



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 as 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.

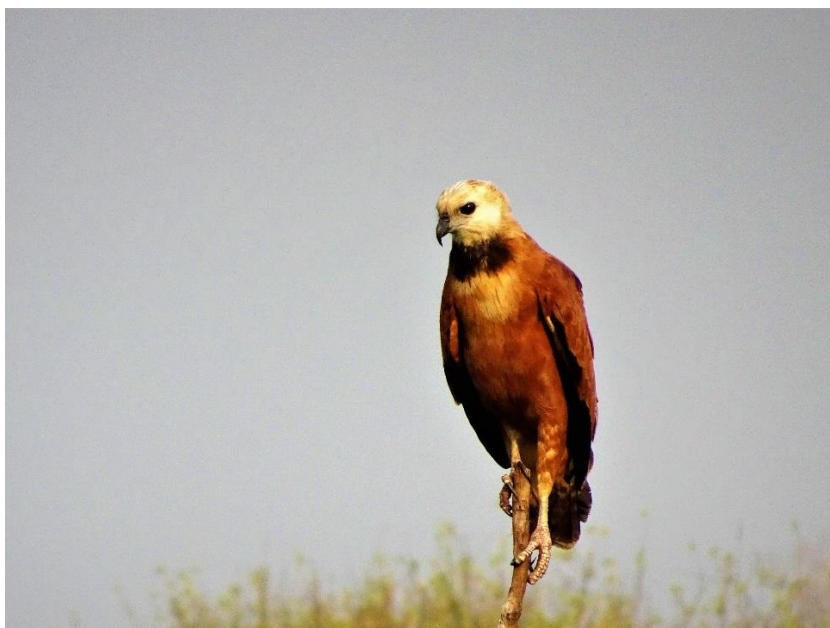
We arrived in town, and after dropping our luggage in the hotel we went to check some gallery forest habitat near the town, where we found **Plain Softtail**, **Velvet-fronted Grackle**, **Sulphur-bellied Tyrant Manakin**, **Undulated Tinamou**, and **Grey-crested Cachalote**. Then we went back to town 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 the lodge is quite 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 is 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 retreated 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 rewarded 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 obligatory 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 extend the midday birding the way we would have liked to do it. Therefore we decided to move on toward Cochabamba, where we arrived in the afternoon.

The next day was completely dedicated to exploring 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 species 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**.

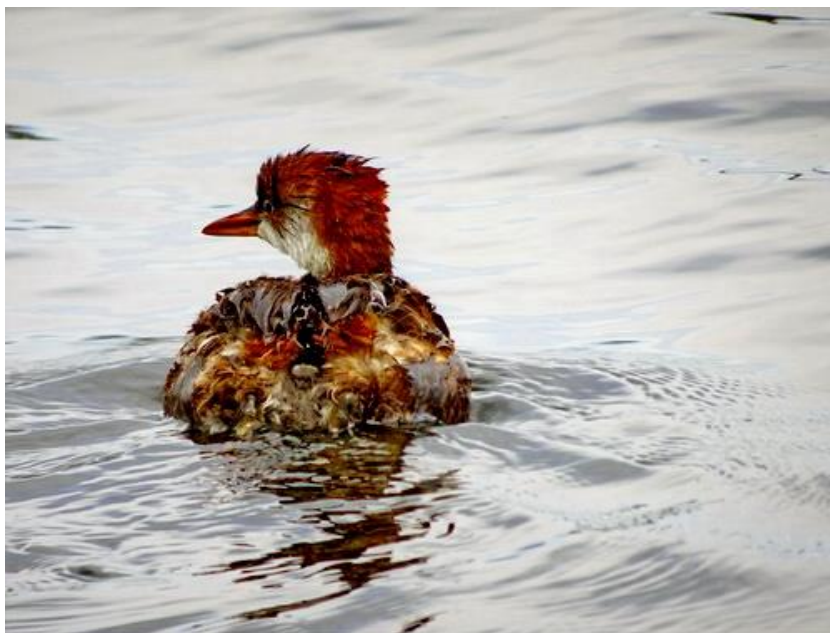
Once in the Chapare we heard a **White-throated Quail-Dove** but could not get views of it. The activity was rather quiet and slow, with not many new species except **Blue-winged**, **Hooded**, and **Scarlet-bellied Mountain Tanagers** and **Golden-headed Quetzal**. A **Yungas Pygmy Owl** was heard distantly but did not come 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 we made 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 and 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 drove 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 a 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 included the 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 two 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**.



Oyuni 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 *Phoenicopterus 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 the 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

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 elevations

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 *Hydropsalis 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 Chairo track below Coroico

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

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

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

Fork-tailed Woodnymph *Thalurania furcata* Seen along the Chairo 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 the 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 *Aglaiocercus 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 rubricollis* 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 luchsii* 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 it 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 in 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 Antwren *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 the 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 Chairo. Found in Bolivia and Peru

Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant *Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer* Good views at Chairo on the lower Coroico Road

Ochre-faced Tody-Flycatcher *Poecilatriccus 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 *Poecilatriccus latirostris* Seen in the Beni

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

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

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

Cinnamon Flycatcher *Pyrrhomyias 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 Chairo

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

Variiegated 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 the 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 Chairo

Vireonidae

Rufous-browed Peppershrike *Cyclarhis gujanensis* Seen at Chairo

Red-eyed Vireo *Vireo olivaceus* Seen at Chairo

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 the 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 seen 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 Donacobious *Donacobius atricapilla* Seen in the Beni

Troglodytidae

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

Moustached Wren *Pheugopedius genibarbis* Seen at Chairo

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

Poliptilidae

Masked Gnatcatcher *Poliptila dumicola* Seen in the dry valleys

Mimidae

Chalk-browed Mockingbird *Mimus saturninus* Seen in the 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 Chairo

Unicolored Thrush *Turdus haplochrous* We had 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 Chairo

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 pitiayumi* Seen at Chairo

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 Chairo.

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

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

Spectacled Whitestart *Myioborus melanocephalus* Seen at Siberia

Slate-throated Whitestart *Myioborus miniatus* Seen at Chairo

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

Icteridae

White-browed Blackbird *Sturnella superciliaris* 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

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

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

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

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

Unicolored Blackbird *Agelasticus cyanopus* See 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 a 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 a 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 seen at the upper parts of Cerro Tunari
- Ash-breasted Sierra Finch** *Phrygilus plebejus* Several seen at the upper parts of Cerro Tunari
- Mourning Sierra Finch** *Phrygilus fruticeti* Seen on the way to Sorata
- White-winged Diuca Finch** *Diuca specularis* 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 whittii* 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 aurantirostris* 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