paroaria capitata	1
Sayaca Tanager	Thraupis sayaca	1
Blue-and-yellow Tanager	Thraupis bonariensis	1
Rufous-bellied Mountain Tanager [NT]	Pseudosaltator rufiventris	1
Fawn-breasted Tanager	Pipraeidea melanonota	1
Chestnut-vented Conebill	Conirostrum speciosum	1
Red Pileated Finch	Coryphospingus cucullatus	1
Black-hooded Sierra Finch	Phrygilus atriceps	1
Grey-hooded Sierra Finch	Phrygilus gayi	1
Mourning Sierra Finch	Phrygilus fruticeti	1
Plumbeous Sierra Finch	Phrygilus unicolor	1
Ash-breasted Sierra Finch	Phrygilus plebejus	1
Band-tailed Sierra Finch	Phrygilus alaudinus	1
Common Diuca Finch	Diuca diuca	1
Rufous-sided Warbling Finch	Poospiza hypocondria	1
Rusty-browed Warbling Finch	Poospiza erythrophrys	1
Black-and-rufous Warbling Finch	Poospiza nigrorufa	1
Ringed Warbling Finch	Poospiza torquata	1
Black-capped Warbling Finch	Poospiza melanoleuca	1
Tucuman Mountain Finch [E]	Compsospiza baeri	1
Citroen-headed Yellow Finch	Sicalis luteocephala	1
Bright-rumped Yellow Finch	Sicalis uropigyalis	1
Distillamped Tellow Fillell	Siemis in opigymis	



Greenish Yellow Finch	Sicalis olivascens	1
Saffron Finch	Sicalis flaveola	1
Grassland Yellow Finch	Sicalis luteola	1
Pampa Finch	Embernagra platensis	1
Many-colored Chaco Finch	Saltatricula multicolor	1
Green-winged Saltator	Saltator similis	Н
Greyish Saltator	Saltator coerulescens	1
Golden-billed Saltator	Saltator aurantiirostris	1
Band-tailed Seedeater	Catamenia analis	1
Plain-colored Seedeater	Catamenia inornata	1
Dull-colored Grassquit	Tiaris obscurus	1
Cardinals, Grosbeaks and allies	<u>Cardinalidae</u>	
Red Tanager	Piranga flava	1
Black-backed Grosbeak	Pheucticus aureoventris	1
Ultramarine Grosbeak	Cyanocompsa brissonii	1
TOTAL		303

