

# Eastern Bolivia

28th September - 25th October 2003

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## ITINERARY

This tour of Bolivia was originally intended to visit the principal regions of interest in the country from the eastern lowlands to the high Andes; the Llanos de Moxos, the dry valleys of Central Bolivia, the yungas Cloud Forests of Cochabamba and La Paz and the high altiplano.

However, the tour was cut short in this endeavour by severe political unrest in Cochabamba and La Paz. We were forced to cut out the high Andean component of the tour at Comarpa and rearrange our remaining time to visit Noel Kempff National Park. As such the tour then effectively covered much of the eastern lowlands and the dry valleys.

### 28th September

All the group arrived at Santa Cruz and met up from their various hotels and flights at the airport on time. We spent time from dawn until 10am birding the airport savannas. We then transferred to El Trompillo airport for our flight to Trinidad through a tremendous thunderstorm. Night spent in Trinidad.

### 29th September.

We drove to the ranch birding the scrubby cerrado, palm savannas and marshes on the way. The marshes were comprised of areas drier short grass, taller grass and scrub, tall 'horsetail' beds and open water with emergent water hyacinth. The day was hot and dry. Night spent at the San Miguel ranch.

### 30th September and 1st October.

We spent dawn and dusk birding the palm dominated forest islands in the open savanna and swamps looking for the critically endangered Blue-throated Macaw. Otherwise we explored gallery woodlands and taller forest along the highway looking for birds and mammals. The days were hot with thunderstorms building in the late afternoon. Nights spent at the San Miguel ranch.

### 2nd October.

Drove Trinidad birding along the road for our afternoon flight to Santa Cruz. We again returned to Santa Cruz in a huge thunderstorm, heralding the approach of the wet season. Night in Los Tajibos Hotel in Santa Cruz.

### 3rd, 4th and 5th October.

Drove to the Los Volcanes Refugio on the edge of the Amboro National Park; a spectacular location surrounded by huge red sandstone cliffs and semi-humid upper tropical forests. On the way we stopped in the lower canyon to do some birding. We spent our time exploring the forested trails around the lodge. Most of the time it was hot and dry with only one afternoon of rain. Nights in Los Volcanes.

6th October

After the early morning birding at Los Volcanes we met up with our driver and able 'assistant' and headed for Valle Grande. We devoted time to the dry deciduous woodlands and canyons along the route into the dry intermontane valleys arriving late afternoon in Valle Grande. The day was hot and dry. News that civil unrest in La Paz was spreading came through. Night in Valle Grande.

7th and 8th October.

Driving from town we headed for Loma Large on the Masicuri road. On both days we spent dawn in the podocarpus forests and then retraced our steps throughout the day to give time to the remnant cloud forest scrub and dry deciduous woodlands in the valleys below. It was hot and cloudless with a strong wind picking up in the afternoon. Civil unrest spread to Cochabamba and becoming a much more serious problem. Nights in Valle Grande.

9th October.

Starting in the desert at dawn surrounded by columnar cacti we began our spectacular journey to Comarapa. The latter part of the morning was spent on a well wooded ridge before we headed to the Tunal road for lunch. The day was hot and dry with light cloud building in the late afternoon. Night in Comarapa.

10th, 11th and 12th October.

We spent our time in the fertile valley bottoms and the desertic scrub. Exploring canyons, dry deciduous woodlands and the humid cloud forests of Siberia we were able to visit a wide range of habitats. Our principal focus was the Red-fronted Macaws; another endangered Macaw endemic to Bolivia. Civil unrest now erupting into full blown disorder with all major roads blocked outside Santa Cruz. Nights in Comarapa.

At this point it was decided not to proceed to Cochabamba and the group agreed to change the itinerary, opting for a safer alternative. The Andes were essentially out of bounds to us with none of the main roads being open and the disorder made our journey not only impossible but also very dangerous.

13th October.

Instead of driving to Cochabamba we returned to Santa Cruz and rearranged our itinerary planning to visit Parque Nacional Noel Kempff on the Brazilian border. Quite by coincidence a large contingent of US military arrived at the hotel claiming their presence had nothing to do with the 'developing situation'. Naturally we believed them. Night in the Los Tajibos Hotel in Santa Cruz.

14th, 15th, 16th and 17th October.

Taking a flight out of Santa Cruz we headed for the Los Fierros camp in the Noel Kempff National Park. Well out of harm's way we divided our early morning and afternoons between the savanna and rainforest trails. The days were hot and humid with little rain. Nights in the Los Fierros camp.

18th, 19th, 20th and 21st October.

Continuing our trip we flew to the rather better appointed and run Flor d'Oro lodge in the northern section of the park. In this area we had access to the riverine forests up river from the lodge, open savannas around the lodge and two areas of gallery forest along the main river. One day we took a boat and managed to reach the Lago Caiman camp but owing to the water levels did not really reach any forest until it was too late in the day. It was incredibly hot and humid here with rain falling on one day. Nights at the Flor d'Oro lodge

22nd, 23rd, 24th October

After a good return flight to Santa Cruz we headed north to Buena Vista for our last few days at the

pleasant if Bohemian Flor y Fauna lodge. At this small private reserve we spent time in semi-humid lowlands rainforests and open swampy habitats at the nearby Curuichi reserve. The days were hot and humid with some rain one afternoon. Nights at the Flor y Fauna hotel.

25th October.

After birding around the lodge we drove to Viru Viru airport in Santa Cruz for our flight home.

## HIGHLIGHTS

On arrival we spent a few hours birding the airport grasslands. Red-winged Tinamous were common and quite approachable. We located the family group of reater Rheas now numbering 13 together with a pair of Red-legged Seriemas. Also present were at least 6 Upland Sandpipers which were feeding on a closely cut area.

In Beni our first birding was along the Loma Suarez road. Although a busy and dusty road the area provides an excellent introduction to the birds of the lowlands. Plain Softtail and Cinereous-breasted Spinetail are quite common. Along with these species we also found Fawn-breasted Wren, Matto Grosso Antbird, White-wedged Piculet, Grey-crested (Rufous) Cachalote, Narrow-billed Woodcreeper and so on. The greatest surprise of the afternoon and worthy of publication were three 'Rufous-crowned' Greenlets, this species being found in eastern Brasil but recorded, interestingly enough, from Beni. This may indeed prove to be a separate species.

Along the road to Estancia San Miguel we found up to 15 Greater Rhea in the drier areas of Cerrado scrub. The vast areas of marshes and 'horsetail' swamp supported big numbers of Ibises, Herons, Jabiru and wildfowl while Long-winged Harriers drifted over. Commonly seen perched up on the horsetails were singing Scarlet-headed Blackbirds while roadside ditches had large flocks of Unicoloured Blackbirds and White-browed Blackbirds. However, it was in search of the Blue-throated Macaw that we were in Beni. The area was very good for parrots and we saw Peach-fronted, White-eyed and Yellow-chevroned Parakeets in big numbers. Likewise there were good numbers of Blue-fronted and Yellow-crowned Amazons as well as Blue and Yellow Macaws. We found a pair of Blue-throated Macaws roosting with several pairs of Blue and Yellow Macaws and a pair of Red and Green Macaws in a small palm island surrounded by open swamplands. They were rather unsettled but we did get a good look at them. One afternoon we visited a strip of gallery forest alongside an old ox-bow lake and found a singing Pheasant Cuckoo. Of greater significance were several pairs of Amazonian Inezia or Tyrannulet. These birds were in tall guadua bamboo clumps in regenerating forest edge areas. this record also extends the known range of this species far to the west of where it was to occur. Night birding only produced Spot-tailed Nightjar and Great-horned Owl.



Spot-tailed Nightjar

The best surprise was finding an adult Jaguarundi hunting along the road edge. We were able to watch this beautiful animal for about twenty minutes and this must surely count as one of the highlights of the tour.



Los Volcanes

Moving on from the lowlands we headed for the foothills at Los Volcanes on the edge of Amoro National Park. This stunning location provided a complete contrast from the dry, dusty lowlands of Beni. Of note were several Andean Condors and up to 6 King Vultures that wheeled around the towering sandstone cliffs above the lodge. In the rather dry foothill forests we found Slaty Gnateater and Grey-throated Leaf-tossers fairly easily together with Black-streaked Puffbird. Although proving more difficult we tracked down a single Bolivian Recurvebill which was seen well by most of the group. Night birding here proved very rewarding with stunning views of both Band-bellied Owl and Rufescent Screech-Owl. Around the clearing we had good views of Rufous Nightjars but only managed to hear Ocellated Poorwill.

On the way to our next stop we worked our way slowly back to the road finding a small group of Military Macaws and several Short-tailed Antthrushes. Nearer to Samaipata we eventually found a male Giant Antshrike in a small gully. Nearby in a small mixed flock we also located a single Buff-browed Foliage-Gleaner which is certainly an unusual species to find in dry deciduous woodland. In some taller trees a smart male Cream-backed Woodpecker was found picking away.

While based in Valle Grande we explored the fragmented podocarpus forests along the Masicuri road. Alder Amazon was easily found and eventually great views were had by all. On the second day some of the group saw an Oncilla, a beautiful small cat found widely across South America but rarely seen. At this site Buff-banded Tyrannulet was the commonest tyrannid with many sightings of Andean Tyrant, Blue-winged Mountain-Tanager and Stripe-headed Brush-Finch. In the drier areas we saw many condors, which were certainly a common feature of this trip.



Golden-billed Saltator

Leaving Valle Grande early we had breakfast in the desert surrounded by singing Bolivian Earthcreepers, White-tipped Plantcutters and White-fronted Woodpeckers. We then moved to a ridge nearby to explore some tall dry deciduous woodlands. Dusky-legged Guan was common. We located a superb female Cream-backed Woodpecker and watched her for some time. Several pairs of Spot-backed Puffbirds then began singing while we watched Stripe-crowned Spinetails, Brown-capped Whitestarts and many other species. In a narrow canyon nearer to Comarapa we stopped to watch 15 Condors wheeling over the road. Later on in the day we descended the Tunal road to find a pair of Slaty Eleanias recently returned to their breeding grounds - a species rather uncommon in Bolivia.



Red-fronted Macaw site near Saipina

Comarapa was our base for exploring the dry valleys and the cool cloud forests above at Siberia. Red-fronted Macaw was the target which proved less predictable than it might have been. The birds at a breeding site all departed the canyon very early and only some of the group saw the birds. At Saipina the vast majority of the birds arrived to feed at dawn and so we had to find them feeding in the nearby fields. We tracked down quite a number and got fantastic views of this superb endemic. In the end we probably saw about 90 birds.



Red-fronted Macaws

On our return to Comarapa we again stopped to watch a dozen or so Condors together with King Vultures wheeling over the road. Climbing up to Siberia we picked up Spot-breasted Thornbird, Rufous-browed, Bolivian and Rufous-sided Warbling-Finches. At Siberia we found Light-crowned Spinetail, Rufous-faced Antpitta, Pearled Treerunner and the localised berjorani race of Black-

throated Thistletail. Our visit to the temperate cloud forests at Siberia was to be the highest altitude we reached as the following day we returned to Santa Cruz to escape the civil unrest that was erupting in Cochabamba and La Paz.

The following day we returned to Santa Cruz to arrange our trip to Noel Kempff; the readily accepted alternative to staying in Comarapa or Santa Cruz.

Our flight to the Los Fierros camp in Noel Kempff took about 1.5 hours and we arrived late morning in time for a good lunch. We discovered that it had been hot and dry for months and there was little or no evidence of breeding taking place as a result. Around the clearing the hybrid Piping-Guans were in good numbers. We did see one or two birds with fully blue throats. Razor-billed Curassow was fairly common and a group of about 7 were seen near the camp. Night birding produced a superb Barn Owl at the camp and good numbers of Spot-tailed, Little and Scissor-tailed Nightjars. On one evening a dazzled female Scissor-tailed Nightjar was caught.



Pied Puffbird

In the forest interior a troop of Silvery Marmosets came and examined us closely. Fiery-capped and Snow-capped Manakin were quite common and with patience we managed to obtain superb views of these delightful creatures. On the other hand the rather common Sneathley's Tody-Tyrant proved more difficult to see well. On the savanna we found several Collared Crescentchest and a small group of White-rumped Tanagers. On one morning we went to the Los Espanoles road and found several large troops of Black Spider Monkeys. In one of the many mixed flocks we encountered here we found three Tooth-billed Wrens. Along the track to the savanna we spent time familiarising ourselves with both Buff-cheeked and Grey-chested Greenlets and trying to see Ringed Woodpecker well. Nearer to the camp we located a pair of Pied Puffbirds nesting in a termitaria, several Cinnamon-throated Hermits and a singing male Rose-breasted Chat with all obtaining excellent views. South of Los Fierros we saw an Ocelot one afternoon and small herd of Collared Peccary.

After our all too short stay at Los Fierros, a superb location, the group split up with one group heading off to Flor d'Oro and the remainder either going back to the US or heading back to Los Volcanes for a few days. As Flor d'Oro is about 1.5 hours by light aircraft we arrived late morning again. On a brief reconnaissance of nearby trails I found a 'Rufous-vented' Ground-Cuckoo of the

form *squamiger*. This form may well be split as 'Scaled' Ground-Cuckoo. This is effectively a new record for Bolivia as the *Neomorphus* species recorded by Ted Parker in Noel Kempff was not identified. Around the clearing we were treated to great views of the rare and local Black and Tawny Seedeater along with Dark-throated and Tawny-bellied Seedeaters. Our stay at Flor d'Oro was really aided by numerous river trips. We saw all five species of Kingfisher, Amazonian Umbrellabird, Long-billed Woodcreeper, Cinnamon Attila and good numbers of various heron species and Muscovy Ducks. On one very memorable evening we were escorted by several groups of Pink River Dolphins. As the lakes were 'black' water we were able to get good views of these beautiful animals.



Rusty-backed Antwren

Returning to Santa Cruz we headed north to Buena Vista for a short stay at Flor y Fauna. Night birding produced a troop of Night Monkeys and a superb Striped Owl. Around the clearing we found a Tataupa Tinamou and beautiful Grey-headed Kite. At the nearby Curuichi reserve we eventually found a female 'Black-billed' Seed-finch. Otherwise the site is reasonably good for marshland birds and a tremendous roost of Chestnut-fronted Macaws. During our stay there was an impressive near continual migratory movement of Tyrannids from Euler's Flycatcher to Streaked Flycatcher and Eastern Kingbird. Our last evening of the tour was spent watching this roost together with Southern Screamer, Limpkin, Rufescent Tiger-Herons, Purple Gallinules and good numbers of Seedeaters and Flycatchers.

## SYSTEMATIC LISTS

### BIRDS

#### TINAMOUS

Grey Tinamou (*Tinamus tao*). A couple seen at Los Volcanes, where also heard commonly. One seen at Los Fierros.

Great Tinamou (*Tinamus major*). Heard at Los Fierros.

Cinereous Tinamou (*Crypturellus cinereus*). Heard at Los Fierros.

Little Tinamou (*Crypturellus soui*). Commonly heard at Los Fierros, Flor d'Oro and at Buena Vista.

Brown Tinamou (*Crypturellus obsoletus*). A couple seen at Los Volcanes. Several heard at Loma Larga and at Siberia.

Undulated Tinamou (*Crypturellus undulatus*). Commonly heard at Noel Kempff sites  
Black-capped Tinamou (*Crypturellus atricapillus*) . Heard on a few occasions at Buena Vista.  
Small-billed Tinamou (*Crypturellus parvirostris*). Commonly heard throughout lowlands.  
Tataupa Tinamou (*Crypturellus tataupa*) Heard at many sites with one being seen feeding on the approach road at Buena Vista and another at Samaipata.  
Brazilian Tinamou (*Crypturellus strigulosus*). The long querulous song was commonly heard at Los Fierros.  
Red-winged Tinamou (*Rhynchotus rufescens*). Commonly heard at all drier savanna sites.  
Huayco Tinamou (*Rhynchotus huayco*). Several heard at Siberia.  
Andean Tinamou (*Nothoprocta pentlandii*). Two seen and a number heard at Loma Larga.  
Darwin's Nothura (*Nothura darwini*). A single bird seen above Siberia forest near Torrecillas.

#### RHEAS.

Greater Rhea (*Rhea americana*) A group of 13 seen at Santa Cruz airport and up to 9 seen along the road to Estancia San Miguel in Beni.

#### GREBES.

Least Grebe (*Tachypaptus dominicus*) 3 seen at Santa Cruz airport. 45 seen on a stock pond near Saipina.

#### CORMORANTS

Neotropical Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax brasiliensis*) Small numbers throughout.

#### DARTERS

Anhinga (*Anhinga anhinga*) A few seen in Beni and at Flor d'Oro.

#### SCREAMERS

Southern Screamer (*Chauna torquata*). Common in swamplands at Beni sites. Several seen along Rio Itenex at Flor d'Oro and one at Curuichi.

#### DUCKS AND GEESE.

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck (*Dendrocygna autumnalis*). Fairly common in Beni.

White-faced Whistling-Duck (*dendrocygna viduata*) Fairly common in Beni.

Orinoco Goose (*Neochen jubata*) 25 seen near Estancia San Miguel.

Muscovy Duck (*Cairina moschata*) Fairly common along Rio Itenex.

Comb Duck (*Sarkidiornis melanotus*) A pair near Saipina.

Brazilian duck (*Amazonetta brasiliensis*) A few Estancia San Miguel.

Speckled Teal (*Anas flavirostris*) A pair at Siberia.

#### HERONS

Whistling Heron (*Syrigma sibilatrix*). Fairly common in Beni. several near Buena Vista.

Snowy Egret (*Egretta thula*) Common throughout.

Capped Heron (*Ptilerodius pileatus*) A couple in Beni. Fairly common at Flor d'Oro.

Cocoi Heron (*Ardea cocoi*) Common in Beni and at Noel Kempff.

Great Egret (*Casmerodius alba*) Small numbers throughout.

Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*) Common throughout.

Striated Heron (*Butorides striatus*) A few in Beni. Fairly common at Flor d'Oro.

Black-crowned Night-Heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*) A few in Beni.

Boat-billed Heron (*Cochlearius cochlearius*) A single at Flor d'Oro along the Rio Itenex.

Rufescent Tiger-Heron (*Tigrisoma lineatum*) Fairly common in Beni and a few seen at Flor d'Oro.

## IBISES

Bare-faced Ibis (*Phimosus infuscatus*). Small groups in Beni.

Plumbeous Ibis (*Theristicus caerulescens*). Fairly common in Beni where several pairs nesting.

Buff-necked Ibis (*Theristicus caudatus*). Small numbers in Beni. Several pairs heard in dry valleys near Valle Grande.

Green Ibis (*Mesembrinibis cayennensis*). Small numbers in Beni and at Flor d'Oro.

Roseate Spoonbill (*Ajaia ajaia*). Fairly common in Beni and a few seen at Flor d'Oro.

## STORKS

Wood Stork (*Mycteria americana*) Fairly common in Beni and at Flor d'Oro.

Maguari Stork (*Ciconia maguari*) Up to 25 seen in Beni.

Jabiru (*Jabiru mycteria*) A total of 85 seen in Beni.

## OSPREY

Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*) A couple seen in Beni on an ox-bow near Estancia San Miguel.

## HAWKS AND EAGLES

Grey-headed Kite (*Leptodon cayannensis*) A single bird at Buena Vista.

Hook-billed Kite (*Chondrohierax uncinatus*) A small flock of migrating birds at Buena Vista

Swallow-tailed Kite (*Elanoides forficatus*) Small numbers seen throughout.

White-tailed Kite (*Elanus leucurus*) A single bird at Samaipata

Snail Kite (*Rostrahmus socialbilis*) Fairly Common in Beni and at Flor d'Oro.

Double-toothed Kite (*Harpagus bidentatus*) A single bird at Los Volcanes.

Plumbeous Kite (*Ictinia plumbea*) Fairly common throughout.

Black-collared Hawk (*Busarellus nigricollis*) Small numbers in Beni.

Long-winged Harrier (*Circus buffoni*) Several stunning males seen in Beni. A single black phase bird observed at Estancia San Miguel.

Tiny Hawk (*Accipiter superciliosus*) A single bird seen near Estancia San Miguel.

Crane Hawk (*Geranospiza caerulscens*) A single bird seen at Los Fierros.

Slate-coloured Hawk (*Leucopternis schistacea*) A single bird seen at Flor d'Oro

Great Black Hawk (*Buteogallus urubitinga*) A few in Beni and at Flor d'Oro.

Savanna Hawk (*Buteogallus meridionalis*) Fairly common in Beni.

Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle (*Geranoaetus melanoleucus*) A few at Los Volcanes.

Roadside Hawk (*Buteo magnirostris*) Common throughout.

Short-tailed Hawk (*Buteo brachyurus*) A single black phase bird seen near Samaipata.

Swainson's Hawk (*Buteo swainsoni*) A single bird in Beni.

White-tailed Hawk (*Buteo albicaudatus*) A few on the savanna at Los Fierros.

Variable Hawk (*Buteo polyosoma*) A few around Comarapa,

Black Hawk-Eagle (*Spizaetus tyrannus*) A single bird calling at Buena Vista.

## FALCONS

Black Caracara (*Daptrius ater*) A few at sites in Noel Kempff.

Mountain Caracara (*Phalcoboenus megalopterus*) A single bird at Siberia.

Crested Caracara (*Caracara plancus*) Recorded at most sites in the lowlands and in the dry valles.

Yellow-headed Caracara (*Milvago chimachima*) Recorded at lowland sites. Common in Beni.

Red-throated Caracara (*Daptrius americanus*) Several family groups in Noel Kempff.

Laughing Falcon (*Herpetotheres cachinans*) Recorded most days in Beni and at Noel Kempff.

Barred Forest-Falcon (*Micrastur ruficollis*) Commonly heard. A couple seen at Los Volcanes.

'Cryptic' Forest-Falcon (*Micrastur mintonii*) This species was heard at Los Fierros but only once.

American Kestrel (*Falco sparverius*) A few seen throughout.

Aplomado Falcon (*Falco femoralis*) A pair seen on the savanna at Los Fierros.

Bat Falcon (*Falco rufigularis*) Small numbers seen in Beni and Noel Kempff.

## AMERICAN VULTURES

Black Vulture (*Coragyps atratus*) Common.

Turkey Vulture (*Cathartes aurea*) Common.

Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture (*Cathartes burrovianus*). Small numbers in Beni and at Noel Kempff.

Greater Yellow-headed Vulture (*Cathartes melambrotus*) A few seen at Los Fierros.

Andean Condor (*Vultur gryphus*). Good numbers recorded throughout the dry valleys. 3 most days at Los Volcanes, often with following species. A few at Loma Larga. A group of at least 18 near Comarapa. Small numbers along the Tunal road. Another group of maybe 16 together with a pair of King Vultures near Saipina. A total of about 50 birds were seen in the course of 10 days.

King Vulture (*Sarcorhamphus papa*). Up to 8 at Los Volcanes. A pair at Saipina with Andean Condors.

## GUANS AND CURRASSOWS.

Chaco Chachalaca (*Ortalis canicollis*) A pair seen in Beni and several others heard.

Speckled Chachalaca (*Ortalis guttata*) Common.

Andean Guan (*Penelope montagnii*) Several pairs at Los Volcanes

Spix's Guan (*Penelope jacuacu*) Several pairs at Los Fierros and a single sighting of a pair at Buena Vista.

Dusky-legged Guan (*Penelope obscura*) Remarkably common in dry deciduous woodlands along the road to Valle Grande. Up to thirty seen one morning alone.

Blue-throated Piping-Guan (*Pipile cumanensis*) Only a single bird with a purely blue throat noted at Los Fierros, at which site there were 20-30 birds with red and blue throat wattles. Given that generally there are only red-throated birds at Flor d'Oro the hybrid zone is clearly very narrow.

Red-throated Piping-guan (*Pipile cufubi*) All birds at Flor d'Oro were red throated birds.

Razor-billed Currassow (*Mitu tuberosa*) Fairly common at both Los Fierros and Flor d'Oro.

## QUAILS.

Rufous-breasted Wood-quail (*Odontophorus speciosus*). Heard at Los Volcanes. A group of three seen at Buena Vista.

Marbled Wood-quail (*Odontophorus gujanensis*). Heard at Los Fierros

## RAILS

Rufous-sided Crake (*Laterallus melanophaius*) Several seen in Beni. commonly heard elsewhere.

Grey-necked Wood-Rail (*Aramides cajanea*) Common.

Ash-throated Crake (*Porzana albicollis*). Heard at many sites in Beni and on the savanna at Flor d'Oro.

Plumbeous Rail (*Pardirallus sanguinolenta*) One seen near Saipina

Purple Gallinule (*Porphyrio martinicus*) Several seen at Curuichi marsh near Buena Vista.

Common Gallinule (*Gallinula chloropus*) Common in Beni and up to 20 seen near Saipina.

## SUNGREBE

Sungrebe (*Heliornis fulica*). Several seen along the Rio Itenex at Flor d'Oro. One caught in spotlight at night and approached very closely

## SUNBITTERN

Sunbittern (*Eurypyga helias*). A couple seen and several heard at both Los Fierros and Flor d'Oro in Noel Kempff.

## LIMPKIN

Limpkin (*Aramus guarauna*) Common throughout Beni and Noel Kempff.

## SERIEMAS

Red-legged Seriema (*Caiama cristata*). A single pair at Viru Viru airport.

## JACANAS

Wattled Jacana (*Jacana jacana*) Common at all wetland sites.

## SNIPES

South American Snipe (*Gallinago paraguaiiae*). A single bird located in Beni.

## SANDPIPERS

Greater Yellowlegs (*Tringa melanoleuca*) Good numbers on an ox-bow lake near Estancia San miguel in Beni.

Lesser Yellowlegs (*Tringa flavipes*) Fairly common in Beni.

Solitary Sandpiper (*Tringa solitaria*) Small numbers throughout.

Spotted Sandpiper (*Tringa macularia*) A few in Beni.

Upland Sandpiper (*Bartramia longicauda*) Up to 8 at Viru Viru airport.

Wilson's Phalarope (*Steganopus tricolor*) 35 on a small stock pond near Saipina.

## PLOVERS AND STILTS

White-backed Stilt (*Himantopus melanurus*) 40 seen near estancia San Miguel.

American Golden Plover (*Pluvialis dominica*) A single bird seen on the pampas at Los Fierros.

Pied Lapwing (*Charadrius cayanus*) A few in Beni and several pairs along the Rio Itenex at Flor d'Oro

Southern Lapwing (*Charadrius chilensis*) Common throughout.

## GULLS AND TERNS

Large-billed Tern (*Phaetusa simplex*). Several seen in Beni and at Flor d'Oro

Yellow-billed Tern (*Sterna superciliaris*) A few seen in Beni and a pair at Flor d'Oro.

## SKIMMERS

Black Skimmer (*Rhynchops niger*). A few at Flor d'Oro.

## PIGEONS AND DOVES

Rock Pigeon (*Columba livia*). Common throughout.

Scaled Pigeon (*Columba speciosa*) A few seen at Los Fierros.

Picazuro Pigeon (*Columba picazuro*) Common throughout the lowlands.

Band-tailed Pigeon (*Columba fasciata*) Several small flocks seen at siberia and at Loma Larga.

Pale-vented Pigeon (*Columba cayennensis*) Common throughout the lowlands.

Plumbeous Pigeon (*Columba plumbea*) A few seen at Los Volcanes and Los Fierros.

Ruddy Pigeon (*Columba subvinacea*) A few seen at Los Fierros.

Eared Dove (*Zenaida auriculata*) Common.

Ruddy Ground-Dove (*Columbina talpacoti*) Common.

Picui Ground-Dove (*Columbina picui*) Common to abundant.

Blue ground-Dove (*Claravis pretiosa*) Fairly common in beni.

White-tipped Dove (*Leptotila verreauxi*) Common throughout.

Large-tailed Dove (*Leptotila megalura*) Seen at Los Volcanes in small numbers.

Grey-fronted Dove (*Leptotila rufaxilla*) A few at Los Fierros.

White-throated Quail-Dove (*Geotrygon frenata*). A few seen and several heard at Loma Larga.

Ruddy Quail-Dove (*Geotrygon montana*). One seen and several heard at heard at Los Fierros.

## PARROTS

Of all South American countries there is no other in which so many species of parrots can be seen in such a short period of time and certainly no other with two spectacular endemic Macaws.

Blue and Yellow Macaw (*Ara ararauna*) Fairly common in Beni with up to 25 recorded every day. Also recorded at Los Fierros in smaller numbers.

BLUE-THROATED MACAW (*Ara glaucogularis*) A pair seen at Estancia San Miguel at an isolated palm forest island. The birds are distinctly smaller bodied and proportionately longer tailed than *A. ararauna*. Vocally very distinct.

Military Macaw (*Ara militaris*). A small group of four seen at Los Volcanes.

Scarlet Macaw (*Ara macao*) Small numbers seen at Los Fierros and Flor d'Oro.

Red and Green Macaw (*Ara chloropterus*). Several pairs seen at Estancia San Miguel. A few seen at Los Fierros.

RED-FRONTED MACAW (*Ara rubrogenys*). 136 seen in total. A site was visited where birds are said to breed. Up to 37 birds were seen at distance flying out from the nesting cliffs and no one was satisfied. So it was back to plan A and off to a nearby valley where birds spend all day feeding on acacia fruits. At dawn no birds were seen flying into the valley and only a single pair much later on. However, convinced that the birds were already in the valley we set about searching distant trees for feeding birds. Ron, obviously enough, found them with his superior scope skills. It was then up to me to get us to the spot. Ten minutes later we were watching birds feeding in acacia trees down to 30m. Up to 90 birds were then seen in the area.

Chestnut-fronted Macaw (*Ara severa*). Common in Beni and Noel Kempff.

Red-bellied Macaw (*Ara manilata*) A pair seen in Beni.

Golden-collared Macaw (*Ara auricollis*) Fairly common in Beni.

Red-shouldered Macaw (*Ara nobilis*) A small flock seen on the savanna at Los Fierros.

Blue-crowned Parakeet (*Aratinga acuticauda*). Fairly common around Comarapa in dry deciduous woodlands.

Mitred Parakeet (*Aratinga mitrata*) Fairly common throughout the dry valleys.

White-eyed Parakeet (*Aratinga leucophthalma*) Fairly common in both Beni and Noel Kempff

Dusky-headed Parakeet (*Aratinga weddellii*) Small numbers in Beni and Noel Kempff.

Peach-fronted Parakeet (*Aratinga aurea*) Fairly common in both Beni and Noel Kempff

Green-cheeked Parakeet (*Pyrrhura molinae*) Reasonably common from Santa Cruz up to Comarapa.

Crimson-bellied Parakeet (*Pyrrhura rhodogaster*) Small numbers found at Flor d'Oro.

Grey-hooded Parakeet (*Bolborhynchus ayмара*) Small numbers found along the Tunal road.

Blue-winged Parrotlet (*Forpus xanthopterygius*) Fairly common in both Beni and Noel Kempff

Yellow-chevroned Parakeet (*Brotogeris chiriri*) Common throughout.

Barred Parakeet (*Brotogeris lineola*) Several pairs seen flying over at Siberia. A species only recently recorded from Bolivia.

Cobalt-winged Parakeet (*Brotogeris cyanoptera*). Small numbers in Beni.

BLACK-WINGED PARROT (*Hapalopsittaca melanotis*) single birds seen poorly at Siberia.

Blue-headed Parrot (*Pionus menstruus*) Small numbers recorded in Noel Kempff.

Scaly-headed Parrot (*Pionus maximilliani*) Small numbers recorded most days throughout.

ALDER AMAZON (*Amazona tucumana*) Up to 10 birds seen at Loma Larga on the Masicuri road.

Blue-fronted Amazon (*Amazona aestiva*). Seen throughout in good numbers, with up to 45 seen on some days.

Yellow-crowned Amazon (*Amazona ochrocephala*). Small numbers recorded in Beni and at Noel Kempff.

Orange-winged Amazon (*Amazona amazonica*). A few seen in Beni and at Noel Kempff.

Scaly-naped Amazon (*Amazona mercenaria*) Up to 50 seen at Siberia.

Mealy Amazon (*Amazona farinosa*) A few seen in Noel Kempff.

## CUCKOOS

Dark-billed Cuckoo (*Coccyzus melacoryphus*) A pair seen in Beni. Another noted at Siberia feeding in the road on what may have been insects crushed by passing traffic.

Squirrel Cuckoo (*Piaya cayana*) Common throughout.

Black-bellied Cuckoo (*Piaya melanogaster*) Several pairs seen at Los Fierros.

Little Cuckoo (*Piaya minuta*) Two seen in Beni.

## ANIS

Greater Ani (*Crotophaga major*) A major movement of birds noted at Flor d'Oro with up to 60 seen on two consecutive days with all birds moving south.

Smooth-billed Ani (*Crotophaga ani*) Common throughout.

Guira Cuckoo (*Guira guira*) Common throughout.

## HOATZIN

Hoatzin (*Opisthocomus hoazin*) Rather uncommon. A few seen in Beni and several at Flor d'Oro.

## GROUND-CUCKOOS

Striped Cuckoo (*Tapera naevia*) Heard throughout.

Pheasant Cuckoo (*Dromococcyx phasianellus*) A single bird seen at Estancia San Miguel and another bird heard at Los Fierros.

'SCALED' (Rufous-vented) GROUND-CUCKOO (*Neomorphus (geoffroyi) squamiger*) A single bird seen at Flor d'Oro approximately 300m south of the lodge buildings. The bird was seen feeding at a termite mound and watched down to 5m for five minutes. The face, neck and breast were strikingly scaled with greenish bronze and buff feather edgings but no black pectoral band. Wings, tail, mantle and back glossed bronzy green. The blue orbital skin and white irides were clearly apparent. The bird was feeding at a termite mound along the river on the edge of savanna some distance from any continuous forest. This record is the first *Neomorphus* record from Noel Kempff identified to taxon level. Together with a recent record of *N. squamiger* from Alta Floresta this record extends the known range of this species considerably. As this taxon crosses the Rio Itenex it seems it probably meets the form of Rufous-vented Ground-Cuckoo found in Pando and along the base of the Andes (*N.g.australis*) and indeed they may be found together towards Riberalta or in Pando north of the Madre de Dios. The form *N. g. australis* has dark irides. It is also blackish-brown above with a reddish or purple gloss. It is only lightly scaled on the breast and neck and it has a broad black band across the lower breast. As such there is no cline and the two forms are quite distinct in appearance lending some support to the view that there may be more than one species involved.

## OWLS

Barn Owl (*Tyto alba*) A beautiful adult bird around the lodge buildings at Los Fierros.

Tropical screech-Owl (*Otus choliba*) Heard at many sites.

Rufescent screech-Owl (*Otus ingens*) Several birds heard at Los Volcanes. One taped in and watched at length.

Tawny-bellied screech-Owl (*Otus watsonii*) Heard at Los Fierros.

Great Horned Owl (*Bubo virginianus*) A pair seen at Trinidad.

Spectacled Owl (*Pulsatrix perspicillata*) A single pair heard and one adult seen at Los Fierros.

Band-bellied Owl (*Pulsatrix melanota*) Several pairs recorded at Los Volcanes, with one bird seen on consecutive nights.

Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum*) Common throughout.

Burrowing Owl (*Athene cunicularia*) Common at Santa Cruz.

Striped Owl (*Pseudoscops clamator*) A superb adult was found at Buena Vista for all to watch at length.

## POTOOS

Great Potoo (*Nyctibius grandis*) A single bird was heard at Flor d'Oro.

Grey Potoo (*Nyctibius griseus*) A single bird was seen at Los Fierros and several heard at Buena Vista.

## NIGHTHAWKS AND NIGHTJARS

Lesser Nighthawk (*Chordeiles acutipennis*) Seen at Beni and Noel Kempff.

Common Nighthawk (*Chordeiles minor*) A single bird seen at Flor d'Oro.

Band-tailed Nighthawk (*Nyctiprogne leucopyga*) 2, poorly seen at Flor d'Oro.

Pauraque (*Nyctidromus albicollis*) Common.

Ocellated Poorwill (*Nyctiphrynus ocellatus*) Several at Los volcanes and Los Fierros.

Rufous Nightjar (*Caprimulgus rufus*) Common at Los Volcanes, where several were seen every night.

Spot-tailed Nightjar (*Caprimulgus maculicaudus*) A few were seen at Estancia San Miguel and several at Los Fierros on the savanna.

Little Nightjar (*Caprimulgus parvulus*) Several were seen at Los Fierros.

Scissor-tailed Nightjar (*Hydropsalis brasiliensis*) This species is very common on the savanna at Los Fierros and over 20 were seen every night. On one night a female was caught for all to look at closely.

## SWIFTS

Chestnut-collared Swift (*Streptoprocne rutula*) 2 seen at Los Volcanes.

White-collared Swift (*Streptoprocne zonaris*) Large numbers seen throughout.

Short-tailed Swift (*Chaetura brachyura*) Small numbers in Beni and at Noel Kempff.

White-tipped Swift (*Aeronautes montivagus*) Small numbers at Los Volcanes.

Andean Swift (*Aeronautes andaeolus*) Common in the dry valleys.

Fork-tailed Palm Swift (*Tachornis squamata*) A single bird seen at Los Fierros.

## HERMITS

Great-billed Hermit (*Phaethornis malaris*) A lek at Los Fierros

White-bearded Hermit (*Phaethornis hispidus*) Singles found in Beni and at Los Fierros.

Planalto Hermit (*Phaethornis pretrei*) Small numbers found throughout the dry valleys.

Buff-bellied Hermit (*Phaethornis subochraceus*) A lek found at Estancia San Miguel.

Cinnamon-throated Hermit (*Phaethornis nattereri*) Several found at Los Fierros.

Reddish Hermit (*Phaethornis ruber*) A single bird found at Los Fierros.

## HUMMINGBIRDS

Swallow-tailed Hummingbird (*Eupetomena macroura*). Fairly common in Beni.

Green Violetear (*Colibri thalassinus*) Small numbers from Los Volcanes to Comarapa.

White-vented Violetear (*Colibri serrirostris*). 1 bird seen at Comarapa.

Black-throated Mango (*Anthracothorax nigricollis*) Small numbers seen in Beni and at Los Fierros.

Glittering-bellied Emerald (*Chlorostilbon aureoventris*) Common in the dry valleys.

Fork-tailed Woodnymph (*Thalurania furcata*) Small numbers seen throughout.

White-chinned Sapphire (*Hylocharis cyanus*) A few at Los Fierros.

Gilded Hummingbird (*Hylocharis chrysura*) Small numbers seen in Beni.

Golden-tailed Sapphire (*Chrysuronia oenone*) 2 seen at Los Fierros.

White-bellied Hummingbird (*Amazilia chionogaster*) Common throughout the central valleys.

Glittering-throated Emerald (*Amazilia fimbriata*) A few in Noel Kempff.

Sapphire-spangled Emerald (*Amazilia lactea*) 2 seen at Flor d'Oro.

White-tailed Goldenthrout (*Polytmus gainumbi*) A few seen in Beni and on the savanna at Los Fierros.

Violet-throated Starfrontlet (*Coeligena violifer*) A single bird seen at Siberia.

Green-tailed Trainbearer (*Lesbia nuna*) A few at Siberia.  
Red-tailed Comet (*Sappho sparganura*) Fairly common throughout dry valleys and at Siberia.  
Tyrian Metaltail (*Metallura tyranninna*) Common at Siberia.  
Long-billed Starthroat (*Heliomaster longirostris*) A single bird at Los Fierros.  
White-bellied Woodstar (*Acestrura mulsant*) A single bird at Los Volcanes.

#### TROGONS

Crested Quetzal (*Pharomachrus antisianus*) A single bird heard at Siberia.  
Black-tailed Trogon (*Trogon melanurus*) A few in Beni but more common at Los Fierros.  
White-tailed Trogon (*Trogon viridis*) Several at Los Fierros.  
Masked Trogon (*Trogon personatus*) Several seen at Loma Larga and more at Siberia.  
Blue-crowned Trogon (*Trogon curucui*) Common in Beni and Noel Kempff sites.

#### KINGFISHERS

Ringed Kingfisher (*Megaceryle torquata*) A few in Beni and several at Noel Kempff.  
Amazon Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle amazona*) Common at Flor d'Oro.  
Green Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle americana*) Small numbers at Flor d'Oro.  
Green and Rufous Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle inda*) Up to 3 at Flor d'Oro.  
American Pygmy Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle aenea*) 1 in Beni. several seen at Flor d'Oro.

#### MOTMOTS

Broad-billed Motmot (*Electron platyrhynchum*) A single bird heard at Buena Vista.  
Blue-crowned Motmot (*Momotus momota*) Several at Los Volcanes and Noel Kempff.

#### JACAMARS

Rufous-tailed Jacamar (*Galbula ruficauda*) Common in Beni and at Los Fierros.

#### PUFFBIRDS

White-eared Puffbird (*Nystalus chacuru*) A few in the dry valleys and several at Los Fierros.  
Spot-backed Puffbird (*Nystalus maculatus*) Common in the dry valleys.  
Black-streaked Puffbird (*Malacoptila fulvogularis*) A single bird seen and photographed at Los Volcanes. This site probably being its most southerly.  
Pied Puffbird (*Notharcus tectus*) A pair found nesting in termitaria at the Los Fierros lodge clearing.  
Black-fronted Nunbird (*Monassa nigrifrons*) Found in Beni and at Noel Kempff and Buena Vista.  
White-fronted Nunbird (*Monassa morphoeus*) Several pairs at Los Fierros.  
Swallow-wing (*Chelidoptera tenebrosa*) Common in Noel Kempff.

#### WOODPECKERS.

As with Parrots, the variety of Woodpeckers one can see in Bolivia is impressive. Lowland Amazonian species combined with savanna, dry woodland and cloud forest species give a great variety within a relatively small region.  
Bar-breasted Piculet (*Piculus aurifrons*) A few at Los Fierros.  
White-wedged Piculet (*Piculus albosquamatus*) Fairly common throughout lowlands and dry valleys.  
White Woodpecker (*Melanerpes candidans*) Small numbers seen at many sites throughout the lowlands.  
Yellow-tufted Woodpecker (*Melanerpes cruentatus*) Fairly common in Beni and Noel Kempff.  
White-fronted Woodpecker (*Melanerpes cactorum*) Common in the canyons and dry woodlands of the central valleys.  
Striped Woodpecker (*Picoides signatus*) A few seen near Comarapa.  
Little Woodpecker (*Veniliornis passerinus*) 2 in Beni, several in Noel Kempff.  
Dot-fronted Woodpecker (*Veniliornis frontalis*) Several seen in dry woodlands below Loma Larga.

Red-stained Woodpecker (*Veniliornis affinis*) A pair at Los Fierros.  
 Golden-green Woodpecker (*Piculus chrysochloros*) Fairly common in Beni, where appears to occupy niche taken by Spot-breasted Woodpecker in the Amazon basin.  
 Golden-olive Woodpecker (*Piculus rubiginosus*) Several found in the taller woodlands around Comarapa.  
 Spot-breasted Woodpecker (*Colaptes punctigula*) A single bird found in Los Fierros  
 ‘Green-barred’ Woodpecker (*Colaptes melanochloros*) Common in Beni.  
 ‘Golden-breasted’ Woodpecker (*Colaptes melanolaimus*) 2 seen around Comarapa. this form is substantially larger than the form *C. melanochloros* and may well deserve full species status.  
 Campo Flicker (*Colaptes campestris*) Common in Beni and around Santa Cruz.  
 Scaly-breasted Woodpecker (*Celeus grammicus*) Seen at Los Fierros.  
 Chestnut Woodpecker (*Celeus elegans*) A single bird seen at Los Fierros.  
 Pale-crested Woodpecker (*Celeus lugubris*) Several pairs of this beautiful woodpecker found in Beni.  
 Ringed Woodpecker (*Celeus torquatus*) A single bird seen at Los Fierros.  
 Cream-coloured Woodpecker (*Celeus flavus*) A single bird heard at Flor d’Oro of this generally common woodpecker  
 Lineated Woodpecker (*Dryocopus lineatus*) Common in Beni and Noel kempff.  
 Red-necked Woodpecker (*Campephilus rubricollis*) Several birds seen at Los Volcanes, a pair at Siberia and another pair at Los fierros. A stunning species.  
 Crimson-crested Woodpecker (*Campephilus melanoleucus*) A pair at Los Volcanes. Another pair found at Los Fierros.  
 Cream-backed Woodpecker (*Campephilus leucopogon*) A single bird seen at Samaipata, a female seen near Valle Grande and a pair at Tambo.

## BARBETS

Gilded Barbet (*Capito auratus*) Several pairs at Flor d’Oro.

## TOUCANS AND ARACARIS

Lettered Aracari (*Pteroglossus inscriptus*). Several pairs seen at Los Fierros.  
 Chestnut-eared Aracari (*Pteroglossus castanotis*). Seen in Beni, at Samaipata and commonly in Los Fierros.  
 Yellow-ridged Toucan (*Rhamphastos culminatus*). Several pairs at Los Volcanes. Common at Los Fierros.  
 Cuvier’s Toucan (*Rhamphastos cuvieri*) Fairly common at Los Fierros and heard at Buena Vista.  
 Toco Toucan (*Rhamphastos toco*) Several pairs of this spectacular species in Beni and at Los Fierros on the savanna at Noel Kempff.

## FLYCATCHERS

Sepia-capped Flycatcher (*Leptopogon amaurocephalus*) A few seen throughout.  
 Slaty-capped Flycatcher (*Leptopogon superciliaris*) A few at Los Volcanes.  
 Flammulated Bamboo-Tyrant (*Hemitriccus flammulatus*) Several at Los Fierros.  
 White-eyed Tody-Tyrant (*Hemitriccus zosterops*) Heard at Los Fierros.  
 Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant (*Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer*) Common throughout.  
 Ochre-faced tody-Flycatcher (*Todirostrum plumbeiceps*) Several heard and one seen at Loma Larga.  
 Rusty-fronted Tody-Flycatcher (*Todirostrum latirostre*) In roadside scrub at Trinidad.  
 Stripe-necked Tody-Tyrant (*Hemitriccus striaticollis*) Common at Flor d’Oro in riverine scrub.  
**Snethlage’s Tody-Tyrant** (*Hemitriccus snethalgae*) Fairly common at Los Fierros.  
 Common Tody-Flycatcher (*Todirostrum cinereum*) A few seen in Beni and at Los Fierros  
 Yellow-browed Tody-flycatcher (*Todirostrum chrysocrotaphum*) 2 seen at Los Fierros.  
 Ringed Antpipit (*Corythopis torquata*) Heard at Los Fierros.

Tawny-rumped Tyrannulet (*Phyllomyias uropygialis*) Several heard at Siberia, where this species is common.

Slender-footed Tyrannulet (*Zimmerius gracilipes*) 2 seen at Los Fierros.

White-lored Tyrannulet (*Ornithion inermis*) Several seen and heard at Los Fierros.

Southern Beardless Tyrannulet (*Camptostoma obsoletum*) Common at most sites.

Mouse-coloured Tyrannulet (*Phaeomyias murina*) Several seen in Beni and Noel Kempff.

Southern Scrub Flycatcher (*Sublegatus obsoletum*) A few seen in dry woodlands near Comarapa.

Campo Suiriri Flycatcher (*Suiriri affinis*) 2 seen in Cerrado near Trinidad.

Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet (*Tyrannulus elatus*) Recorded Beni and Noel Kempff.

Forest Eleania (*Myiopagis gaimardii*) Commonly heard in Noel Kempff.

Yellow-bellied Eleania (*Eleania flavogaster*) Small numbers recorded Beni and Noel Kempff.

Large Eleania (*Eleania gigas*). Several seen in Beni.

White-crested Eleania (*Eleania albiceps*) Common at Loma Larga and at Siberia.

Small-billed Eleania (*Eleania parvirostris*) A few recorded near to Comarapa.

**Slaty Eleania** (*Eleania cinereum*) A pair found along the Tunal road. further south this is an abundant species of the semi-humid cloud forest.

Plain-crested Eleania (*Eleania cristata*) Common on the savanna at Los Fierros.

Sierran Eleania (*Eleania pallantangae*) Small numbers at Loma Larga and at Siberia.

White-throated Tyrannulet (*Mecocerculus leucophrys*) Recorded at Loma Larga and Siberia, where common.

**Buff-banded Tyrannulet** (*Mecocerculus hellamyri*) Very common at Loma Larga. Several pairs found at Siberia.

White-crested Tyrannulet (*Serpophaga subcristata*) Recorded at Los Fierros.

White-bellied Tyrannulet (*Serpophaga munda*) Common at sites throughout.

**Plain Tyrannulet** (*Inezia inornata*) Common in Beni.

Greater Wagtail-Tyrant (*Stigmatura budytoides*) Commonly recorded in dry valleys from Samaipata to Comarapa.

**Amazonian Inezia** (*Inezia subflava*) Several pairs found in riverine bamboo patches near Estancia San Miguel. This distinct form is split from Pale-tipped Tyrannulet and has only irregularly been found in Bolivia and this record is therefore of some consequence.

Marble-faced Bristle-Tyrant (*Pogonotriccus ophthalmicus*) Fairly common at Los Volcanes.

Short-tailed Pygmy-Tyrant (*Myiornis ecaudata*) This generally common tyrannid was heard at Los Fierros.

Yellow-olive Flycatcher (*Tolmomyias sulphurescens*) Several heard and seen at Los Volcanes and in deciduous woodlands around Comarapa.

Yellow-Margined Flycatcher (*Tolmomyias assimilis*) Los Fierros.

Bran-coloured Flycatcher (*Myiophobus fasciatus*) Several seen in Beni, at Comarapa and in Noel Kempff.

Cinnamon Flycatcher (*Pyrrhomyias cinnamomea*) Seen Loma Larga and Siberia.

Cliff Flycatcher (*Hirundinea ferruginea*) Small numbers throughout.

Fuscous Flycatcher (*Cnemotriccus fuscatus*) recorded at Flor d'Oro and Los Fierros.

Euler's Flycatcher (*Lathrotriccus euleri*) 2 seen at Los Fierros.

Smoke-coloured Peewee (*Contopus fumigatus*) Recorded at Loma Larga and at Siberia.

Tropical Peewee (*Contopus cinereus*) Recorded at Los Volcanes and at Los Fierros

Alder Flycatcher (*Epidonax alnorum*) Recorded in Beni and at Buena Vista.

Black Phoebe (*Sayornis nigricans*) A few in Los Volcanes and at Loma Larga.

Vermilion Flycatcher (*Pyrocephalus rubiginosus*) Common in Beni with small numbers elsewhere.

Chestnut-belted Chat-Tyrant (*Ochthoeca cinnamomeiventris*) Heard at Siberia.

Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrant (*Ochthoeca rufipectoralis*) Several pairs recorded at Siberia.

Streak-throated Bush-Tyrant (*Myiotheretes striaticollis*) 3 seen at Loma Larga.

Grey Monjita (*Xolmis cinereum*) 1 seen near Trinidad.

White-rumped Monjita (*Xolmis velata*) Fairly common in Beni.

White Monjita (*Xolmis irupero*) Small numbers along the road to Estancia San Miguel.

Rufous-tailed Flatbill (*Ramphotrigon ruficauda*) Recorded at Los Fierros.

**Hudson's Black-Tyrant** (*Knipolgeus hudsoni*) Small numbers recorded at Estancia San Miguel.

**Andean Tyrant** (*Knipolegus signatus*) recorded at Loma Larga and at Siberia.

White-winged Black-Tyrant (*Knipolegus aterrimus*) Fairly common in the dry woodlands around Comarapa.

Spectacled Tyrant (*Hymenops perspicillata*) Common in Beni.

Black-backed Water-Tyrant (*Fluvicola albiventer*) Small numbers seen in Beni.

White-headed Marsh-Tyrant (*Arundinicola leucocephala*) A few seen in Beni.

Yellow-browed Tyrant (*Satrapa icterohrys*) 2 seen in Beni.

Cattle Tyrant (*Machetornis rixosus*) Common throughout.

Dull-capped Attila (*Attila bolivianus*) heard in Beni and 1 seen at Buena Vista.

Cinnamon Attila (*Attila cinnamomeus*) Heard at Flor d'Oro.

Rufous Casiornis (*Casiornis rufa*) 1 seen in Beni and another near Samaipata.

Greyish Mourner (*Rhytipterna simplex*) Heard at Los Fierros.

Dusky-capped Flycatcher (*Myiarchus tuberculifer*) Fairly common at Los Volcanes.

Swainson's Flycatcher (*Myiarchus swainsonii*) Several seen in Beni.

Short-crested Flycatcher (*Myiarchus ferox*) Recorded Beni and Noel Kempff.

Brown-crested Flycatcher (*Myiarchus tyrannulus*) Fairly common in dry deciduous woodlands

Tropical Kingbird (*Tyrannus melancholicus*) Common. Heavy migratory movement in Noel Kempff.

Fork-tailed Flycatcher (*Tyrannus savanna*) Good numbers migrating in Beni, Noel Kempff and especially Buena Vista..

Eastern Kingbird (*Tyrannus tyrannus*) Heavy migratory movement noted at Buena vista with hundreds seen each day.

Crowned Slaty-Flycatcher (*Griseotyrannus aurantioatrocristatus*) Small numbers noted throughout. Good numbers migrating south at Buena Vista.

Boat-billed Flycatcher (*Megarhynchus pitangua*) Small numbers throughout.

Streaked Flycatcher (*Myiodynastes maculatus*) Small numbers throughout with some migratory movement noted at Buena Vista.

Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher (*Myiodynastes luteiventris*) Small numbers in Beni and Noel Kempff. Some migratory movement noted at Buena Vista.

Rusty-margined Flycatcher (*Myiozetetes cayennensis*) Small numbers in Beni and Noel Kempff.

Social Flycatcher (*Myiozetetes similis*) Fairly common in Beni.

Variegated Flycatcher (*Empidonomus varius*) A few noted at Los Volcanes and in dry woodlands around Comarapa.

Piratic Flycatcher (*Legatus leucocephalus*) fairly common in Beni and at Noel Kempff.

Lesser Kiskadee (*Phylodyor lictor*) A few noted each day in Beni and Noel Kempff.

Greater Kiskadee (*Pitangus sulphuratus*) Common throughout.

Thrusk-like Schiffornis (*Schiffornis turdinus*) Several heard at Los Fierros.

**Green-backed Becard** (*Pachyramphus viridis*) A pair seen at Estancia San Miguel, Beni.

Barred Becard (*Pachyramphus versicolor*) Not uncommon at Loma Large and Siberia.

White-winged Becard (*Pachyramphus polchopterus*) Several seen or heard in Beni and at Los Fierros.

Pink-throated Becard (*Pachyramphus minor*) A pair at Los Fierros

Crested Becard (*Pachyramphus validus*) Several seen at Buena Vista.

Black-tailed Tityra (*Tityra cayana*) Several pairs noted in Beni and at Los Fierros.

Black-crowned Tityra (*Tityra inquisitor*) Several pairs found in Noel Kempff.

Masked Tityra (*Tityra semifasciata*) Several pairs seen at Los Volcanes.

## COTINGAS

Red-crested Cotinga (*Ampelion rubrocristata*) 3 seen at Siberia.

Screaming Piha (*Lipaugus vociferans*) Commonly heard at Ls Fierros.

Cinereous Mouner (*Laniocerca hypopyrha*) Seen at Los Fierros.

**Amazonian Umbrellabird** (*Cephalopterus ornatus*) Up to 5 seen at Flor d'Oro

Bare-necked Fruitcrow (*Gymnoderus foetidus*) Several seen at Los Fierros and at Flor d'Oro.

## MANAKINS

Band-tailed Manakin (*Pipra fasciicauda*) Heard and seen at Los Fierros and Buena Vista.

Yungas Manakin (*Chiroxiphia boliviana*) Common at Los Volcanes.

**Fiery-capped Manakin** (*Machaeropterus pyrocephalus*) 3 seen very well at a lek at Los Fierros and many more heard.

**Snow-capped Manakin** (*Pipra nattereri*) Common at Los Fierros where several seen.

Red-headed Manakin (*Pipra rubrocapilla*) Very common at Los Fierros where many seen.

Wing-barred Piprites (*Piprites chloris*) Several heard and a couple seen in mixed flocks at Los Fierros.

Dwarf Tyrant-Manakin (*Tyranneutes stolzmanni*) Heard at Los Fierros where rare.

## FURNARIDS

South of the Amazon in Bolivia is the where Furnarids reach their maximum diversity and further south dominante passerine avifauna in the way that Tyrannid assemblages dominate Amazonian avifauna.

**BOLIVIAN EARTHCREEPER** (*Upucerthia harterti*) Very common in semi-arid woodlands. Heard throughout the dry valles and many individuals seen. very similar to Chaco Earthcreeper from further south but vocally distinct.

Rufous Hornero (*Furnarius rufus*) Abundant throughout.

**BLACK-THROATED THISTLETAIL** (*Schizoeaca harterti berjorani*) A single bird seen and several heard at Siberia.

Chotoy Spinetail (*Schoenophylax phryganophila*) Common in the lowlands of Beni

Ruddy Spinetail (*Synallaxis rutila*) A pair heard but not seen at Los Fierros.

Sooty-fronted Spinetail (*synallaxis frontalis*) Fairly common at Samaipata and throughout the intermontane valles

Azara's (Buff-browed)Spinetail (*Synallaxis azarae superciliosa*) Several pairs located at Loma Larga and at Siberia. Has been considered a separate species.

Pale-breasted Spinetail (*Synallaxis albescens*) Several heard and one seen in Beni. Common on the savanna at Los Fierros.

Cinereous-breasted Spinetail (*Synallaxis hypospodia*) Fairly common around Trinidad.

Plain-crowned Spinetail (*Synallaxis gujanensis*) Fairly common around Trinidad.

**Ochre-cheeked Spinetail** (*Synallaxis scutata*) Fairly common at Los Volcanes, Samaipata and en route to Comarapa although hard to see well.

Stripe-crowned Spinetail (*Cranioleuca pyrrhophia*) Common in drier wooded areas.

**LIGHT-CROWNED SPINETAIL** (*Cranioleuca albiceps discolor*) Several pairs at Siberia. May well prove to be a separate species.

Rusty-backed Spinetail (*Cranioleuca vulpina*) A single pair at Estancia San Miguel in Beni.

Yellow-chinned Spinetail (*Cranioleuca cinnamomea*) Common in the lowlands.

Rusty-vented Canastero (*Asthenes dorbignyi*) Common in the higher areas visited near Comarapa and Siberia.

Rufous-fronted Thornbird (*Phacellodomus rufifrons*) A few seen around Santa Cruz at the botanical gardens.

Streak-fronted Thornbird (*Phacellodomus striaticeps*) Fairly common in the higher areas around Comarapa and Siberia.

Spot-breasted Thornbird (*Phacellodomus maculipectus*) Generally common in higher areas. Several

pairs found along the main road from Comarapa to Siberia.

Greater Thornbird (*Phacellodomus ruber*) Common in the lowlands.

Plain Softtail (*Thripaphaga fusciceps*) Common around Trinidad. Oddly this species is very common here whereas elsewhere in its patchy Amazonian range it is less common.

Pearled Treerunner (*Margarornis squamiger*) Common at Siberia.

Grey-crested (Rufous) Cacholote (*Pseudoseisura unirufa*) Common in the Llanos de Moxos around Trinidad. This species has recently been split from its distant congener in the Caaatinga of north-east Brasil.

Buff-browed Foliage-Gleaner (*Syndactyla rufosuperciliata*) A single bird found in drier woodlands west of Samaipata. Otherwise several heard in more humid areas at Loma Larga.

**BOLIVIAN RECURVEBILL** (*Simoxenops striatus*) 1 bird watched by most of group along the narrow steep trail above the lodgings at Los Volcanes. Although vocally similar to Peruvian Recurvebill this species occupies a different habitat; it being found in the foothills in primary rainforest where it forages in canopy vine tangles while the Peruvian Recurvebill is found in lowland rainforest in dense bamboo patches. It is also an uncommon and local species found in rather drier forests than in southern Peru giving it a very small range.

Buff-throated Foliage-gleaner (*Automolus ochrolaemus*) Several heard at Los Fierros and Buena Vista..

Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner (*Phylidor rufum*) Fairly common at Los Volcanes.

**Grey-throated Leaf-tosser** (*Sclerurus albigularis*) 2 individuals seen at Los Volcanes.

Plain Xenops (*Xenops minutus*) 1 seen at Los Fierros.

Streaked Xenops (*Xenops rutilans*) A pair in Beni and another at Los Volcanes.

## WOODCREEPERS

Plain-brown Woodcreeper (*Dendrocincla fuliginosa*) Several seen in Beni and Los Volcanes.

Olivaceous Woodcreeper (*Sittasomus griseicapillus*) Fairly common in Beni.

Strong-billed Woodcreeper (*Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus*) 1 seen another heard at Siberia.

**Great Rufous Woodcreeper** (*Xiphocolaptes major*) Fairly common in Beni where seen and heard each day.

Straight-billed Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus picus*) Several seen in Beni.

Spix's (Elegant) Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus spixii elegans*) Several at Los Fierros. This form is now split and called Elegant Woodcreeper.

Striped Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus obsoletus*) A few seen at Flor d'Oro.

Buff-throated Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus guttatus*) Fairly common at all lowland sites.

Narrow-billed Woodcreeper (*Lepidocolaptes angustirostris*) Common in drier woodlands throughout.

Montane Woodcreeper (*Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger*) 1 seen at Los Volcanes, several seen at Loma Larga and at Siberia.

**Long-billed Woodcreeper** (*Nasica longirostris*) Heard and seen at Flor d'Oro.

Red-billed Scythebill (*Campylorhamphus trochilirostris*) Common around Trinidad and Estancia San Miguel.

## ANTBIRDS

**Giant Antshrike** (*Barbara cinerea*) Commonly heard at Los Volcanes. 1 male taped in west of Samaipata and several seen in dry woodlands near Loma Larga.

Great Antshrike (*Taraba major*) Common in lowlands.

Barred Antshrike (*Thamnophilus doliatus*) Common in lowlands.

Chestnut-backed Antshrike (*Thamnophilus palliatus*) Several pairs heard and one seen near Samaipata

Plain-winged Antshrike (*Thamnophilus schistaceus*) Heard and seen at Los Fierros and at Flor d'Oro.

**Bolivian Slaty- Antshrike** (*Thamnophilus punctatus*) A pair found in the lower Samaipata canyon.

another bird heard at Buena Vista.

Variable Antshrike (*Thamnophilus caerulescens*) Common around Samiapata and in higher dry valles.

Rufous-capped Antshrike (*Thamnophilus ruficapillus*) Common in higher valles.

Amazonian Antshrike (*Thamnophilus amazonicus*) Fairly common at Los Fierros and at Flor d'Oro

White-shouldered Antshrike (*Thamnophilus aethiops*) Several heard at Los Fierros.

Spot-winged Antshrike (*Pygiptyla stellaris*) Common at Los Fierros.

Plain Antwren (*Dysithamnus mentalis*) Common at Los Volcanes.

Pygmy Antwren (*Myrmotherula brachyura*) Heard and seen at Los Fierros.

Sclater's Antwren (*Myrmotherula sclateri*) Frustratingly only heard at Los Fierros.

Amazonian Streaked Antwren (*Myrmotherula multostriata*) Heard and seen at Los Fierros and Flor d'Oro

White-flanked Antwren (*Myrmotherula axillaris*) Fairly common at Los Fierros.

Grey Antwren (*Myrmotherula menetriesii*) Common at Los Fierros.

Leaden Antwren (*Myrmotherula assimilis*) A single bird heard at Flor d'Oro.

Black-capped Antwren (*Herpsilochmus atricapillus*) Fairly common around Samaipata.

Rufous-winged Antwren (*Herpsilochmus rufimarginatus*) Common at Los Fierros.

Rusty-backed Antwren (*Formicivora rufa*) Several pairs seen in Beni and at Los Fierros.

**White-fringed Antwren** (*Formicivora grisea*) A pair seen at Flor d'Oro. Not a common bird in Bolivia.

Blackish Antbird (*Cercomacra nigrescens*) Common at Los Fierros and Flor d'Oro. Vocally distinct from bird further north in South-east Peru.

Matto Grosso Antbird (*Cercomacra melanaria*) Common in the lowlands.

Grey Antbird (*Cercomacra cinerascens*) Common at Los Fierros.

White-backed Fire-eye (*Pyriglena leuconota*) several pairs located and seen at Los Volcanes

Warbling antbird (*Hypocnemis cantator*) Common at Los Fierros.

Southern Chestnut-tailed Antbird (*Myrmeciza hemimelaena*) Common at Los Fierros.

Black-throated Antbird (*Myrmeciza atrothorax*) Common at Los Fierros and in riverine forests in Beni.

Band-tailed antbird (*Hypocnemoides maculicauda*) Common at Flor d'Oro.

Black-spotted Bare-Eye (*Phlegopsis nigromaculata*) Common although very hard to see at Los Fierros.

## ANTPITTAS

Black-faced Antthrush (*Formicarius analis*) Heard at Buena Vista.

Rufous-capped Antthrush (*Formicarius colma*) Heard at Los Fierros.

**Short-tailed Antthrush** (*Chamaeza campanisona*) Common at Los Volcanes. 2 eventually being seen well higher up.

**RUFIOUS-FACED ANTPITTA** (*Grallaria erythrotis*) Commonly heard. 1 adult eventually seen by half the group at Siberia. Rather frustrating as this species can be easy to see at times.

## GNATEATERS

**Slaty Gnateater** (*Conopohaga ardesiaca*) A pair watched feeding around a fallen tree trunk. A generally rare and shy species

## TAPACULOS

**Olive-crowned Crescentchest** (*Melanopareia maximilliani*) A single bird taped in near Valle Grande on a hot windy afternoon.

**Collared Crescentchest** (*Melanopareia torquata*) several birds seen on the savanna at Los fierros, Noel Kempff

Trilling Tapaculo (*Scytalopus parvirostris*) A single bird taped in at Siberia and watched in the open. This taxon now recognised as distinct from *S.unicolor* of northern Peru.

**Southern White-crowned Tapaculo** (*Scytalopus boliviana*) A single bird taped in and watched in the open at length at Los Volcanes.

#### VIREOS

Rufous-browed Peppershrike (*Cyclarhis gujanensis*) Common.

Yellow-green Vireo (*Vireo flavoviridis*) 1 seen at Los Fierros.

Chivri (Red-eyed) Vireo (*Vireo chivri*) Common.

**Grey-chested Greenlet** (*Hylophilus semicinereus*) Several pairs found at los Fierros.

**Buff-cheeked Greenlet** (*Hylophilus muscicapinus*) Several pairs heard and seen at Los Fierros.

Dusky-capped Greenlet (*Hylophilus hypoxanthus*) Several heard and a few seen at Los Fierros.

**RUFIOUS-CROWNED GREENLET** (*Hylophilus 'poecilotis'* (sub-sp/sp nov) 3 birds seen at Trinidad, near the airport along the Loma Suarez road. Birds had a rufous crown, bright olive green back and wings, shortish tail, dark irides, paler yellow below. The face showed none of the greyish grizzling found in Brazilian forms and much reduced white supraloral and eye-brow. This is quite probably distinct from taxa found further east in Brasil. The lowland form found at Itatiaia NP has a long tail and behaves much like a *Basileuterus* warbler in the mid and upper canopy. The Trinidad birds are found in scrubby roadside vegetation behaving much like Ashy-headed Greenlet found along the Transpantaneira in Brasil. In comparison to the uplands forms, now given the English name Grey-eyed Greenlet in Brail, the Trinidad birds are similar structurally and behaviourally but have dark irides. No vocal differences are documented.

#### JAYS

Purplish Jay (*Cyanocorax cyanomelas*) Common.

Plush-crested Jay (*Cyanocorax chrysops*) Common.

#### THRUSHES

**Spotted Nightingale Thrush** (*Catharus dryas*) Common at Siberia. A single bird taped in for all to see. A truly beautiful thrush.

Swainson's thrush (*Catharus ustulatus*) Several seen at Los Volcanes.

Chiguanco Thrush (*Turdus chiguanco*) Common higher up.

Great Thrush (*Turdus fuscater*) Fairly common in humid scrub higher up.

Glossy Black-Thrush (*Turdus serranus*) several birds singing at Loma Larga.

Rufous-bellied Thrush (*Turdus rufiventris*) Common to abundant.

Creamy-bellied Thrush (*Turdus amaurochalinus*) Common in the lowlands.

Black-billed Thrush (*Turdus ignobilis*) A few seen in Noel Kempff.

White-necked Thrush (*Turdus albicollis*) A few seen at Los Volcanes.

#### MOCKINGBIRDS

Chalk-browed mockingbird (*Mimus saturninus*) Common.

#### WRENS

Black-capped Donacobius (*Donacobius atricapillus*) Common in Beni and at Noel Kempff.

Thrush-like Wren (*Campylorhynchus turdinus*) Common in Beni and at Noel Kempff.

**Tooth-billed Wren** (*Odontorchilus cinereus*) 3 seen along the Los Espangnoles road at Los Fierros. Excellent views had of this rather uncommon and local species.

Moustached Wren (*Thryothorus genibarbus*) Common at sites around Samaipata.

Fawn-breasted Wren (*Thryothorus guarayanus*) Common in Beni and at Flor d'Oro.

House Wren (*Troglodytes aedon*) Common.

Mountain Wren (*Troglodytes solstitialis*) Several seen and heard at Siberia.

Grey-breasted Wood-Wren (*Henicorhina leucophrys*) Common at Siberia and Loma Larga.

**Southern Nightingale Wren** (*Microcerculus marginatus*) Several heard and one seen at Buena Vista,.

## GNATCATCHERS

Masked Gnatcatcher (*Polioptila dumicola berlepschi*) Common. This form is possibly distinct from nominate Chaco form

## SWALLOWS

White-winged Swallow (*Tachycineta albiventer*) Common in lowlands.

White-rumped Swallow (*Tachycineta leucorrhoa*) Fairly common around Los Fierros.

Brown-chested Martin (*Progne tapera*) Common in lowlands.

Grey-breasted Martin (*Progne chalybea*) Common in lowlands.

Purple Martin (*Progne subis*) A large flock noted at Flor d'Oro on the 23rd -25th October.

Blue and white Swallow (*Notiochelidon cyanoleuca*) Common in the dry valles.

Pale-footed Swallow (*Notiochelidon flavipes*) 2 seen and heard at Siberia.

**Tawny-headed Swallow** (*Stelgidopteryx fucata*) Several seen around Comarapa.

Southern Roughwing (*Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*) Common in lowlands.

Sand Martin (*Riparia riparia*) A few seen in Beni and a couple at Comarapa.

Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*) A few seen at Saipina and at Los Fierros and Flor d'Oro.

## SPARROWS

House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*) Common.

## PIPITS

Hellmayr's Pipit (*Anthus hellmayri*) A single bird found near Loma Larga.

Yellowish Pipit (*Anthus lutescens*) Fairly common on heavily grazed grasslands in Beni.

## FINCHES

Hooded Siskin (*Carduelis magellanica*) Common.

## WOOD WARBLERS

Tropical Parula (*Parula pitiayumi*) Common throughout the dry valles.

Masked Yellowthroat (*Geothlypis aequinoctialis*) Very common.

Slate-throated Whitestart (*Myioborus miniatus*) Common in foothills.

**Brown-capped Whitestart** (*Myioborus bruniceps*) Common throughout dry and humid forests in the Andes.

Spectacled Whitestart (*Myioborus melanopcephalus*) Common at higher elevations.

Two-banded Warbler (*Basileuterus bivittatus*) Common at lower elevations.

Pale-legged Warbler (*Basileuterus signatus*) Common at Siberia.

Flavescent Warbler (*Basileuterus flaveolus*) Several birds found singing at Los Fierros.

Neotropical River Warbler (*Basileuterus rivularis*) Several pairs at Los Fierros.

**Rose-breasted Chat** (*Granatellus pelzelni*) A single male found singing like a Grey-chested Greenlet and watched at length at Los Fierros. A stunning little bird.

## EMBERIZIDS

Rufous-collared Sparrow (*Zonotrichia capensis*) Very common.

Grassland Sparrow (*Ammodramus humeralis*) Common in lowlands.

Yellow-browed Sparrow (*Ammodramus aurifrons*) Fairly common at Flor d'Oro.

Pectoral Sparrow (*Arremon taciturnus*) Several singing birds along the Los Espagnoles road at Los Fierros.

Saffron-billed Sparrow (*Arremon flavirostris*) Common in dry woodlands.

**'BOLVIAN' (RUFOUS-NAPED) BRUSH-FINCH** (*Atlapetes rufinucha*) Common at Siberia.

This species is now endemic to Bolivia as all taxa previously considered conspecific with this form have been split.

Stripe-headed Brush-finch (*Atlapetes torquatus*) Several birds seen at Loma Larga. This is a distinct

taxon within this species.

Red-crested Cardinal (*Paroaria coronata*) Common in lowlands.

Red-capped Cardinal (*Paroaria gularis*) Common in lowlands.

Banaquit (*coereba flaveola*) Very few seen. 2 at Los Fierros and a couple around Comarapa

Blue-backed Conebill (*Conirostrum speciosum*) Several seen in mixed flocks at Siberia.

Black-faced Tanager (*Schistoclamys melanopis*) Several pairs seen on the savanna at Los Fierros.

**White-rumped Tanager** (*Cypsnagra hirundinacea*) Two pairs noted on the savanna at Los Fierros.

Common Bush-Tanager (*Chlorospingus ophthalmicus*) Common at Loma Larga and at Siberia. This very distinctive taxon has been given the English name Brown-headed Bush-Tanager.

Orange-headed Tanager (*Thlypopsis sordida*) Several pairs noted in Beni. Also seen at Buena Vista.

Rust and Yellow Tanager (*Thlypopsis ruficeps*) A pair noted at Siberia.

Guira tanager (*Hemithraupis guira*) Several pairs seen at Buena Vista.

Yellow-backed Tanager (*Hemithraupis flavicollis*) Several pairs at Los Fierros. A generally uncommon forest tanager.

Hooded Tanager (*Nemosia pileata*) Common at Buena Vista.

White-banded Tanager (*Neothraupis fasciata*) Several seen on the savanna at Los fierros.

White-shouldered Tanager (*Tachyphonus luctuosus*) Fairly common at Los Fierros.

Flame-crested Tanager (*Tachyphonus cristatus*) Very common at Los Fierros.

Black-goggled Tanager (*Trichothraupis melanops*) Fairly common at Los Volcanes and around Samiapata

Red-crowned Ant-Tanager (*Habia rubica*) Seen at Los Fierros and at Buena Vista..

Highland Hepatic Tanager (*Piranga 'hepatica'*) Small numbers seen at many localities throughout the dry valles.

Silver-beaked Tanager (*Rhamphocelus carbo*) Common in the lowlands.

Sayaca Tanager (*Thraupis sayaca*) Common throughout.

**Blue-grey Tanager** (*Thraupis episcopus (coelestis?)*) At least one pair noted nesting on the lodge buildings at Flor d'Oro. This is a departmental record and represents a unique situation with this and the preceding species breeding sympatrically.

Palm Tanager (*Thraupis palmarum*) Common in the lowlands.

Blue-capped Tanager (*Thraupis cyanocephala*) Common in the higher forested areas at Siberia.

Blue and yellow Tanager (*Thraupis bonariensis*) Common in the dry valles.

Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanager (*Anisognathus igniventris*) A few seen at Loma Larga.

Blue-winged Mountain-Tanager (*Anisognathus sumptuosus*) Fairly common at Loma Larga and at Siberia. A form of this species with a very distinctive beautiful song markedly different from more northerly forms

Fawn-breasted Tanager (*Pipraeidea melanonota*) Several pairs noted around Comarapa.

Purple-throated Euphonia (*Euphonia chlorotica*) Common.

Thick-billed Euphonia (*Euphonia laniirostris*) Several pairs noted at Los Volcanes.

Golden-rumped Euphonia (*Euphonia cyanocephala*) Several singing males found near Samaipata.

Rufous-bellied Euphonia (*Euphonia rufiventris*) Several seen at Los Fierros.

Turquoise Tanager (*Tangara mexicana*) A few seen at Los Fierros.

Paradise Tanager (*Tangara chilensis*) Several family groups noted at Los Fierros.

Bay-headed Tanager (*Tangara gyrola*) 1 or 2 seen at Los Fierros.

Burnished-Buff Tanager (*Tangara cayana*) A few seen on the savanna at Los Fierros and at Flor d'Oro.

Masked Tanager (*Tangara nigrocincta*) 1 seen at Los Fierros.

Black-faced Dacnis (*Dacnis lineata*) a few at Los Fierros.

Blue Dacnis (*Dacnis cayana*) Small numbers at many sites.

Green Honeycreeper (*Chlorophanes spiza*) A few at Los Fierros.

Swallow Tanager (*Tersina viridis*) A few at Los Fierros.

Red-crested Finch (*Coryphospingus cucullatus*) Common in dry valles.

**GREY-CRESTED FINCH** (*Lophospingus griseocristatus*) Common at Comarapa.

**BOLIVIAN WARBLING-FINCH** (*Poospiza boliviana*) Several noted near Siberia.  
 Rufous-sided Warbling-Finch (*Poospiza hypochondria*) A few birds found near Loma Larga and at Siberia.  
**Rusty-browed Warbling-Finch** (*Poospiza erythrophrys*) A pair found near Loma Larga.  
**Black and Chestnut Warbling-Finch** (*Poospiza whittii*) Fairly common in the dry valles.  
 Ringed Warbling-Finch (*Poospiza torquata*) Not uncommon.  
 Black-capped Warbling-Finch (*Poospiza melanoleuca*) seen most days in dry valles.  
 Saffron Finch (*Sicalis flaveola*) Common.  
 Wedge-tailed Grass-Finch (*Emberizoides herbicola*) Small numbers seen in most areas of grassland.  
 Great Pampa-Finch (*Embernagra platensis*) Small numbers seen in both lowlands and highlands.  
 Blue-black Grassquit (*Volatina jacarina*) Common.  
 Rusty-collared Seedeater (*Sporophila collaris*) Small numbers seen daily in Beni.  
 Lined Seedeater (*Sporophila lineola*) A pair noted at Flor d'Oro.  
 Double-collared Seedeater (*Sporophila caeruleascens*) Fairly common in Beni.  
**BICOLOURED SEEDEATER** (*Sporophila bicolor*) Common around Trinidad. A species both vocally and morphologically distinct from White-bellied Seedeater with which often considered conspecific.  
**Tawny-bellied Seedeater** (*Sporophila hypoxantha*) Large flocks noted near Estancia San Miguel.  
**Dark-throated Seedeater** (*Sporophila ruficollis*) A few noted in Beni. Several pairs found at Flor d'Oro.  
**Grey and Chestnut Seedeater** (*Sporophila hypochroma*) Small numbers noted in Beni.  
**BLACK AND TAWNY SEEDEATER** (*Sporophila nigrorufa*) Up to 8 found at Flor d'Oro of this pretty seedeater. Considered vulnerable, although will probably increase with continued deforestation along Rio Itenex.  
**Great-billed (Black-billed) Seedfinch** (*Oryzoborus maximilliani gigantirostris*) A single female found at the Curuichi marsh near Buena Vista. A taxonomic muddle, with the possibility that this form is specific.  
 Lesser Seedfinch (*Oryzoborus angolensis*) A few seen in Beni and at Buena Vista.  
 Band-tailed Seedeater (*Catamenia analis*) Common in dry valles around Comarapa.  
 Dull-coloured Grassquit (*Tiaris obscura*) Fairly common in dry valles. Birds found nesting at Saipina.  
**GREY-BELLIED FLOWERPIERCER** (*Diglossa carbonaria*) Several pairs found at Siberia.  
 Masked Flowerpiercer (*Diglossa cyanea*) A few at Siberia.  
 Black backed Grosbeak (*Pheucticus aureoventris*) Several pairs found around Siberia and Comarapa.  
 Slate-coloured Grosbeak (*Ptylus grossus*) A single bird seen at Los Fierros.  
 Buff-throated Saltator (*Saltator maximus*) Common in the lowlands  
 Greyish Saltator (*Saltator coerulescens*) Common at Flor d'Oro.  
 Golden-billed Saltator (*Saltator aurantirostris*) Fairly common at Samaipata and around Comarapa.  
 Ultramarine Grosbeak (*Cyanocompsa brisonii*) Common in the dry valles.

## ICTERIDS

Crested Oropendola (*Psarocolius decumanus*) Several colonies at Los Volcanes. Also found at Los Fierros.  
 Dusky-green Oropendola (*Psarocolius atrovirens*) Seen at Los Volcanes.  
 Russet-backed Oropendola (*Psarocolius angustifrons*) Seen at Los Volcanes and in Noel Kempff.  
 Amazonian Oropendola (*Psarocolius bifasciatus*) Seen Noel Kempff.  
 Yellow-rumped Cacique (*Cacicus cela*) Small numbers found in Beni and Noel Kempff.  
 Golden-winged Cacique (*Cacicus chrysopterus*) A single bird seen at Loma Larga. This is an uncommon species here at the northernmost limit of its range.  
 Solitary Cacique (*Cacicus solitarius*) Common in Beni and Noel Kempff.  
 Epaulet Oriole (*Icterus canannensis*) Common in the dry valles.  
 Campo Oriole (*Icterus jamaicaii*) Heard and seen commonly in Beni and at Noel Kempff.

Unicoloured Blackbird (*Agelaius cyanopus*) Very common in Beni.

White-browed Blackbird (*Leistes superciliaris*) Fairly common around Santa Cruz airport and throughout Beni in drier grasslands.

Scarlet-headed Blackbird (*Amblyramphus holosericeus*) Small numbers seen in the horsetail swamps in Beni.

Chopi Blackbird (*Gnorimopsar chopi*) Common in the lowlands.

**BOLIVIAN (Velvet-fronted) GRACKLE** (*lamprosar tanagrinus bolivianus*) Common in Beni.

This is quite probably a separate species, based on vocal, morphological and behavioural differences.

Bay-winged Cowbird (*Molothrus badius*) Common.

Shiny Cowbird (*Molothrus bonariensis*) Common.

Giant Cowbird (*Scaphidura oryzivora*) Small numbers throughout.

## MAMMALS.

An outstanding trip for mammals with three species of cat seen. This is hard to achieve outside the Pantanal in South America.

Tyra (*Eira barbara*) 3 animals seen in the botanical gardens in Santa Cruz. Probably 1 female and two young

**Brown-throated Three-toed Sloth** (*Bradypus variegatus*) 1 Plaza de Armas, Santa Cruz. Another seen along the road at Estancia San Miguel.

Tamandua (*Tamandua tetradactyla*) A single young animal at night seen near San Miguel.

Southern Coati (*Nasua nasua*) A large family group seen feeding in a large *Ficus sp* tree near San Miguel.

**Silvery (Black-tailed) Marmoset** (*Callithrix argentata melanura*) Several groups of this enchanting species located by call at Los Fierros.

Dusky Titi-Monkey (*Callicebus moloch*) A small troop of the grey form of this primate found at Viru viru. Heard at Buena Vista and Los Fierros.

Black Howler Monkey (*Alouetta caraya*) Small troop found at San Miguel. Another larger troop found at Flor d'Oro.

Red Howler Monkey (*Alouetta seniculus*) Several animals found near San Miguel assumed to be this species; all members of the troop being the same rufous brown as Howlers in the Amazon further north.

**Black (Black-faced) Spider Monkey** (*Ateles paniscus*) Two large troops found along the Los Españoles road.

Brown capuchin Monkey (*Cebus apella*) Fairly common.

Azara's Night Monkey (*Aotus azarae*) A pair seen at San Miguel, several more seen at Buena Vista.

Crab-eating Fox (*Cerdocyon thous*) 3 seen at Flor d'Oro.

Savanna Fox (*Dusicyon gymnocercus*) Fairly common along the highway in Beni.

**JAGUARUNDI** (*Felis yagouaroundi*) A single glossy blackish-brown adult watched through the telescope hunting along the highway in good light in late afternoon, near Estancia San Miguel.

Undoubtedly the best sighting one could hope for of this usually very shy species. A real highlight for any neotropical enthusiast.

**ONCILLA** (*Felis tigrina*) A single adult male seen sauntering across the road at Loma Larga in the Podocarpus forest. An incredibly difficult species to see and a first and probably last for your leader.

**OCELOT** (*Felis pardalis*) An adult female seen crossing the road at Los Fierros.

South Amazonian Red-Squirrel (*Sciurus spadiceus*) Common at Los Fierros and Buena Vista.

Bolivian Squirrel (*Sciurus ignitus*) Several seen at many sites throughout the lowlands, in the cloud forests and in the dry valleys. Undoubtedly a complex of species.

Capybara (*Hydrochaeris hydrochaeris*) Common in Beni, Noel Kempff and at Buena Vista.

'Andean' Cavy (*Cavia sp*) Several seen near Saipina and at Siberia.

Brown Agouti (*Dasyprocta vareigatus*) Several seen in Noel Kempff.

Amazonian Bamboo Rat (*Dactylomus dactylinus*) Heard every night at Flor d'Oro along the river.

Collared Peccary (*Tayassu tajacu*) Small herd seen at Los Fierros.

Grey-brocket Deer (*Mazama gouazoubira*) 2 deer, thought to be Pampas Deer at first, seen along main highway near San Miguel.

**Marsh Deer** (*Blastocerus dichotomus*) Up to 7 seen at San Miguel in large marsh by main road.

**Pink River Dolphin** (*Inia geoffrensis*) Good numbers seen in lagoons at Flor d'Oro. One superb sighting had of up to 6 following the boat in Bahia segundo

Greater Long-nosed Armadillo (*Dasypus kappleri*) Single animal seen in Beni.

Yellowfoot Tortoise (*Geochelone denticulata*) Single found at Los Fierros along the Los Espangnoles road.

White (Spectacled) Caiman (*Caiman crocodilus*) Common in Beni and at Flor d'Oro.

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